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Minister's Letter

I hope that you have all had a good Summer and enjoyed the spell of warm dry weather that we had in July. Now I have already noticed the days beginning to get shorter as we begin a new Methodist Year and look towards the Autumn.

As I write, Julie and I are busy packing the camping trailer, but by the time you read this we will have returned from our annual visit to the Greenbelt Festival in Cheltenham over the August bank holiday weekend. We have been going to Greenbelt for over 25 years now and this year is a special celebration of its 40th year, so we are really looking forward to it.

I often wonder what it is that has kept us returning to Greenbelt each year for so long. It is like nothing I have ever experienced anywhere else. The opportunity is there to listen to speakers on a range of subjects, listen to live music in various venues, watch theatre or films, visit art galleries, take part in discussions, just chill out or enjoy food and drink from the various caterers. There is so much on in the programme at any one time that it is impossible to see it all - you have to plan ahead or you can just end up floating aimlessly from venue to venue.

Over the years, we have attended in different guises. First as part of a youth group, then we graduated to taking and leading groups of young people, then when they had all grown and started attending in their own right, we began volunteering as Stewards or, one year, as a minibus driver. Now we just go to enjoy the show and recharge our spiritual batteries.

But I think one main reason I keep returning, is the experience of being there with 20,000 + people of all ages who share or at least have sympathy with a faith in Jesus Christ. Sharing Holy Communion in the open air on Sunday morning with that many people, really brings home the feeling of being in Communion. But not just with the thousands there on the site, but with all those who have been there before and all those the world over, past and present all sharing the same body and blood of Jesus Christ.

It is a great encouragement in these times of dwindling numbers in our churches and a seemingly constant stream of anti-religious views being published, to be reminded that Jesus still has the power to change the lives of all kinds of people from all walks of life. Greenbelt is for me a glimpse of heaven on earth.

I hope you get chance to see a bit of it someday.

Blessings Andrew

Marriages

Hannah Course to Chris on Saturday 24th August at Birdlip.

Stephen May to Erin Urban on 30th August in Banff, Canada

Deaths

Ken Keyte Funeral at Weston Crematorium Tuesday 27th August at

3.00pm

Robert Cox

Many of you now already know that our son, Robert, was killed on Friday 9th August. As a child Robert attended Sunday School at Brent Knoll, later he attended Youth Clubs at Burnham and Brent Knoll. He joined us at many youth activities around the circuit and as a teenager Robert was a junior steward at Brent Knoll where he would greet people with his smile.

Robert was a lively child who kept us on our toes but always made us smile; his friends have told us this week that ‘he was fun to be with’. Robert found life difficult in the past few years however he was getting things sorted, he had spent time on a Princes Trust programme (his tutor described him as a lovely young man) and was to start a college course in September, he was spending more time with Elisha and Alfie who he adored. As a dad Robert was, as you might guess, fun to be with and could make the children giggle nonstop.

A few hours before Robert died he had gone swimming with the children and other family in Bristol, he was happy and talking about his future.

Please remember Robert in your prayers and also his children who will miss him now and later in their lives. Thank you for your support at this time, it is appreciated by us both and other family members. One has said this week that they can now understand the reason why we belong to a church family after seeing all your messages.

Keith and Sue Cox



Calendar

AUGUST

Sat 24th 10.30am B/K Coffee Morning Brent Knoll see page 8
Sat 24th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee Morning
Fri 30th 10.00 - 12.00 W/H Coffee Morning West Huntspill

SEPTEMBER

Thur. 5th 7.30pm Burnham Choral Soc. Meeting see page 13
Tue 10th 2.30pm. E/B "LINK Villages Fellowship - Dedication Service
Wed 11th 12.30pm. B/H Church Lunch (June Parry)
Wed 11th 2.30pm. B/H Bible Study see page 10
Sat 14th 10.00 - 12.30 TABLE TOP SALE at St Andrew's Anglican
Methodist Church Bournville Weston s Mare
Sat 14th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee Morning
Wed 18th. 2.30pm B/K LINK Committee at Brent Knoll
Sat 21st 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Coffee Morning in aid of Educate the Kids
Sun.22nd. LAST DAY FOR OCTOBER LINK
Mon 23rd 10.00 - 4.00 W/H "SILENT Retreat Day" at West Huntspill
Methodist Church see page 8
Tue. 24th 2.30pm. E/B "LINK Villages Fellowship Rev Andrew Biggs
"Holy Land Tour"
Thur.26th? 2.30pm. B/K Emmaus Course at Brent Knoll
Sat 28th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee Morning
Mon 30th 2.30pm. B/K Bible Study led by Rev Margaret Trapp at Brent
Knoll

