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HARVEST 1987...

Very soon our Churches and schools will focus on HARVEST; a time to give thanks for all that we so easily take for granted. To us food is readily available; we forget the complex business of both producing and distributing it - we lose sight of the GOD of creation who has made life possible for us.

HARVEST cannot be separated from THANKSGIVING. Neither can we give thanks for all that we have, without remembering those in our world of 1987 who have so little.

This year our Harvest Festivals are on:

SEPTEMBER 27 at AFFPUDDLE
and OCTOBER 4 at BERE REGIS

On both Sundays there will be 9.30 am Parish Communion and 6.00 pm Evensong; the Harvest Suppers will follow the Sunday evening Service - in Briantspuddle Village Hall for Affpuddle; and in the Church at Bere Regis. This is a new venture for both parishes, but the religious and social sides of the celebration of Harvest should not be falsely separated.

PLEASE support the HARVEST FESTIVALS: come, give thanks, sing the familiar Harvest hymns, pray for those who work to satisfy our daily needs and offer prayers for those who do not have any daily bread. Come and join in the traditional celebration which has been so important in the country calendar for so many years.

Make HARVEST special - make sure that you are there!
CHURCH SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

Bere Regis                  Affpuddle

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER          8.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Parish Communion     + Bring & Buy For Christian Aid
followed by Coffee
Pentecost 13

TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER         6.00 pm Evensong
(The Blessed Virgin Mary)

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER         9.30 am Parish Communion
8.00 am Holy Communion       6.00 pm Evensong
Pentecost 14
10.15 am Sunday School
11.00 am Matins
6.00 pm Evensong

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER         8.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Parish Communion     11.00 am Affirmation: Family Worship
Pentecost 15
10.15 am Sunday School
11.00 am Matins
6.00 pm Evensong

MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER         7.00 pm Holy Communion
(St. Matthew)

SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER         9.30 am Parish Communion
8.00 am Holy Communion       6.00 pm Harvest Evensong
Pentecost 16
10.15 am Sunday School
11.00 am Matins
6.00 pm Harvest Evensong
followed by Harvest Supper

SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER            8.00 am Holy Communion
Harvest Festival
9.30 am Parish Communion
Pentecost 17
10.15 am Sunday School
11.15 am Matins
6.00 pm Harvest Evensong
followed by Harvest Supper

BIBLE READINGS IN OUR CHURCHES IN SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER
Theme: The Suffering Community
8.00 am Holy Communion & 9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 698 ff)
Acts 7:54 - 8:1; John 16:1 - 11
11:15 am Matins
2 Kings 19:8 - 19; Acts 16:16 - end
6.00 pm Evensong
Jeremiah 20:1 - 11a; Acts 20:17 - end

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER
Theme: The Family
8.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 703 ff)
Ephesians 5:25 - 6:4; Mark 10:2 - 16
11.00 am Matins
Genesis 29:1 - 20; 2 Timothy 1:1 - 14
6.00 pm Evensong

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER
Theme: Those in Authority
8.00 am Holy Communion & 9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 708 ff)
Romans 13:1 - 7; Matthew 22:15 - 22
6.00 pm Evensong
1 Chronicles 29:9 - 19; 1 Timothy 6:6 - 19

SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER
Theme: The Neighbour (Bere Regis)
Harvest Festival (Affpuddle)
8.00 am Holy Communion
Galatians 6:11 - 18; Matthew 6:24 - 34
9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 890 ff)
Deuteronomy 8:1 - 10; Luke 12:16 - 31
11.00 am Matins
1 Kings 21; Matthew 7:1 - 12
6.00 pm Evensong
Deuteronomy 26:1 - 11; John 6:26 - 35

Thank you to all who shared with us on August 9th in celebrating the Baptism of Hannah Maria at Bere Regis.
The Service was a great occasion and we were delighted to be joined by so many friends in our worship which was led by the Bishop of Sherborne.

