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Services for September

<p>Aug 30th</p>	<p>ZOOM CHURCH 10:30 am (1 Pet 3:13-22 Be prepared to answer) EVENING PRAYER All Saints Moddershall, 6 pm (Psalm 63 My God)</p>
<p>Sept 6th</p>	<p>HOLY COMMUNION Christ Church 9:15 (1 Pet 4:1-11 Living for God) ZOOM CHURCH 10:30 am EVENING PRAYER St John's Oulton 6 pm (Psalm 64 Protect my life)</p>
<p>Sept 13th</p>	<p>MORNING PRAYER Christ Church 9:15 am (1 Pet 4:12-19 Suffering for God) ZOOM CHURCH 10:30 am HOLY COMMUNION St John's Oulton (Psalm 65 Bounteous God)</p>
<p>Sept 20th</p>	<p>HOLY COMMUNION Christ Church 9:15 (1 Pet 5:1-14 Life as His flock) ZOOM CHURCH 10:30 am EVENING PRAYER St John's Oulton 6 pm (Psalm 66 Come and see)</p>
<p>Sept 27th</p>	<p>MORNING PRAYER Christ Church 9:15 am (Tear Fund speaker) ZOOM CHURCH 10:30 am HOLY COMMUNION All Saints Moddershall, 6 pm (Psalm 67 May all the peoples praise you)</p>

Frustration

A resurgence of board games in the last 5 years continues to hold strong. On visiting a games café called “Chance and Counters” it was clearly popular with families but mainly young adults. The return to a face to face experience with real pieces that can be held plus seeing the reactions of others all add to the enjoyment.

It’s interesting to see how even an old game like ‘Frustration’ is still played. In this game players compete to be the first to send four pieces all the way around a board. Pieces are moved according to the roll of a die. The latest version comes with the ‘slam-o-matic feature’, simply whack your colourful lever to send your opponent’s back to the start. All very amusing.

Less amusing is when we experience frustration in real life: the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something; our reaction when we see the prevention of progress, success, or fulfilment of something. We might have experienced a lot of this during the pandemic lockdown with otherwise ordinary activities.

But this is a symptom of a perennial problem: *‘For creation was subjected to **frustration**’* (Rom 8v20a). The whole of creation groans under the weight of suffering and awaits future glory. That’s the great hope that we have in Christ! This frustration is not unending but will have a future: *‘For creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious **freedom** of the children of God’* (Rom 8v20b-21).



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It is the work of Jesus Christ to renew creation. The frustration is very real and difficult. But the future glory is also real and will come. Jesus has made this possible and guaranteed it by his resurrection from the dead and his gift of the Spirit points to the redemption of this fallen world and our bodies.

Frustrated? Yes, it's part of life! Looking forward? This is part of the new life in Christ.

I hope you take the opportunity to dig deeper and discover the great hope that is in Jesus Christ.

Paul Kingman

Food for dogs or food for thought?

The written word does not always convey the full nuance of what a person is saying. The reader has to imagine the exact tone of voice and the look on the speaker's face at the moment the words are uttered.

I learnt this lesson as I puzzled over some words of Jesus in St Matthew's Gospel which I initially felt were, to say the least, unkind. I refer to the time when a desperate Canaanite mother pleads with Jesus to heal her daughter. (Matthew 15:21-28).

At first, Jesus seems to procrastinate, but the woman does not give up. After her final desperate cry for help, Jesus replies with the phrase that I used to find so difficult. "*It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs*" (Verse 26) At first sight this seems quite shocking.

During my college days I was privileged to be taught New Testament Studies by Professor R.V.G. Tasker. He was very keen to get us to look beneath the text, at the background and nuances that may not be obvious from the written words. He writes the following about this particular difficult sentence in his commentary on St Matthew's Gospel.

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6 **Food for dogs or food for thought?** (cont)

"Jesus reminds her, very gently and almost playfully, of the familiar saying *"It is not meet to take the children's bread and cast it to the dogs"*.

I wonder how many times she had heard that saying from pious religious leaders. Perhaps Jesus, had a twinkle in his eye, and maybe he even imitated their sanctimonious and unctuous tones of voice as he said it.

If this is the case the distraught woman will have immediately realized that Jesus was actually on her side! She is given the courage to answer back. *"Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table"*. Maybe in the past she had longed to say those words to those who despised her because she was a Gentile, but fear of reprisals kept them locked in her subconscious mind. Now at last she can say them, because she knows Jesus understands intuitively what she has suffered.