OCTOBER

Wed 2nd 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Friends of Guiding Coffee Morning see page 9.
Sat 5th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Fund Raising Coffee with Stalls
Tue 8th 2.30pm. E/B "LINK Villages Fellowship visit of Milton Ladies &
Tea ""Rev. Sharon Crossman - Food Bank.
Wed 9th 12.30pm. B/H Church Lunch
Wed 9th 2.30pm. B/H Bible Study at Burnham
Sat 12th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee Morning
Sat 19th. 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Coffee Morning in aid of Educate the Kids
**B/H Burnham, BR Brean, B/K Brent Knoll,
E/B East Brent, W/H West Huntspill**



THE CALEB PRAYER

Barbara and I are currently reading a book (details below) about a retreat and prayer centre called "Ffald-y-Breni,n in Pembrokeshire, Wales, where god is doing exciting things, many people are becoming Christians, welcoming Jesus Christ into their lives and rejoicing in the assurance of sins forgiven and eternal life starting here and continuing in heaven . Many people are being healed of a

whole range of problems and many others are being filled with the holy spirit just as the first disciples were in the upper room on the day of Pentecost (see Acts Chapt 5er 2 in the Bible) Thirty Two people felt that they should pray for Wales and asked Roy Godwin (“Director of Ffald-y-Brenin”) for a “starter” prayer that they could use on a daily basis. Roy provided them with what was to become known as “The Caleb prayer”;-

O High King of Heaven
Have mercy on our land
Revive your Church;
Send the Holy Spirit for the sake of the Children
May your kingdom come in our nation
In Jesus mighty name.

Amen.

The number of people praying this prayer has now run into thousands all over the world all using it daily for their own nations, as a result revival is happening in many other places as well as Wales. The UK certainly needs prayer, please join the vast number already praying “The Caleb prayer” and pass a copy of it on to others.

Frank Pile.

Book details:-

Title “The grace Outpouring”

Authers Roy Godwin & Dave Robert

Publisher David C. Cook, Kingsway Communications Ltd.

ISBN 978 1 84291 404 5

www.ffald-y-brenin.org



Prayer letter 3 from Daniel and Grace Pratt-Chapman and their little son Kwame-

Our Circuit Link in Cameroon, teaching in a theological college.

I had a dream the other day. I was walking through a wilderness. Then, far in the distance, I saw a light. Up ahead a man was stood between two golden arches with outstretched arms welcoming me in. At first I thought it was St Peter, but then I realized that it was Ronald McDonald. I was running into a shopping mall. Though its deeply unfortunate that I awoke before I could eat a big Mac I am conscious that, unconsciously, I have missed a great many of the things about home I thought I wouldn't miss at all. This became very clear when I actually did get to eat some fast food in South Africa. Praise the Living God for His provision! Our college in Cameroon is linked with the

University of Pretoria. As a result of this I went to visit McDonalds ... I mean the theology department in order to present them with a copy of our seminary journal. I've been armed with 10 copies so if you know of a McDonalds with a seminary near by just let me know.