Jonathan, Fiona, Dominic & Hannah
**BERE REGIS WIVES GROUP**

The Bere Regis Wives Group Summer Market was held on Tuesday 26 July at the Vicarage with proceeds going to the West Dorset Hospice Fund Macmillan Service. The Market was to have been opened by the Macmillan Nurse for this area, but due to sickness she was unable to attend. Instead Mr John Guy (Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee) and his wife gladly stepped in to do the honours.

The evening realised an amount of £171.86 and after overheads, a cheque for £150 has been handed over to the Macmillan Fund.

Thanks to everyone who helped and organized the evening, making it a great success - special thanks to Sally Cheeseman and Jean Gibbs 'home produce' stall which made £40 and Rosemary Wise who ran the raffle and feversibly sold £45 worth of tickets.

Main Prize Winners: Box of Fruit (Raffle) - Mrs Chalk
£5 Note Game - Mrs B Seymour

Thank you also to everyone who came along and supported the evening, and lastly to Jonathan and Fiona for the use of the Vicarage garden.

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**LAUGHLINES**

**IF THE GOOD LORD** had wanted us to go metric he would have only had ten apostles.

**WHEN ACTOR ALEX McCOWEN** gave a performance of his dramatic reading of Mark’s Gospel before a large gathering of bishops, he remarked, "This is the first time in history when an actor had 400 prompters!"

**WE ALW KNOW** the story of the preacher who made a note in the margin of thetypescript for his sermon, ‘argument weak at this point, shout louder.’

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**BERE REGIS CHURCH:**

**LATE ‘SPRING-CLEAN’ IN THE CHURCH**

**SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER: 10 AM - 4 PM**

**CHURCHYARD CLEAN-UP**

**SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER: 10 AM - 4 PM**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** starts again at Bere Regis at 10.15 am every Sunday as from 13 September. All children over 3 years old are very welcome. All who have been baptized are expected to 'be brought up as Christians within the Family of the Church'.

**STEPPING STONES** our adult Christian Education Programme starts again on **MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER** at 8 pm at THE VICARAGE. In our first session we will consider 'WOMEN AND THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY', looking at the Synod's current position on the subject. Do come.

**FROM JANUARY 1988** there will be a monthly FAMILY SERVICE at Bere Regis at 11 am on the Second Sunday of the month.

**AFFPRAISE**, our Family Worship at Affpuddle is always on the Third Sunday of the month at 11 am.

Don't forget, the Longthorns Horse Show on Saturday 12 Sept. in aid of Bere Regis Church. Volunteers welcome for getting the site ready as well as on the day. Also offers of rope, stakes and caravans: please contact Tony Shave or either of the Churchwardens.
CHURCH DUTY ROTAS - BERE REGIS

SIDEMENS ROTA
Sept 6th  9.30 a.m.  Mr J House, Mr A Bates
       6.00 p.m.  Miss S Frampton, Cdr C Mander
Sept 13th 11.00 a.m.  Mrs M England
       6.00 p.m.  Miss P Chesney, Mr M Barnes
Sept 20th  9.30 a.m.  Mr G Ward, Mr J Strange
       6.00 p.m.  Mr R Stallard, Mr H Dashwood
Sept 27th 11.00 a.m.  Col A Barne
Oct  4th  9.30 a.m.  Mr J House, Mr A Bates
       6.00 p.m.  Miss S Frampton, Mr M Bloomfield

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD
Sept 6th  Miss A Lys   Miss E Lys
Sept 13th  Mrs Ward    Mrs Clark
Sept 20th  Wives Group
Sept 27th  Mrs Mooney  Mrs Jesty
Oct  4th  Harvest

Cleaning & Flowers
Flowers  Cleaning
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MOTHERS UNION  On Wednesday, 2nd September there will be a coffee evening at 60A West Street, the home of Mary House. All are most welcome.

