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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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Ansley Vicarage,

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Our Dear Friends,

Martin was on remand at Strangeways prison. During that time he sought the Power of God's forgiveness, by surrendering his life to Jesus Christ. His zeal and enthusiasm for Jesus was so infectious that other prisoners sought Christ's power to change them too.

Then came the prison Chapel service riot at Strangeways; a prison officer lay badly hurt after being attacked, but Martin and others pulled him out of danger into the vestry. Martin later got a pardon for his action.

All prisoners were moved, many to Police cells all over the country. Some weeks later the prison Chaplain received a phone call from a policeman in Leamington Spa who told him of Martin's arrival there. He said that Martin had cleaned and painted his cell. When asked why he was doing this, Martin replied, "I am a Christian and I don't like living in dirt." So Martin was made the tea boy for the Police Station. The man who rang told the Chaplain of his many conversations with this prisoner and added, "I never imagined that a prisoner would make me think seriously about my own life, but I'm ringing you to let you know that I realise that I need what Martin has got." That morning the Chaplain prayed with that Policeman on the phone as he sought the Lord.

Martin had been a drug addict and his problem was not only costly in money but also in relationships. His wife Mandy got so fed up with him that she divorced him, yet Martin was so hooked on drugs that on two occasions he burgled Mandy's home. After his release from prison it was so obvious that God had clearly delivered him from his addiction that the Police in Bury asked him to go to schools and tell the young people how he had 'kicked' the habit. Martin used these opportunities to tell about personal faith in Jesus.

Mandy, his ex-wife, could not believe the change she saw in Martin and she found that she fell in love with him all over again.

In April this year they married again. The Policeman who arrested Martin was his best man, so was it any wonder that the photographer remarked as they stood with the Chaplain on one side and the Policeman on the other, that they had law and grace on either side.

Last month Martin and Mandy began training in Christian Ministry at Cliff College in Derbyshire.

Do remember them, and many others like them, in your prayers.

James, Catherine, Mark and Rebekah.

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#### DIARY FOR OCTOBER

##### Thursday, October 1st

2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Plant Sale.

7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. Garden Evening Question Time.

##### Friday, October 2nd

6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.



**Sunday, October 4th**

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer A.S.B.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer 1662 Prayer Book.

**Monday, October 5th**

- 7.45 p.m. Parochial Church Council.

**Tuesday, October 6th**

- 3.00 p.m. Mothers' Union.

**Thursday, October 8th**

- 8.00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship at Diana Kealey's home, 34 Nuthurst Crescent.

**Friday, October 9th**

- 6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

**Harvest Festival Sunday, October 11th**

- 10.30 a.m. Family Communion.
- 6.30 p.m. Thanksgiving Evening Prayer.  
Preacher: Canon Peter Tong, Rector of Bedworth.

**Monday, October 12th**

- 8.00 p.m. Harvest Sale.

**Wednesday, October 14th**

- 8.00 p.m. Ladies' Meeting.

**Thursday, October 15th**

- 6.30 p.m. St. John's Harvest Service with Explorers taking part.  
Refreshments will be served.

**Friday, October 16th**

- 6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

**Sunday, October 18th**

- 10.30 a.m. Family Service and Baptism.
- 6.30 p.m. Parish Communion.

**Wednesday, October 21st**

- 8.00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship.

**Friday, October 23rd**

- 6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

**Sunday, October 25th**

- 10.00 a.m. Family Service at St. John's, Ansley Common.
- 10.30 a.m. Family Communion.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (Alternative Service Book).

**Wednesday, October 28th**

- 8.00 p.m. Ladies' Meeting.

**Friday, October 30th**

- 6.45 p.m. Meeting for Prayer in Church.

**A MESSAGE FROM THE FLOWER FESTIVAL ORGANISER**

I wish to say thank you to the very many of you who helped in lots of ways to make our Flower Festival this year such a success, with over £876 raised, financially it was the best ever, £400 of which is going to the Nuneaton Hospital League of Friends. Without 'team work' it could not have happened. Margaret Antill  
P.S. Any 1lb or 12oz jam jars with lids if possible would be much appreciated. Please let me have them at Church. Thanks!

**Harvest Festival** will be on Sunday, October 11th. The Evening Service preacher will be our welcome friend the Rector of Bedworth. Several have expressed their appreciation for this warm hearted speaker on his past visits, and we look forward to his return.