The climate in Pretoria was surprisingly cool. Nevertheless, though its far less humid, the atmosphere seems to be incredibly tense. It took ages to find an entrance to the university. Every gate was locked except the main entrance - and that was surrounded with security personnel. The only comparison I have is that it felt like when I was entering a high security prison (for chaplaincy) in Bristol. It also took a while for me to find a McDonalds. In hindsight it probably wasn't a good idea to go out looking for a happy meal late at night. But you see I had that dream the other day and was convinced that the Lord wanted to communicate something special to me through his appointed representative here on earth. I was overjoyed when I first saw the sign. It was as though my dreams were literally coming true. At the order counter I was trembling with anticipation. I ordered two big Mac meals and we went to sit down in a quiet corner of the restaurant. As I sank my teeth into the burger there was a sudden bang on the window. A man holding a metal pipe was peering through the glass - communicating something to the people inside. In truth I actually didn't hear or see anything. It was only after I had finished that I noticed my friend had gone out to talk to the man -he's much braver than I am. There were security guards everywhere, electric fences on almost every building, and I couldn't help looking over my shoulder as I walked through town. In South Africa there are enormous disparities between rich and poor and the tension pervading the atmosphere is palpable. Though Cameroon is difficult weather wise, and though I'm not particularly fond of the snakes (or the police) there, the people are so peaceful and hospitable. If you visit a place, even a small village, they kill their best animals, serve their best drinks, and make you feel so incredibly welcome- even though they don't have McDonalds. Here it seems to be quite different. I even had to pay to enter a library. I don't remember having had to do that before. Not even in The Hague (not the prison but the library).

Parts of South Africa reminded me of Europe. There are high rise buildings, shopping malls, coal power stations and (praise God) fast food restaurants. I found myself uncontrollably desperate to buy all sorts of things I don't need at all. The funny thing is that I'm not conscious of ever running into any shops - or enjoying shopping all that much - in the UK. In fact I always used to complain about how consumerism in the west oppresses the poor. While I

think I still hold these views it's only recently that I've come to understand their implications. As I reflect I can't help feeling that without the big Mac meal the world would be a poorer place - culturally if not economically. Nevertheless, even I find it a little frightening to discover that I am as desperate to go to Burger King as a man wandering in the desert for water. How easy it is to think you resolutely oppose something - mass consumer culture - and yet discover that unconsciously you completely support it. Yet when I think about it (if I'm honest) when we lived in UK most of the time we would go shopping when we had free time, when we were on holiday, or even when we were feeling a bit down. It's as though shopping became a weird kind of therapy. Though I could try and pretend that these excursions were solely for the purpose of eating gourmet food I suspect that (despite preaching many sermons to the contrary) I enjoy the consumer life style far more than I realize. Little clues are that whenever I saw a big shop in Pretoria I began to get unduly excited. It seems I crave the very thing I thought I hated. Do pray for us (at least pray for Grace who has to put up with this behaviour) that "we shall not want." That whatever and wherever we are our satisfaction and our peace will be, not in what we can eat, buy or own but in Jesus Christ our Lord and our Shepherd (PS 23).

p.s. for music click this link

[:https://soundcloud.com/lovehappyjoyjoy/angry-young-man-aka-daniel](https://soundcloud.com/lovehappyjoyjoy/angry-young-man-aka-daniel)



ABBNEYFIELD
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Manager, Mrs. Diane Brown, Tel: 01278-787359

Do you love cooking?

We need to improve our list of "Bank" staff for relief duties to cook dinner and high tea.

We are sheltered housing, the 8 residents are independent.

You will be required to fill out a DBS form; and obtain a Food and Hygiene Certificate which can be done on the internet, both to be paid for by us.

If you can help, please let the Manager know, who can supply further details. Thank you.

BRENT KNOLL METHODIST CHURCH
August Saturday Coffee Mornings

August 24
10.30 am
Everyone Welcome



“Prayer Plus” of WEST HUNTSPILL

Will be holding a

“SILENT Retreat Day”

At West Huntspill Methodist Church

Monday 23rd September

Led by Rev. Margaret Trapp

10.00am – 4.00pm

(Coffee/tea from 9.30am) Everyone is welcome.

Please let us know if you would like to come, either to Janet J. Tel: 01278
780636

Or Janet T. Tel: 01278 795447

(Bring your own packed lunch. Drinks will be provided)

Friends of Guiding Coffee Morning

The Friends of Guiding invite you to join them for a cup of Coffee on Wednesday, 2nd October, in the Methodist Church rooms, Burnham on Sea, from 10 am to 12 noon.