THE "JULY JUBILATE" service in Blandford for young people and their friends brought together the very varied talents in the Deanery. Music, drama, poetry and sacred dance were of a high standard. After seeing for ourselves from the humorous sketch, the release Zaccheas felt when coming face to face with Jesus, a poem described the idea of the "Tithing" of our lives.

During coffee we were able to meet up with old friends.

At the Branch AGM Joan Gooch retired from the Committee having served longer than the regulation six years, without a break.
WOMENS INSTITUTE  The Speaker at the July meeting, Mrs. Bronwen, was more of an "entertainer" as she informed us of the fun in arranging flowers.

Members tried their hand with flowers they had brought from their gardens, and Mrs. Pitman gave a quick assessment of their efforts at the end of the evening.

Ten members enjoyed the group walk around Morden on the beautiful evening of 9th June, and over £200 was the result of the pleasant coffee morning held in the garden of Mrs. Peggy Moss. Thanks to all who attended and helped with these events.

Hostesses for September - Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Cleall, Mrs. Owen.
THE RBL WOMENS SECTION Held their monthly meeting on 15th July, 21 members were present.

Money raised from recent events was distributed as follows:-

- General Fund £50
- Benevolent Fund £300
- County Fund £50
- TOTAL £400

PC Knight was our speaker and he gave a most interesting talk on "Police Work".

Teas were served by Mrs. Diffy and Mrs. Gill and a Bring and Buy stall was run by Mrs. Cleall.

Cenotaph October Mrs. Bennett

November Mrs. Presslee and Mrs. Maidment

BERE REGIS RBL BRANCH Held a most successful Flower and Vegetable Show when an almost record number of exhibits were presented. The standard was very high and all classes were keenly contested. Each exhibitor should be complimented on their display - perhaps it was the choice of colour that seemed to make the bank of flowers most attractive, especially to the ladies. To end the proceedings, Mr. E.J. Steele presented the awards and presented the Ron Barnes Memorial Cup for the best exhibit in the Show to Mrs. French, remarked that it was never too late to enter competitions. Not only was Mrs. French the first winner of a new class restricted to Senior Citizen members, this was the first competition she had ever entered. Mrs. French was also the recipient of the R.B.L. Women's Cup. Other award winners were:-

Bere Down Mills Cup - Most points in the Show and
R.B.L. Boyd Men's Cup - Best man's exhibit
Maj A V Kitcher-Smith Cup - Best ladies floral
Mrs Deakin Trophy - Ladies Handicraft
Ivor Trott Trophy - Most points Section I

A CRUSINGS (equal)

Norman Reed Trophy - Best exhibit Section II
Arthur Brook Bowl - Best exhibit Classes 45-47
R.B.L. Bemister Floral - Kate Osborne
Mileham Challenge Cup - Children's handicraft
A REMINDER FOR OCTOBER - members should watch for the announcement of a date for the Harvest Festival Evening.

BROWNIES Brownies will be starting on Wednesday, 23rd September at Bere Regis First School Hall, from 6.00 p.m. to 7.15 p.m. All girls from 6½ years to 10 years are welcome.

Enquiries: Jenny Piercy 471447 or Christine Swann 471131.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP The meetings will commence again, after the break, on Tuesday 8th September when Mrs. D. Greenwood will give a demonstration entitled "If they could only speak".

BERE REGIS FRIENDS OF THE IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND Christmas card catalogues are now available, with a wide range of cards and attractive gifts. They are available from Miss A. Lys, 7 Rye Hill Close, or Mrs. J. Hudson, 4 Boswell's Close. The closing date for orders is Monday, 21st September.

Our concert this year at the Bovington Memorial Hall will be on Friday, 27th November. Tickets will be available as above.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY A Coffee Evening in aid of the Church of England Children's Society and Box Opening will be held at the Vicarage on Wednesday, 16th September at 7 p.m. There will be a Bring & Buy and Raffle.

