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Our Dear Friends,

During this month of October we are all given the opportunity to thank God for His daily provision of good healthy food at one or more of the harvest festival services on Sunday, October 12th.

You will have noticed that in recent years we have seen a significant increase in information on good eating and healthy nutrition. We can read dietary facts and figures on the labels of tins and on the boxes and packages of almost everything we eat. The more we learn about foods the more we realise the self evident truth that "we are what we eat." This fact has even been supported by studies of certain birds. In one experiment seagulls, which normally feed on fish, were confined within a protected area and given only grain. Their stomachs gradually changed in structure until they resembled the stomachs of ordinary pigeons, which feed on grain. I also read of a Brazilian parrot whose colour changes from green to yellow when it eats certain fish.

Of course food for the body is only part of the feeding intake we receive. There is a gradual and very real change taking place within us by what we continually take into our minds. For instance, if we feed our minds on the "junk food" of trashy literature or immoral television programmes and the like, we become mentally anemic and highly susceptible to temptation. That fact is alarming when we remember that the average Britisher spends eight years of his life watching

SERVICES IN ANSLEY PARISH CHURCH — OCTOBER

Sunday, October 5th — 20th after Pentecost

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer — Blessings for Joseph.

Sunday, October 12th — 21st after Pentecost

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 11.00 a.m. Family Service (Children's gifts received at this Service).
- 6.30 p.m. Festal Evensong — The Sower.

Parish bus will run today for both morning and evening services.
See special leaflet.

Sunday, October 19th — 22nd after Pentecost

- 10.00 a.m. Family Service at St. John's.
- 11.00 a.m. Morning Worship and Holy Baptism.
- 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion.

Sunday, October 26th — 23rd after Pentecost

- 11.00 a.m. The Parish Communion.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

THE HARVEST THANKSGIVING

This will be held on Sunday, October 12th. Services will be at 8.00 a.m., 11.00 a.m., and 6.30 p.m., and they will all be taken by the Vicar.

Gifts for Harvest Decoration and help in arranging these gifts will be most welcome at the Church on Saturday, October 11th from 10.00 a.m., onwards.

On Monday, October 13th these gifts will be sold in the Village Church Hall by auction, starting at 7.30 p.m. This will be in the capable hands of Mr. Stan Forryan.

The Harvest Supper will be held on Friday, October 17th in the Village Hall at 7.15 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. There will be a three course sit down meal followed by a Barn Dance and Sing-a-Long led by Mr. John Dell.

Bring your friends and enjoy a pleasant evening together. Tickets are £2.00 each and may be had from Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Cove, Mrs. Priest, Mrs. Woollicroft and Mrs. Gaskin.

With grateful thanks to Andrej Nisevic for undertaking repairs and re-decoration to the Chancel wall and ceiling. It is a very handsome job. Noteable is the fact that the new paint has been so well blended into the existing colours that it is impossible to see where the work has been carried out.

Thank you for another anonymous donation of £10 towards the new Holy Communion books.

Gift Day boxes will be made available on Harvest Sunday, October 12th and onwards. We are invited to take a box home so that between now and our special Gift Day, which is June 14th next year, we shall be able to place weekly an extra gift of money. Our target is for £1000. This amount will go towards enabling us to meet our obligations as a Christian Church.

THE VILLAGE BRANCH OF THE MOTHERS' UNION

The meeting this month is on Tuesday, October 7th in the Village Church Hall at 3.00 p.m.

The speaker will be Deaconess Pat of St. Giles, Exhall. Members and non-members welcome.

St. John's Branch of the Mothers' Union will meet in St. John's Hall on Wednesday, October 15th at 7.00 p.m.

Ansley Ladies' Fellowship meets in the Village Church Hall on alternate Wednesdays at 8.00 p.m. Meetings for October 1986:

- 1—Film Show on English Cathedrals.
- 15—A.G.M.
- 29—Slipper Party by Haswells Shoe Shop in Nuneaton.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony

- Aug. 30—Hyla John Martin and Shirley Robinson.
- Aug. 30—Lee Michael Northall and Joanne Wilson.
- Sept. 5—Andrew Charles Roberts and Grace Kathleen Woollicroft.
- Sept. 6—Trevor Mark Halford and Julie London.
- Sept. 6—Kevin James Frost and Tracey Douglas.
- Sept. 20—Kevin Graham Simpson and Janice Norwood.

Laid to Rest

- Aug. 28—Ada Brown, Clapham, Bedford, age 92. Ashes in Parents grave.

FROM DOUGLAS FEATHER

Last month I spent 10 days on a Crusader camp. The Crusader movement is an interdenominational organisation with the aim of reaching young people with the Christian message.