Who are the Friends of Guiding? Well, we are a small group of ladies, still members of the Guide Movement, dedicated to helping the Guides, Brownies and Rainbows, and their Leaders, in our Guiding District of Burnham on Sea. We give them any support they need, including grants towards new uniforms for the Leaders; also grants to girls going on International trips which cost a lot of money these days, but are a wonderful learning experience they will never forget. For instance, we have just had a large group of local girls and leaders go on a trip to our International Guide Training Centre in Mexico - all self funded. This cost each person a lot of money and they all worked so hard to raise it themselves.

So this is why we are having a Coffee Morning - to raise money to help our local Guiding District in the future.

Do PLEASE support us. See you there.



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH BOURNVILLE

TABLE TOP SALE

SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER FROM

10.00AM - 12.30PM

HELD IN THE FOR ALL HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

VARIOUS STALLS & BACON BUTTIES SERVED IN THE CAFE



Bible Study

From September we will be starting a new topic in our Bible Study group. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 2.30 pm in the church foyer (the same day as the lunch group, so you can eat at church first).

For more information on our topic, solve the word search below, or just come along and join us.

Unused letters spell out the theme of the word search and its origins

Hilary Malpas

S	F	R	U	I	T	S	O	J	O	Y	Love
G	E	N	T	L	E	N	E	S	S	T	Joy
O	F	L	T	H	E	S	P	I	R	I	Peace
O	I	P	F	A	I	T	H	F	U	L	Patience
D	T	E	G	C	A	L	A	T	I	I	Kindness
N	A	A	N	S	O	C	H	F	I	M	Goodness
E	V	C	E	V	E	N	R	S	E	U	Gentleness
S	S	E	C	N	E	I	T	A	P	H	Faithful
S	S	E	N	D	N	I	K	R	T	W	Humility
E	N	T	Y	T	W	O	E	V	O	L	Self-control
A	N	D	T	H	R	E	E	X	X	L	

LINK VILLAGES' FELLOWSHIP

Welcome to our 30th. Anniversary year. I joined in 1987 immediately after I retired. I took over the Register in 1991 and on going through the members of that time there are only five of us who are still alive.

We start our 2013/14 session on Tuesday, September 10th. when we welcome Rev. Carol Gill to lead our Dedication Service. This will be followed by a Birthday Party.

Our next meeting on September 24th , Rev Andrew Biggs will tell of his and Julie's recent tour in the Holy Land.

On Tuesday, October 8th, we shall welcome the members from Milton when the Speaker will be Rev. Sharon Crossman who will tell us about the Food Bank. This will be followed by tea in the Schoolroom.

If anyone would like to join us on the second and fourth Tuesday afternoons of each month from September to May, we shall be pleased to welcome you. We meet in the schoolroom of East Brent Methodist Church at 2.30p.m.

Eileen Goundry

LINK WOMENS' FELLOWSHIP

30th ANNIVERSARY

The Link Women's Fellowship first began in September 1983 so we shall be celebrating this at our Dedication Meeting

on September 10th

when Revd. Carol Gill will officiate.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

R N L I - Burnham & Highbridge Branch

Dear Ros

It is with deep regret that I have to write to you today and tell you that our branch of the RNLI is no longer able to carry out our commitment to run coffee mornings in the Church Hall for the remaining four months of our contract - August, September, October and November - on the third Saturday of the month.

Unfortunately, my supporters have taken a vote and unanimously decided that they cannot continue. I am truly sorry about this and have tried very hard to get them to change their minds, but sadly I can't run it on my own.

I include a list of the profits made from this session of coffee mornings. They are as follows:-

November 2012	237.30	February 2013	143.06
March 2013	138.30	April 2013	87.77
June 2103	68.25	July 2013	<u>117.55</u>
		Total	£792.23

We greatly appreciate that you gave us the opportunity to raise this much money and hope that you can find someone to replace us. We wish you all well in the future.

Yours sincerely

Janet M Pearce (Mrs) Treasurer



The next third Saturdays Coffee Mornings will be in aid of Educate the Kids (Kenya) Sept to November. Please come along and support.



Come & meet our New Musical Director



Come and join **The Burnham & Highbridge Choral Society** on Thursday **5th September** 2013 and meet our newly appointed Musical Director Nicholas Bromilow. We meet at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church hall, College Street, Burnham on Sea.

This would be an ideal and exciting time to join the choir. Nicholas Bromilow has come with plenty of fresh ideas and is looking forward to taking us into a new era.

