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**Sunday Bus Timetable for 6.30 p.m. Evening Service**

Ansley Village turn 6.00 p.m.

Birchley Heath Post Office 6.10 p.m.

Ansley Common St. John's 6.20 p.m.

Return Journey from Parish Church 7.45 p.m.

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Our Dear Friends,

Once again we have been privileged to hold yet another Flower Festival, the 28th to be exact. This letter gives me the opportunity to thank the very many people who have helped to make this annual event the success it has the reputation of being. It is always good to welcome visitors from near and far and I have discovered that a considerable number of people have, for many years, made it 'the thing to do' over the August Bank Holiday weekend. The flower displays, the marquee refreshments, and the musical contributions combine together to achieve the main goal of the Festival, that of the worship of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; and therefore it earns the right to be an important occasion in our Church's Calendar.

Since many have been kind enough to enquire regularly about our son Mark, I am taking this opportunity to bring you up to date with his travels. He set out from Falmouth on February 4th in a 38 feet yacht together with its skipper and another crew member. After a very rough journey through a wild Bay of Biscay plus engine failure when only four days out at sea, he eventually arrived at Gibraltar on February 21st. The boat needed repairs and so there was considerable delay in setting sail again. This gave Mark the opportunity to look round. He joined the local Methodist Church and was immediately made welcome. This led later to him having hospitality in various Church members' homes. He was able to use his musical talents, and quickly settled into playing the piano and organ at the regular Sunday Services. He also joined the Church team conducting school assemblies; he served in the Church restaurant, and managed it too when the manageress was on holiday. His McDonalds training came in useful. Mark had several other jobs including one in which he painted a large water desalination pipe.

After a stay of over three months he set sail again, but not before sending us a two hour video in which he introduces Gibraltar, all his friends, their homes, the Church and its restaurant and the painted water pipe! After watching it we felt that we too had been there.

It was in a much larger yacht with a Danish crew of seven that Mark left Gibraltar on June 4th calling at Madeira, Bermuda and the Bahamas, arriving in Florida on July 9th. So calm was that crossing that he was able to swim in mid-Atlantic where he estimated the depth to be about two miles. He has taken lovely photographs of the sea, and islands; recording a wonderful and memorable voyage.

Now Mark is working on repairing a yacht which is being made ready for sailing to East Africa, whilst staying with an English family in Fort Lauderdale. So far he has not found the American Churches to be hospitable. He tells us that the temperature at breakfast time is around 80° fahrenheit so he is glad to be able to do some



swimming. In his most recent letter Mark writes, "Yesterday, snorkelling I saw a 2½ foot Barracuda showing all its sharp teeth as it breathed in the water; and a sea cucumber—about 1½ feet long and as thick as the circle made with the thumb and second finger of both hands together; in addition to many other small fish."

Our love to you,

James, Catherine, Mark and Rebekah.

**IT COSTS** £250 per week to run our Church. Those costs are not being met by the weekly offerings at the Church services as the following list shows.

July	26	income £117.00	deficit £132.90
August	2	income £187.01	deficit £ 62.99
August	9	income £ 92.78	deficit £157.22
August	16	income £ 49.28	deficit £200.72

Four weeks income £446.07 and four weeks deficit £553.83

Please consider increasing your weekly contribution no matter how small. If you pay tax you can covenant your giving and add £1 to every £3 you give at no extra cost to yourself. That additional £1 is a government subsidy and increases the value of your giving by one third. Please give serious consideration to this.

**The two confirmation candidates**, Duncan Watts and Thomas Woolliscroft will be confirmed this month on Wednesday, 23rd September at 7.30 p.m., in St. Nicholas, Kenilworth. Do join us in praying for them that they will confirm and ratify personally the promises to 'turn to Christ' that were made on their behalf when they were baptised.