The camp was held on the Isle of Wight and numbered approximately 70 people. I was responsible for a tent of 4 or 5 young people.

There was time for games and outings, etc. But the main event each day was the evening meeting; this involved singing and a talk given by the chaplain.

My lasting memory of this camp is of the occasion when I attempted to demonstrate the actions of a chorus which I didn't really know. Despite this I had a wonderful time. God taught me many things and I pray that the young people learnt a lot too.

television. Alternatively it is possible to make the Word of God, which, incidentally, is holy, living and powerful, a part of our intake, and coupling it with the exercise of obedience, we'll develop a Godly character. We may even find ourselves being in a position to offer help to other people, as one G.P. recently discovered. A young woman on the verge of a breakdown was told by her doctor, "Jane, I don't know what to do for you. You had better go home and get on your knees and pray." Surprising advice for a general practitioner to give! When the girl returned home she told her mother what the doctor had said, and then asked: "Mother, don't you think that was a strange thing for him to say?" Her mother said: "Yes, it was, but why don't you try it?" She did—and within an hour she was a new person. The doctor's advice in this girl's case was the right diagnosis and the right prescription.

We can thank God for people in influential positions who first apply Christ centred wisdom to their own lives and then pass it on for others to discover.

As we give thanks to God for the annual harvest we can also remember that a daily diet of the Word of God contains the vitamins for soul health.

God bless you,

James, Catherine, Mark and Rebekah.

CHURCH BOOKSTALL

A good supply of Bibles, Christian books, Children's books, Birthday and Christmas cards will be available for you to purchase for your Christmas presents. If anyone would like to open their home to friends and neighbours for a "Book Party" in early November I would be pleased to come along with supplies.

Rebekah M. Jasper

WHAT IS TEAR FUND ?

The **Evangelical Alliance Relief FUND** started in 1966. A group of Christians wanted to be sure that when they donated money to help victims of war or natural disaster those who received it would also receive the **GOOD NEWS** of **JESUS' LOVE**. The work has grown and expanded from then and millions of pounds are donated each year. Cliff Richard, one of Tear Funds vice-presidents, raises thousands of pounds each year, as he gives all the money from his special Gospel concert tours, to Tear Fund.

Tear Fund believes that 'man cannot live by bread alone' for, in the words of Jesus, 'life is more than food and the body more than clothing.' As the New Testament teaches true meaning in life and fulfilment for life can only be found through a Faith and Trust in Jesus Christ. Tear Fund therefore works in partnership with fellow Christians who share this conviction. The supervision of any Tear Fund supported project therefore is always in the hands of those who want to introduce the people they serve to that 'fulness of life' which comes through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

WHAT IS TEAR CRAFT ?

In 1974 aid was flown out by TEAR FUND to the trouble stricken country of Bangladesh. Instead of the 'plane returning empty it was loaded with jute basket ware and other items bought from the people working in small cottage industries; TEAR CRAFT was born ! Since then the work has developed and 4,000 representatives from Churches in the West now sell the goods bought from producer groups in many developing countries.

Watch for the announcement in the magazine of our own St. Laurence's Church representative for TEAR FUND/TEAR CRAFT.

JUST A MINUTE !

The whole of Britain is being asked to stop for just one minute at mid day on Tuesday, September 16th in a unique appeal on behalf of WORLD PEACE. No one is asking for money. It is a simple appeal for a minute (or more) of time to be spent each day until October 16th praying, or meditating or thinking positively about PEACE.

The organisers, led by the Rev. Doctor Edward Carpenter, suggest that where possible Church bells should introduce the first minute by a ten minute ring before mid-day. Forty other countries will also take part, in celebration of the UN international year of PEACE.

STAMPS FOR EVANGELISM

For 20 years a group of Christians have been turning stamps into money—for evangelism.

Known as 'Stamps for Evangelism' the group say they have now sent £54,456 to evangelistic missions working at home and abroad. A total of 89,265,350 stamps have been sold.

Stamps for Evangelism now want to thank all those who pray for their work, save stamps, collect envelopes from business premises, cut stamps off, wash, sort, count and pack them.

During 1985 they received 593 gifts of stamps and sold 13,832,650—the highest number ever in one year. 715,950 foreign stamps brought in £1,793.40 and 13,116,700 British stamps brought in £9259.44.

Gifts of £100 were sent to 62 different missions and £4760 was passed to 28 missions in return for their stamps.

Please bring your used stamps, cut off your envelopes with a quarter inch border around it, to Church or Sunday School. They will be sent off to 'Stamps for Evangelism.'