**Harvest Sale** will take place on Monday, October 12th in Ansley Village Church Hall at 8.00 p.m. Mr. Stan Forryan will kindly auction the items of fruit and vegetables in his own unique entertaining way and refreshments will be served in the interval.

#### **GIVE YOURSELF TO ME**

Do not be anxious my child,  
I'm your heavenly Father  
Don't be worried now,  
Give yourself to Me,  
I have more things to give you  
Than you ever would imagine,  
Just ask Me and you will see.

I want to bless you, I want to give you my love,  
I want to make you feel secure in my care,  
Please come and ask Me what you want,  
Tell me what's on your mind,  
And I'll bestow upon you treasures from my store.

Rebekah Jasper

**The Parish Bus** will be a smaller eight seater vehicle from this first Sunday in October; running at the time stated on this magazine cover. This bus will be cheaper for us to have, but it will not go to Birchley Heath. Special car arrangements will be made for parishioners coming from there, leaving outside the Post Office at the stated time.

#### **FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS**

##### **Thanksgiving for the birth of a Child**

"They brought Children for Jesus to bless"

Sept. 20—Nicole June Griffiths of Ansley Common.

##### **Baptism** "I turn to Christ"

Sept. 27—Ryan Sean Barton of Ansley Common.

##### **Marriage** "A man shall cleave to his wife"

Sept. 5—Wayne Burdon of Hartshill to Karen Diane West of Ansley Village.

##### **Funeral** "The Lord is my Shepherd"

Sept. 21—James Buckley, 83 years of Ansley Village.

##### **Burial of Ashes** "By man came death"

Sept. 14—Dinah Ellen Day, 79 years from Hinckley.

Sept. 25—Kathleen Mary Woods, 93 years from Dorset, formerly of Birchley Heath.

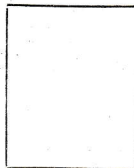
**Ansley Mothers' Union** meet on October 6th at 3.00 p.m., in the Church Hall. Speaker Joan Evans, to talk to us on Social Concern. As many people who would care to come along would be most welcome.

I would like to say thank you to all our members, through small efforts have been able to donate £100 towards Church Hall funds.  
Thank you all,  
W. Ponder.

**From the first Sunday in this month**, that is Sunday, October 4th, the time of the Morning Service will change to commence at 10.30 a.m. This change is to meet the request of many people. Fifty two forms were filled in, 32 people requested a 10.30 a.m. start, the remainder preferred a later start but added that they could come earlier if that was the desire of the majority. We trust that all will be happy with the new arrangements.

#### HEALTH CHECK FOR OUR READERS

Name ..... Age ..... NI Number .....  
Breathe on the square and then study the results.



Turns Green—Consult your Dentist  
Turns Blue—Consult your Doctor  
Turns Yellow—See a Solicitor  
Turns Black—Find a Psychiatrist  
Turns Purple—Go to the Optician

If it remains white, there is nothing wrong with you and there is no reason why you should not be in Church on Sunday!

**Ansley Ladies** meet on October 14th on that occasion we are having a jewellery demonstration.

October 28th we have the A.G.M. and slipper sale, W. Ponder.

#### IS OURS A SICK SOCIETY?

Human birth is still a profound mystery. We may be able to chart the physical development of the child in the womb but the mystery of personality and its origins still defy analysis. We still do not know when an embryo becomes a person, and therefore, if we value human personality as made in the image of God, we shall regard all life, whether as a "cell" containing the blueprint of future potential or as a new-born baby cradled in a happy mother's arms, as sacred. This is where language becomes important.

It is much easier, mentally as well as physically, to dispose of an embryo than a baby. Cells are far less personal than children, and an "unwanted foetus" sounds no more important than a disposable nappy. But beneath our kid-glove language lies the iron bar of infanticide. And the fact that we do this more than 150,000 times a year reveals how hardened we have become.

Let us be warned, "spare embryos" lead to expendable people. The thinking that we can write off life so easily is on the course to self-destruction. We not only devalue language when we talk in such glib terms, we also demolish life.

In an age of double-think and cover-up language, where "truth is fallen in the street," there is a need for Christians to call things what God calls them and to adopt Biblical standards and patterns of thought and conduct. Our contribution to the discussions about the meaning of life and the impact of our own life-style must be a clear-cut expression of Jesus' teaching.