**Birthday and Christmas Cards** and a variety of stationery is on sale, the profits of which will go to our Church funds. Mrs. Jean Wakeford-Davy is very kindly responsible for this. So do please get in touch with her for all your stationery requirements, especially during the coming Christmas season. The address is 170 Ansley Common. There will be a Coffee Morning on Wednesday, 30th September, at 10.30 a.m., to launch it.

#### IS OURS A SICK SOCIETY ?

Pornography is not our only problem. Our language is also debased by the subtle manipulation of words. Take the word "gay" for instance. One of the loveliest words in the language, expressing the idea of carefree joy, it has now become a cover-up for sexual perversion. We no longer call a spade a spade. Abortion is "termination of pregnancy," fornication is "living together," lying is "being diplomatic." Sin is explained away by a score of vague psychological terms—and unborn babies are simply "embryos."

The stark truth about our declining estimation of human life was revealed in the way in which test-tube baby researcher, Dr. Robert

Edwards could speak of "spare embryos." The fact that his reference was to some laboratory observations of a highly specialised kind does not lessen our concern about mental attitudes and moral values. To be able to speak at all about "spare" embryos reveals a disturbingly clinical attitude to human life.

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#### CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

**Wednesday, September 2nd**

8.00 p.m. Ansley Ladies' Social Evening.

**Friday, September 4th**

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

**Sunday, September 6th**

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer A.S.B.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer. 1662 B.C.P.

**Monday, September 7th**

7.45 p.m. Parochial Church Council meeting,  
Ansley Village Church Hall.

**Tuesday, September 8th**

3.00 p.m. Mothers' Union.

**Wednesday, September 9th**

8.00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship.

**Friday, September 11th**

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

**Sunday, September 13th •**

11.00 a.m. Family Communion.

6.30 p.m. Evening Service.

**Wednesday, September 16th**

8.00 p.m. Ansley Ladies.

**Friday, September 18th**

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

**Sunday, September 20th**

11.00 a.m. Family Service.

6.30 p.m. Parish Communion.

**Wednesday, September 23rd**

7.30 p.m. Confirmation Service at Kenilworth.

8.00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship.

**Friday, September 25th**

7.30 p.m. Renewal Service St. James, Tile Hill.  
Speaker: Peter Lawrence.

**Sunday, September 27th**

11.00 a.m. Family Communion.

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer, A.S.B.

**Wednesday, September 30th**

8.00 p.m. Ansley Ladies'

**Ansley Village Church Hall** will be open from 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., on Saturday, 26th September to receive gifts of items for the Philippines. Help gratefully appreciated to pack boxes and cardboard boxes, serving tea and coffee.

The clothes for the container must be clean and pressed please, and nicely presentable to appreciable people in need.

**Items for the container:**

Good light clothes (average temp 95 deg ! ) Children's and Adults.  
Toys in good clean working order,  
Books—adults and children's (OK in English).  
Reading books and exercise books,  
Christian magazines.  
Shoes, soaps, powdered milk, oatmeal, dried foods.  
Tools—carpentry and car mechanical, screws and nails.  
Electrical goods in good working order,  
Teaching tapes and tape recorders,  
Vitamins and multi vitamins.

**"At this present time your plenty will supply what they need."**

2 Corinthians 8 : 13

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**WHEN I SAW HIM**

When I saw Him in the garden  
When I saw the empty tomb  
When I saw Him on the cross  
The Man born of a virgin's womb.

**Chorus—**

Then my heart was strangely warmed,  
To this Man, the Son of God,  
The One who loves the sinner  
The Light of Life, the Living Word.

When I saw Him heal the blind man,  
When He raised the girl from death,  
When He said, 'Arise your sins are gone,'  
When He offered second birth,

**Chorus—**Then my heart, etc.

I thought of where this Man was from  
Of His throne on God's right hand,  
Of pearls of splendour and holiness,  
Yet I was in His plan,

**Chorus—**Then my heart, etc.

I thought of all the power He had,  
He'd put planets into space,  
He formed the petals of the flower  
He made our human race.

**Chorus—**Then my heart, etc.

Rebekah Jasper