Bad things said or done to us in the past can linger in our memory and influence our current behaviour. This, of course, is one of the ongoing results of abuse, suffered by vulnerable people of all ages. The threatening clouds lodged in our memories need the healing light of Jesus.

Even though this woman knew of Jesus' Jewish background for she addresses him as "Lord, son of David" she could enter into a profound moment of the healing of her bad memories of encounters with Jewish leaders in this account. Professor Tasker's wise comments made me see that as Jesus speaks with gentle subversive humour he overcomes the harmful power of divisive religiosity in the poor woman's mind. . This draws Jesus and the woman close together.

This speculation may be helpful but Matthew's final sentence really brings us back to earth. He tells us the actual outcome of this humorous exchange. *Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.* (Verse 28). It's all worth thinking about!

Roger M. Vaughan.

Treasured Possession

During this period of lockdown, with no evening meetings to attend, I have been watching more television than before – and have become acquainted with some wonderful programmes, such as *The Repair Shop*. For those of you who haven't discovered this gem, *The Repair Shop* is a barn inhabited by the widest range of skilled craftspeople you could ever imagine; able to repair and restore every conceivable kind of object. Every week, four treasured possessions in a terrible state of malfunction or dereliction are brought by their respective owners. And every week four miraculous transformations occur, as the objects are skilfully and lovingly restored to the best possible version of themselves they can be.

What gives the programme its power is the story that is connected with each object, for invariably the possessions are treasured because of the memories associated with them, memories which often link family members from one generation to another.

So when the owner comes to the *Repair Shop* to collect their restored object and is astounded by the transformation that has been brought about, tears often flow, in the *Shop* and on the nation's sofas, because in repairing the treasured possession, a treasured relationship has been honoured, strengthened, even brought back to life.

The *Repair Shop* has caused me to reflect on the way in which relationships can be expressed through inanimate objects, especially in the light of the recent debates about the place of statues and memorials in churches and in other public places.

In truth I have always had a problem with any kind of memorials in churches because all of them, whether commemorating an individual's faithful service to God or benefaction to the church, are in essence honouring '(wo) man' whereas the whole point and purpose of a church is to honour God. At best memorials are inappropriate distractions, at worst, in the case of the most ostentatious and self-regarding ones, they are surely blasphemous.

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The difficulties that arise with statues in public places result from contested views as to who is worthy of honour and of our shared history. As we have seen with the debates sparked by Black Lives Matter, the more that we subject individual lives and past history to scrutiny, the more questions arise. And whoever we put on plinths, philanthropists or generals, nurses or clergy, there is always the possibility that they may one day be judged unworthy, for which of our lives would stand up to the closest examination?

As Jesus said, in response to the rich young man, 'only one is good' - i.e. only God. It is He alone that is worthy of unambiguous honour and praise. He alone who is impervious to shifting moral, cultural and historical perspectives; for He represents absolute goodness, truth and love, which cannot be relativized in any way.

Our churches should be the purest possible conduits for honouring God, and as for our instinctive desire to put people on pedestals... perhaps it is safer and healthier to let them be remembered through cherished objects that have meaning for those who knew them best, warts and all.

Often those who bring objects to the Repair Shop are not looking for a perfect restoration to mint condition, because they want to preserve the original authentic character of the object. They may wish to preserve some imperfections because particular memories are associated with them e.g. a shrapnel - dented helmet that saved the life of their soldier grandfather.

Perhaps that is why the Repair Shop feels a little like church, a place where imperfections are not erased but acknowledged, and worked with. A place where we, through God's grace, can be restored to the best possible versions of ourselves and honoured as God's treasured possessions.