BELLRINGERS Ringing practice will start again on the first Wednesday in October (the 7th), 6.30 for beginners, 7.00 for improvers. There will be a special Open Evening on Wednesday, 30th September from 6.30 p.m. when any potential ringers will be welcome (12+ or adults) who can see what is done, can have a try, and tours tours will be available for anyone who would like to have a look round.

We welcome visiting ringers from Farnborough on Saturday, 19th September.

SCOUT GROUP We are pleased to report that the Cub Pack enjoyed their weekend at Shroton and must thank Akela, Pat Hall, Mr. & Mrs. Lemon, Jenny Simpson and the parents who stayed to help for all their planning and care making it an enjoyable time.

The Scouts were lucky to have a good week of weather in the Isle of Wight. They took part in hiking, canoeing, orienteering, cricket, occasional sleeping and parents should enquire about their son's experience in washing up!

The Headquarters has progressed slowly this last month with many of our volunteers on holiday or at camp. Progress will be possible inside when the roof is completed.
Waste Paper - The lorry took another load away this month and we are at present asked to collect only newspaper. Please sort out those weekend supplements, Radio Times, T.V. Times and Blackmore Vale as they are all stapled and they do not want these.

Fund Raising Our next event is our Autumn Fayre and Bargain Basement on Saturday, 10th October at the Drax Hall at 2.30 p.m. Please save your jumble for us in our Bargain Basement department.

Puzzle Corner Last month’s anagrams were:
1. Waterson
2. Ashmore
3. Winborne
4. Southwell
5. Silton

Here are 10 more anagrams of Dorset place-names. Remember they are not necessarily village names - one this time is a well-known pub.
1. HENCE ROUBLES
2. SHELL MAP
3. LINES ON LIGHTS
4. HOW SENTIMENTAL
5. FIR REMOVER

100 Years Ago The following account is taken from the parish magazine of September 1887, in the days when it took over three hours to travel from Bere Regis to Weymouth:-

The Choral Festival

Both Bere and Kingston choirs took part in the Festival service of the Diocesan Choral Association, held at Holy Trinity Church, Weymouth, on August the 4th. Not the least enjoyable part of the day was the drive, which occupied about three hours. Weymouth was reached between 11 and 12 o’clock, and a pic-nic dinner was partaken of on the beach by the combined choirs, numbering about 55 persons. After this there was only time for a hasty bathe before the rehearsal. The service was very well rendered, and did great credit to the various choirs which took part in it. Our choir can testify that some of the music was not at all easy, and had only been mastered after many hours of hard work. However, as was pointed out by the preacher, Canon Stephenson, good singing, even of simple music, cannot be attained without much practice. After service, a substantial tea was provided in the parish school-room, and the thanks of all are due to Mr. Sowter and those who helped in the arrangements. Punctually at 8 o’clock, Mr. Day started on the homeward journey, the Kingston Choir, driven by Mr. Harrington of Blandford, starting about the same time, and before mid-night a long, but pleasant and successful day was brought to a close.

Brsc - Cricket Results

Div 3
18/7 Away Redlands 173 for 8 - Mark Bennett 4-40
Bere 89 for 6 - Mark Bennett 27, Peter Cheeseman 21
Rain stopped play

26/7 Away Bere 133 for 8 - Reg Fripp 37, Russell Hewitt 33
Broadstone 76 AO - Russell Hewitt 4-27
Bere 18 points, Broadstone 4 points

8/8 Away Bere 210 for 7 - Russell Hewitt 56
Pimperne 157 AO - Andrew Cheeseman 5-18
Bere 20 points, Pimperne 7 points

Purbeck Evening League

22/7 Home 40 AO - Harvey Nunn 11
Morden 41 for 7 - Andrew Cheeseman 2-0

29/7 Away Bere 111 for 4 - Herbie Swann 20 NO, Arty Crocker 19 NO
Lingard 22 AO - Simon Walker 3-5