We're a friendly and relaxed group of people who like singing various types of music. We do sing serious pieces of music, but laugh a lot whilst learning it.

Our programme for Christmas is: -

Handel's Messiah (5 choruses),

Britten's Ceremony of Carols, also music from Rutter,

Berlioz plus some traditional Christmas Carols.

We're a mixed choir, so ladies and gentlemen are welcome, as are all ages. Male voices - Tenors, Baritones and Basses - are especially welcome. If you're not sure which you are, don't worry we'll help.

Just 'seize the day' and go for it. There are no auditions. Reading music is an advantage, but if it is not one of your skills, there is plenty of help on hand. There is no excuse because **the first 3 weeks are FREE**, so you can try before you buy, so to speak. Now what have you got to lose?

For more information contact **Mr. Bev Hearn on 01934 732041**, visit us on our **Facebook page** or Email Our Secretary **jane.lee36@btinternet.com**

HARRY'S PAGE

LOOKING DOWN

READ:

Luke 18:9-14

I say ... to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly.

--Romans 12:3

After I had minor eye surgery, the nurse told me, "Don't look down for the next 2 weeks. No cooking or cleaning." The last part of those instructions was a little easier to take than the first part! The incisions needed to heal, and she didn't want me to put any unnecessary pressure on them by looking down.

C. S. Lewis wrote about another kind of looking down that we may have a problem with: In God you come up against something which is , in every respect immeasurably superior to yourself.... As long as you are proud you cannot know God. A proud man is always looking down on things and people: and, of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you (Mere Christianity).

Jesus told a parable about a Pharisee who felt superior to others. In a prideful prayer, he thanked God that he was not like other men (Luke 18:11). He looked down on extortioners, the unjust, adulterers and the tax collector who was also praying in the temple. By contrast the tax collector knew he was a sinner before God and asked for His mercy (v.13).

Pride can be an issue for all of us. May we not look down on others but instead see the God who is far above us all.

--Anne Cetas

*When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride. --Wans*

Spiritual pride is the most arrogant
of all kinds of pride.

'PROMISES, PROMISES'

“.WHEN YOU HAVE DONE THE WILL OF GOD, YOU WILL
RECEIVE WHAT HE HAS PROMIS
Hebrews 10:36 NIV

. MANY OF us remember singing in church, 'Every promise in the Book is mine!' Exciting words--but are they entirely true? If you've prayed for the fulfilment of a Bible promise that didn't materialise, you may have wondered, felt disillusioned, or even stopped trusting. What's true is that every promise in the Book intended for you, is yours! God is committed to keeping every promise He has made (Matthew 24:35).

So how can you know which Bible promises are yours? Here are some scriptural guidelines to help you: 1) Be sure you understand the promise. God is committed to His Word, not to your interpretation of it When Jesus said'...Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up' (John 2:19 NKJV), His audience completely misunderstood Him, thinking He meant the literal temple when He

meant His body. 2) Walk in the Spirit, not the flesh. Walking in the Spirit, Peter received divine understanding of Christ's deity. When Jesus asked, "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, '...this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father...' (Matthew 16:15-17 NIV). Soon afterwards, walking in the flesh, the same man totally misunderstood Jesus and was severely rebuked by Jesus (Matthew 16:21-23). Why? Because 'the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned' (1 Corinthians 2:14 NKJV). So submit your thoughts to God; pray for His guidance, and in due course, you'll get the insight you need.



BREAN

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These last couple of months Judy and I have been doing some voluntary research work at Weston Library on behalf of Somerset Record Centre. It's for a World War I Project called Somerset Remembers <http://somersestremembers.wordpress.com> We have found it just as convenient (and cheaper!) to go in by bus. So from the top deck we have been able to see how much improved the fields are as compared to how the rains of last Summer and the coldness of this Spring had left them in such a sorry state. The animals look contented, the grass is looking green and luscious (for the most part) and what seems to have been a good (?second) crop of hay has been

cut. Just a couple of fields of corn over towards Bleadon still looks a bit the worse for wear.