+Clive Wulfrun

Mission Prayer Diary	
	<i>Church Mission Society</i>
1st	Hassan James, assistant bishop of Kadugli diocese in Sudan, has been giving weekly talks on the radio on how to be a peacemaker. Pray for more people to listen to the programme, take its message to heart and sow seeds of peace throughout the area
2nd	Praise God for the team of artisans at the Neema Crafts Centre in Iringa, Tanzania, who halted production of their popular craft items in order to make PPE to equip Tanzania's front line workers. Pray for the Craft Centre team, who don't know when tourists will return to Neema's café and guesthouse.
3rd	Tom and Verity Clare arrived in Uganda just before the lockdown. Pray for them as Tom, a GP, works in the health department of Madi and West Nile Diocese
4th	Mission partners Andrew and Lisa Peart in Bolivia have found a new way to serve their community during the pandemic by baking bread for their neighbours. Pray that relationships built during this time to grow
	<i>Stephen and Tabita Bell are planting churches in Croatia</i>
5th	Pray for new pastor Teofil as he takes over running of the Dubrava church. The church building has been completed after several years work and the congregation is now paying the wages of the new pastor. These are the signs that Stephen and Tabita can move to a new work in Varaždin
6th	Stephen, Tabita and Benjamin will come to Capernwray Bible College (Lancashire) in September. An initial problem is that they have to quarantine for 2 weeks. We pray that Bible College activities will be possible this year despite the pandemic. Numbers attending courses have been reduced to permit social distancing
7th	Varaždin – We are moving Sept 2021 to this town 50 miles north of Zagreb and we already have a great relationship with Pastor Jonatan (Tabita's cousin)
8th	There are 2 small churchplants in Varaždin and the aim is to open 3 other towns for the Gospel

	<i>Tearfund works with poor people across the world, combining the Gospel with practical help.</i>
9th	A new report has warned that the coronavirus pandemic is pushing millions more Afghans into poverty, overwhelming the country's basic healthcare system and causing food shortages. Pray for wisdom for the leaders of Afghanistan. Lift up people struggling to access food and healthcare; ask God to provide for them. And keep praying for an end to coronavirus.
10th	Timoteo is a pharmacist who lives in Angola with his wife, Avelina, and their ten children. He's been attending church for 25 years, and has seen how his faith could impact his work and the lives of others. He has opened his own health clinic. Many people who come to the clinic cannot afford to pay for treatment. While others might send such people away, Timoteo follows the example of Jesus in helping people in need. 'Whatever you have, no matter how small, can help your neighbour,' shares Timoteo.
11th	Keep praying for the thousands of people across Beirut, Lebanon, whose lives have been torn apart by the horrific explosion in August. People have lost their loved ones, their homes and their businesses. Lift up the work that our local partners are doing alongside churches in the area, as they provide shelter, food, water and hygiene kits to people in need.
12th	UK supermarket chain Morrisons is trialling replacing its plastic bags with paper alternatives. This will save the equivalent of 3,510 tonnes of plastic each year. Plastic waste harms people living in poverty, as well as the environment. Pray for the success of this trial, and that other large corporations will quickly follow suit.
	<i>Our CMS Link Missionaries Tim and Kate Lee helped to set up JigSaw Kids Ministries in Manila (Philippines). Latest news from Janalyn in Manila</i>
13th	Things here in Manila are becoming, very, very difficult once again for so many. According to the government figures, we are the country that has the highest number of covid19 cases in South East Asia and it is getting higher every day
14th	The news we have been dreading hearing has happened there are now covid19 cases in Area 4. Members in 3 families have been tested positive and they with their families and friends are now isolated from the community with the whole community in lockdown. There is panic and worry in the community

15th	We are worried too as the virus is coming closer to our homes and family, but we trust in God and keep walking in Faith. I have distributed emergency food to the families as they have no funds and no government help, I also gave milk and honey for the children, the best combination for malnutrition and sustenance
16th	Please continue to pray for all the funds required for Jigsaw's ministry and especially as lockdown starts again. Please pray for extra funds and resources to come from the Philippines, Asia and from the UK. Funds needed for, increased emergency response, medical supplies, health care, food and wellbeing, ongoing operational costs, IT resources and educational support
	<i>Jonathan and Robinah Beesigomwe live in Gabarone, Botswana. Their organisation is "Bows and Arrows Ministry", and they work with older schoolchildren and young adults.</i>
17th	A farming project has begun, multiplying seed of Safflower. Petals have been harvested for tea. Pray for this project as 2 Hectares of seed planting was lost in the drought
18th	Pray that school work will be possible now that Lockdown has ended in Gabarone. The country has so far been spared the worst of the virus with only three deaths.
19th	Pray for the new pastor in Jonathan's local church, as the church tries to reach people now that churches are open, but with stringent precautions
20th	As some normality exists in Botswana, pray for J&R's work among young families, older teenagers and couples wanting to marry. After everything stopped for lockdown, it is hard to start up again
	<i>Mission Aviation Fellowship fly medical personnel, supplies and missionaries to far-flung, often inaccessible settlements</i>
21st	MAF engineers were asked by a hospital in Queensland, Australia, to build a special "glovebox", a Perspex box with 4 holes for gloved hands, so that equipment could be handled without risk of coronavirus transmission. First prototype was supplied within 24 hours and now the boxes are in daily use

