

Praise and thanksgiving Father we offer.
 For all things living Thou madest good.
 Harvest of sown fields, fruit of the orchard.
 Hay from the mown fields—blossom and wood.

Bless Thou the labour we bring to serve Thee
 That with our neighbour we may be fed.
 Sowing or tilling we would work with Thee
 Harvesting, milling, for daily bread.

Father providing food for Thy children
 Thy wisdom guiding, teach us to share
 One with another, so that, rejoicing
 With us Thy brother may know Thy care.

Then will Thy blessing reach all the peoples
 All men confessing Thy gracious hand
 Where Thy will reigneth, no man will hunger
 Thy love sustaineth—fruitful the land.

Ralph Jebbett
 1924-2001

The poem on the left is yet another from the many written by my father. I love to have this opportunity of sharing them with you.



Fr Ray conducted a very beautiful Baptism Service in September, it was a delight to have the church filled with young families..
 Wedding blessings and renewal of vows are other celebrations that can be fulfilled all contact details are on the website.



A message from your editor & local Warden:

May you always have love to share, health to spare and friends who care.

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In seed time learn
 In harvest teach
 In winter enjoy

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HARVEST 2016 NEWSLETTER

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap
 but by the seeds you plant .

Harvest festivals have been celebrated since ancient times and although they are not part of the traditional church year, many churches now celebrate harvest some time in the autumn.

But what is celebrated at Harvest?
 The prayer to the right tell us all.

God of harvest,
 Gardener supreme,
 You place us at the centre
 Feed us, equip us. And,
 Having provided for us,
 Look to a different harvest
 A fruitfulness of lives
 In service to you and others.

God of harvest,
 Feed us
 Prune us
 Harvest us
 That our lives
 Might bring glory to you

When the world decides to stop being greedy... there will be a harvest and peace for the world!

*Let us come
 before him with
 thanksgiving.*



Harvest reminds us that we, as Christians, are called not so much to be thankful *FOR* what God gives us but rather to be thankful *IN* the situation in which we find ourselves

LOOKING BACK :

We were saddened in June when Keith Barsby passed away. He had been ill for quite a while and Monica said it was a blessing when he was no longer in pain and was free from suffering. We are pleased that Monica has returned to the Sunday services. In September we learned that our friend Joan Hudson, a member for many years, had passed away. She had returned to the UK in her 90's a couple of years ago due to declining health.

April— St George's Day was a great success with each Church manning one of various stalls. Also, there was a floral competition on a Shakespearean theme as it coincided with the 400th anniversary of the Bard's death.

In May Hazel & Tony Layt hosted another "Breakfast" this is always popular and I have to say, a delicious treat. On the Saturday of that same week a number of us went to Calpe to be part of Confirmation Celebrations, this very special service was led by Bishop David. A buffet followed outside the Church, items provided by each of the Churches. On the Sunday we, in Albir, we were privileged to welcome Bishop David to take our service of Holy Communion. What a sheer delight he is too. In July & September, once again the home of Hazel & Tony was the location for one of Tony's lovely Paella's.

Soup Sundays continue to be a success, with substitutes like Scones, Croissants and Ploughman's for the hot months.



Left to right: Grace, Sheila, Peter. Sheila has now left us, returning to the UK with her son Peter & daughter-in-law Grace. We said farewell to her over the Ploughman's Lunch on the 4th September when twelve people joined in.

TODAY—the Harvest produce donations will be taken to Alfaz **CARITAS**. An extremely worth while organisation that supports the local needy families. **Don't forget** that Hazel is collecting goods for the Hospice Christmas gifts. These will not be put in shoe boxes as previously announced but will be packed into individual gift bags. There are 60 men plus the brothers so we need to build up quite a lot of essentials. Tooth brushes, tooth paste, shaving gear, socks, gloves, beanie hats etc., Some of the men are able to eat chocolate too—this is a treat for them.

Four of us from Albir went to the Calpe Church in September for a very beautiful evening of Songs and Blessings. The title "As I Am" - it was a lovely evening.

To everyone who helps in anyway with the essential fundraising events by attending or organising . It is very much appreciated.

Thank you

LOOKING FOWARD :

NOVEMBER: .Beetle Drive with Hot Pot Friday 4th. 3.30 pm This is something that the Church has not done for a while and it used to be a very popular event.

DECEMBER

Friday 2nd—short film "North to Alaska" with Pie 'n' Peas 3pm—7pm
Wednesday 7th— Curry Night at the home of Geoff & Elaine Mitchell at 7pm
Monday 12th - Christmas Carols on the Beach. This is to be held by the Albir Anchor as last year. We are looking forward to this event with excitement as last year it was a huge success.
Monday 19th - CAROL SERVICE 4pm preceded by Christmas Dinner at Brisa del Mar 1pm.

Please make sure Elaine or Hazel have your names in good time

There are many other events within the Chaplaincy
please take the time to look at the web site to find out more.
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A VERY ADVANCE DATE FOR YOUR DIARY ! MEN & WOMEN

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER—As always, this is the 1st Friday of March. So for 2017 this will be the 3rd. We plan to start at 4pm and the theme is : "Am I being unfair to you?" **This year the service has been written by the women of the Philippines.** Although known as "Women's World Day of Prayer", this is because it is written by women with women in mind BUT it is important to note that this service is **OPEN TO EVERYONE** we had a few men in the congregation last year and we would love to see more this year. As always, suitable themed refreshments will follow. I will be looking later on for ten people to take part and help to make this a memorable service.

God is so big,
He can cover the whole world with his love.
And He is so small
He can curl up inside your heart.

Let us not become weary in doing good,
For at the proper time we will reap HARVEST
if we do not give up.
Galatians 6 v 9

ADVANCE PLANNING: Christmas cards will be on sale later this month—giving you plenty of time to get them in the post! All the proceeds will be for the Chaplaincy.

"Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many."

**A harvest of peace
is produced from a seed
of contentment.**

Good judgement comes
from experiences;
experience comes from
bad judgement.