The warmth of the recent months has certainly seen a turn round not just in agriculture but in the number of holiday visitors and at Brean, we have been blessed by a slight increase in congregations. After a while you begin to expect it, but we've learned over the years not to let complacency take hold. Every now and again, and for no particular reason, everyone's cycle of visiting family and friends coincides, and our vulnerable feelings start all over again. The next week they are all back, and we are more comfortable. Such is life!

A notable event at the beginning of August was the christening of Charlie Arthur Morley Richardson. It was good to see the church nicely full not only with our own regulars but also with the extended Hicks family and their friends. Especially good to see Elizabeth over on a fleeting visit from Australia.

I've done a church article for our Brean Magazine this month. I wished everyone a happy New Year! Now as Methodists I trust you all know what I mean, but I am not sure what our parish readers would have made of it without explanation. So, happy New Methodist Year to you all from us at Brean. Let's hope it is the start of a good one, one for Andrew and Julie to savour as they share their last few months here with us.

Please come and support us on Saturday November 23rd. The ladies of both Brean Churches spent many hours last autumn putting together craft Christmas trees which then adorned St Bridget's Church and the Methodist Church. This year they have been just as tirelessly using their skills and creativity to produce a wealth of craft items which will be on display and sold to all comers. The venue will be the Methodist Church Hall and the time will be from about 10am-2pm. Light refreshments will also be available

Harvey Allen



BRENT KNOLL

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Sue and Keith on the tragic loss of their son Robert. You, Elisha and Alfie are in our prayers at this impossibly difficult time and I am certain that I speak for every one of your church family in saying that we are there for you in whatever small capacity we can be.

At the time of writing, we're three-quarters of the way through our summer coffee mornings. A big thank you to everyone who attended or helped out. These were arranged so we could all enjoy the company of our church and village friends over drinks and biscuits, not as fund raisers. However, a huge thank you to the generosity of all who attended and gave donations. Charities which will benefit from your generosity were chosen by our weekly organisers and include the children's hospice, the RNLI, MRDF and MIND. Another well deserved thank you goes to Ronnie who oversaw the painting of our schoolroom which was completed in time for these mornings.

Our Emmaus Course will be starting again on Thursday 26th September. Rev Margaret has kindly agreed to lead regular bible study sessions which begin on Monday 30 September. Both of these start at 2.30pm and will be followed by refreshments.

God bless

Rosemary Krull



EAST BRENT

It is a year since I wrote my contribution to the “Link” and such a lot can change in a year, and as we get older we don’t always adapt to change easily, and it is then when times are harder that we appreciate our family and friends.

We have just returned from the Outer Hebrides and on some of the islands the houses are so remote, you wonder how they keep in touch or get supplies especially in the winter months.

It’s when you return home you really appreciate it.

As a family, two of our grandchildren have just graduated from university and have already jobs to go to, and one of our grandsons who is in a band has recently been signed by a major record company, and we are very proud of them all, as I suspect all of you who have grandchildren are.

We are enjoying some lovely weather at the moment and we must make the most of it, the farmers haven’t fared so badly this summer and some good hay has been made.

It won’t be long before harvest is upon us and we will gather to celebrate.

God bless you all

Ruth Moxey



BURNHAM

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What a heat wave! Though I know for many people it was just too hot at times - it certainly was for me. Burnham has been packed with visitors and trying to find a parking space after mid-morning was something like a game of hide and seek. Nevertheless the businesses that rely on the tourists will be delighted at the good weather after the last couple of summers.

Even in the middle of the holiday season churches are looking ahead to the next important celebration - *HARVEST* and the choir has already started practising for this special service of thanksgiving. We sing "All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above; then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all His Love" and though sometimes we complain we do have plenty to thank God for in this country of ours.

No sooner will the Harvest be over than the colder weather will be upon us, but here in Burnham we are grateful to have a warm church to worship in. It is thanks to the efforts of those people who worked hard, and continue to do so, organising fundraising events in their own homes as well as at church. Thanks also to those who have completed the paperwork, and not forgetting those who have given so generously to the heating fund. It has been a tremendous but worthwhile effort which has benefited us all.

At the moment we are still in the holiday season, and to those who plan to go away we trust they will have a good time and a safe journey; and we hope they will come back refreshed ready to begin the new church year in September.

Joan Wilkins



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