22nd	MAF flights continue in Juba, South Sudan, where the virus was slow to arrive. Pray that work can continue in this desperately poor region
23rd	MAF have offered to fly coronavirus test teams around South Sudan. All international flights have now been banned. The virus first reached South Sudan in May, please pray about the situation.
24th	40-year-old Joyce Lin from Colorado, was looking forward to living out her God inspired dream – serving others in far-flung places through aviation. For reasons only known to God, Joyce was tragically killed in a plane crash in Papua while delivering coronavirus test kits. Pray for her family and friends. Due to coronavirus limitations, Joyce was flying alone.
	<i>The Bible Society's Bible-a-month club is delivering Bible resources in Mali, one of the least safe countries in the world due to political instability and Muslim extremist attacks</i>
25th	Give thanks that our Bible translators can safely work from home, and pray for good progress
26th	Pray that the violence and extremism that grips much of Mali will abate and that peace will reign
27th	Pray for the speedy resumption of vital Bible work as soon as the coronavirus restrictions are lifted, to meet the great spiritual need in the country
28th	Full Bible translation tops 700 languages for first time With an estimated 7,000-plus languages in the world there may be a little way to go, but the full Bible has now been translated into 700 of them.
29th	Crucially, this means around 80 per cent of the world's population, just over 5.7 billion people, can now access the whole Bible in their mother tongues. Almost three-quarters of these Bible translations have been provided by Bible Societies
30th	The Bible Society network plays a huge part in the task of not only translating but also distributing the Bible and promoting literacy so people can read it. Over the last five years, an incredible 1.8 billion Scriptures, including more than 184 million full Bibles, have been distributed worldwide.

Jigsaw Prayer Letter

Philippines a state of Emergency

Dear friends, greetings from everyone in Jigsaw, thank you all so much for your continued life-giving support and prayers in such difficult times. News from Tim, Lendehl, Jolly, Jenalyn and all in Jigsaw

Jigsaw emergency staff have been handing out food to garbage collecting families; God has answered our prayers and led Jigsaw into new and amazing ministries over the last 2 months. Unfortunately, however due to the rise in covid19 cases all operations except for emergency response and wellbeing has had to stop. But we Praise God for all the new Jigsaw ministry and services designed, organised and ready to go as soon as it is safe to do so. Thank you, Father God.

Emergency Prayers needed for the Philippines and for Jigsaw Ministry:

Thursday August 13th: Dear all, things here are becoming, very, very difficult once again for so many. According to the government figures, we are the country that has the highest number of covid19 cases in South East Asia and it is getting higher every day. A designated govt working party of doctors have called for a time-out which means to minimize the movement of people while changing the plan and to improve the response in fighting the virus. With this, on August 3, the President of the Philippines announced to the public a Modified Enhance Community Quarantine (MECQ) in National Capitol Region and other nearby provinces where non-essential jobs are closed, public transportation is not allowed and many have been affected including the JKM communities. The President also told the people that Philippines has no budget to give anymore emergency aid or help, this has brought a lot of worry and panic to many millions of people. Please continue to pray for us.

Wednesday 19th August:

Dear all, the news we have been dreading hearing has happened there are now covid19 cases in Area 4. Members in 3 families have been tested positive and they with their families and friends are now isolated from the community with the whole community in lockdown. There is panic and worry in the community, we are worried too as the virus is coming closer to our homes and family, but we trust in God and keep walking in Faith. *(continued)*

Jigsaw Prayer Letter (cont)

I have distributed emergency food to the families as they have no funds and no government help, I also gave milk and honey for the children, the best combination for malnutrition and sustenance, the children I hear are enjoying the sweet honey. We don't know what is going to happen, so many cases in Manila and now in Area 4. I know God has placed us here in the midst of these huge difficulties to help bring his love and hope but we are all very worried too. All of Jigsaw has had to stop its operations but we have the vision again to provide food packs for the most in need, at risk and poor in all the Jigsaw communities, so far, we have identified 496 families. Please pass on our love to our brothers and sisters in the UK and thank them for all their prayers, gifts and love, they help us so much. Please ask them to pray for us for strength and courage, for the funds needed and God's power for the emergency food plans and for protection of all the families in Area 4 and for all Jigsaw staff and their families too. God be with us all, Jenalyn:

Great is thy faithfulness, oh God our Father:

Thank you for all your life saving prayers for Lendehl, Jigsaw's chairman. Lendehl was worryingly taken into hospital with covid19 virus two weeks ago and placed on oxygen. Through prayers and support Lendehl is well on the way to full recovery and sends a message:-

Dear friends, I wish to express my profound gratitude to you who have been praying and encouraging me through the battle with covid19. With all your prayers and messages, I never felt alone, every day, God would show me His goodness through different people. The nurses, doctors and care givers who are real heroes. Their skill and loving care not only brought physical healing but gave hope and calmness during those times of anxiety and pain, even when they are themselves at risk and deprived of being with their loved ones. It's beyond words to describe the agony a person with COVID-19 feels. The uncertainty and fear are tormenting but nothing is beyond God's grace. Those moments of pain, anxiety and gasping for air, I saw how amazing God is. No matter what happens, we are assured that God is in control, and we can always put our faith and confidence in Him. May those who are going through this disease find comfort, strength, and hope in God—who is bigger than this pandemic. 15 days from admission, I am now finally going home. The words of the great hymn, Great is thy faithfulness have been my daily meditation and comfort through many difficult days. Thank you all for your life saving love and prayers, Rev Lendehl Sallidao.

Jigsaw Prayer requests

Please continue to pray for the Philippines as the number of coronavirus cases continues to rise, and for the millions who live in poverty, who this not only impacts through the virus itself, but also through the escalation of poverty, hunger and suffering. Please pray for a miracle lifting of the virus across all areas, for the government to have funds to support those in most need and for social calm and peace amongst the panic.

Please pray for all Jigsaw families in Area 4 squatter area where new covid19 cases have been found. Also for those with covid19 for healing and for their families, for protection against abuse among the panic and especially for the children who are caught in the middle of this awful time

Please pray for the Jigsaw school sponsorship programme as it seeks to develop its ministry to support the 100 students through online and home-schooling initiatives. (Online school date start has now been pushed back to September) For the protection of all the students in the programme. For educational and spiritual development despite the new lockdown. For God to give wisdom to the school sponsorship team as they seek ways to support and care for the students in these difficult times. For enough funds to buy tablets to support students with online schooling

Please pray for our (Lees) family. For the whole family; as an elderly aunt, to who Tim is next of kin, is very ill in hospital and as the family decide whether Tim should return home to support her. For Rebekah for protection and friendships as she moves back to Norwich UK. For James as he revises for his A level and for his work in the church. For Grace for healing from feeling ill and sick each day, for the right doctors and professionals to come on board to help her overcome her fears and worries. Also, for a miracle, for a school that fits Grace and for vitally needed friends. For Kate in her challenging school role and pressure of home life. For Tim to be able to continue his challenging work with Jigsaw Philippines, UK and Asia CMS with so many outside challenges. For protection of the whole family as so much is happening.

In June, we re-registered with the Fairtrade Foundation as a Fairtrade church. During the pandemic, the foundation has been focusing on trade justice. Businesses and governments worldwide have been taking advantage of the situation e.g. taking away worker's rights or refusing to pay for their contracts. In some Indian states, labour laws are not being kept e.g. the minimum wage is not being paid. Health and Safety rules are being relaxed so workers are more vulnerable and receive less pay. This has also happened to textile workers in the E Midlands. Some UK fast fashion brands have been refusing to pay for their orders, affecting workers in Bangladesh.

Traidcraft Exchange is the fairtrade charity we support. It is an independent company but has a link with Traidcraft plc. Ruth sent £200 to the charity in April from donations she had received. We weren't able to top this up this year, due to reduced sales and losses on out of date stock.

The charity has just published their annual review. They highlight 5 points:

£1 million has been raised to help people to use the power of trade to work their way out of poverty.

4,320 women in the Bangladesh jute sector have increased their income by 50%.

800 people in Bangladesh & India have been supported to leave modern slavery for good.

21,000 home-workers, paid as little as 30p a day, will benefit from work started in 2020, aiming for fairer pay, safer working conditions and proper recognition in the supply chain.

A scheme running in Tanzania to help farmers living with a disability, to join a support group and improve their income and self esteem.

Traidcraft plc

As there was no prospect of any fair trade sales for a long time, Ruth sold or gave away our remaining stock at the beginning of lockdown. As her neighbour works at the hospital, her nursing team enjoyed the cookies, chocolate bars, coffee etc. All Traidcraft staff were furloughed.

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Fairtrade Update – (cont)

The situation for the company is now improving. Staff are starting to return from furlough. Although churches are not holding sales, small independent shops are now ordering goods and a new catalogue is out. If you'd like one, or to order a favourite item(s) e.g. ginger cookies, please contact Sheila Hawley (811646), who will deliver it to you. Don't forget a well known food store in Stone also sells a range of fair-trade products AND the church stall will return!

Sheila

Essential PPE

I used to be a minimalist. If I used a handbag at all it would be the smallest I could fit my possessions into. Not anymore! These days we need protective equipment wherever we go.

I had a lovely present arrive in the post a few weeks ago; a dear old friend sent me a new bag, a cross between a tiny rucksack and a lightweight handbag. Now I can fit in my hand sanitiser, gloves, face mask and a random twig (for pressing pedestrian crossing buttons) along with the more usual possessions of a bag.

With all this for protecting the body it reminded me that we also need to protect the soul in these distressing times. What finer verses can we find than Ephesians 6:10-18 "The whole armour of God" but especially we need to remind ourselves of verse 18 "...be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people". *Enid*

Latest from Ralph and Dagmar Baron

Ralph and Dagmar joined us from Brighton for the service on August 23rd with their latest news. Ralph is awaiting news about a worrying medical condition and the school in Murree is re-opening in September.

Let's pray that Ralph will received good news and will be able to fly out to Pakistan with Dagmar to welcome pupils back into the school which has been closed since early March.

Hard Times in 1931

(National debt had reached about ME300 in 1931—in 2020 it has just passed ME2,000,000)

My dear friends,

At the time of going to press the National Crisis through which we are passing has assumed proportions of real gravity, which for the serious attention of all Christian people.

The abandonment of the gold standard has been a real blow to our national prestige. We are not yet in a position to appreciate all that it will eventually imply, but there can be no doubt that we are faced with a period of financial stringency.

The National Government has been called into being to carry out a programme of retrenchment and enforced economy which no political party was capable of imposing. It is the duty of all Christian patriots to face the crisis with quiet courage and a readiness to bear cheerfully any burdens which may be laid upon them. Every honest man wants to meet his liabilities and pay his creditors in full; and a nation can only hold up its head on the same principle. The orgy of extravagance and reckless spending which has marked these post-war years must cease ; and this means that we must get rid of that wholesale bribery of the electorate in party interests which has been so sinister a feature of our modern political life. Without a National Government such a thing is hardly possible. Our King has set a magnificent example to his people and many of those in high positions have bravely followed his lead, even to the point of sacrificing their position and popularity among their former supporters. Let us support them with our prayers and the response of our own examples.

It is inevitable, of course, that the present shortage of money should react adversely upon the finances of the Church, both at home and abroad. The Missionary Cause alone, will suffer from the fluctuating rates of exchange to the extent of some tens if not of hundreds of thousands of pounds. In our own parochial life our smaller liabilities will become increasingly difficult to shoulder.

Sacrifice is seldom pleasant at the time, though it is one of the acid tests of character. But the crisis, in so far as it affects us parochially is unquestionably a challenge to sacrifice—to deny ourselves more of those things which are superfluous, in order that God's work may not suffer. *(continued)*

The Harvest Thanksgiving: will mark the opening of our full Winter's work in the parish. Even in such times as these it is a poor heart that can find no cause for rejoicing. " In everything give thanks " : That was the Apostolic ideal. Thank God that our currency is not turned into waste paper like the German " mark " or the Russian " rouble." Had such a calamity overtaken us, we should have been faced with literal famine and unspeakable sufferings. As it is. we are only called to brace ourselves together and live a little more simply than before.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely, T.G.Edwards (*vicar in 1931*)

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FLOWER ROTA

6th September	Mrs L. Mason
13th September	Mrs E. Nix
20th September	Mrs P. Trinder
27th September	Harvest



ROADS FOR PRAYER

6th September

York Street
Navigation Loop
Rangeley View
Barnton Edge

13th September

Anderton Way/View
Bentley Close
Rendel Grove
Brindley Close

20th September

Rudyard Close
Cressey Close
Joules Drive
Cauldon Way

27th September

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