12/8 Away Kings Arms 95 for 9 - David Lloyd 4-6
Bere 81 for 3 - Simon Walker 29 - Bad light stopped play
Bere won on faster scoring rate

Friendly's 2nd XI

25/7 Bere 85 AO - Peter Cheeseman 35 NO
Spetisbury 64 AO - Rob White 3-18, Alan Green 3-6

30/7 Bere 59 for 5 - Alan Green 15
Clevedon 60 for 5 - Alan Green 2-12

31/7 Bere 136 for 5 - Harvey Nunn 70 NO
Fordcombe 135 for 9 - Herbie Swann 2-10

1/8 Bere 126 AO - Alan Green 55 NO, Reg Fripp 33
Redlands 2nds 107 AO - Robble Hall 3-10

"Possessions" - The True (Well, Nearly) Confessions of a Hoarder

I like 'things', in fact I love 'things' - my house is full of them, in cupboards, on shelves, in the shed, under the stairs, in the airing cupboard, in boxes, bags, and linen baskets. I have an obsession for possessions, and the older I get, the worse I get for collecting 'things' that one day 'might come in handy'.

I have two or even three of everything. You may think me greedy but I can't help it. I had very little when I was young and even less when I married and struggled to bring up five children. They had everything my husband and I didn't: nice clothes; holidays abroad; toys; bikes and hobbies. We loved them having these 'things' - that word again!! - because we were given health and strength to work and provide them with these luxuries. Now my children are adults enjoying good health for which I sincerely thank God: good jobs; thrifty partners and nice homes - for which I hope they thank God!

I on the other hand, am not thrifty. I waste money on 'bargains' that
I already have. I cannot resist: junk shops; gift shops; car boot sales and white elephant stalls. When my mother and 'in-laws' died, I had a most wretched feeling inside me that I must have their 'things', their wordly goods and chattels - my inheritance!! Although I was truly sad at their passing, I just couldn't wait to sort out their 'things'. My children wanted nothing other than a small 'keep-sake'. I wanted everything! Vacuum cleaners (I now have three - two work, one doesn't - but might one day!!); pots; pans; sweeping brushes; dustpans; ornaments; cutlery; crockery; jam jars - the lot!!

I lent my children all sorts of useful 'things' when they set up home, but on condition that they returned them to me when replaced. They have all come back, ready to lend again! Occasionally I have a sort out for a jumble sale. I look through 'things', and at 'things' and what happens? I go to the stall and buy twice as much rubbish back!! My family think me quite mad, and that I shouldn't accumulate so much, but they have never known what it is to want. I am basically generous and sympathetic - am not really selfish. I would do anything for anyone - lend anything to anyone and if I were to win the football pools, I would love to be interviewed and tell the world what I would do with my winnings - what would I do? BUY THINGS!!

The saying goes, 'Everywhere we have in this life is on loan and you can't take it with you when you go', but I am sure God won't mind me enjoying and appreciating my 'things' until that time comes!

ELIZABETH SPRACKLEN

AFFPUDDLE NEWS

WILLIAM FRAMPTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION Small grants available in 1987-88 for young people living in the Parishes of Moreton, Affpuddle and Briantspuddle undergoing apprenticeships or further education and in need of financial assistance. Apply: The Clerk, William Frampton Educational Foundation, Savernake House, 42 High West Street, Dorchester.

HARVEST SUPPER SUNDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER The Harvest Supper will this year be on SUNDAY, 27th September at 7 p.m. Tickets cost 80p adults, 45p children, are available from Penny Haigh (471768) Erica Morlary (471747) and Shirley Prideaux (Puddletown 558). We do hope you will come.

P.H.

AFFRAISE 11 a.m. Sunday, 20th September

Our Autumn series of Affraise Services for all the family starts with a harvest theme, but from a new angle. Do join us for this informal time of worship, prayer, activity, music and refreshment. J.H.

HARVEST FESTIVAL The Church will be decorated for Harvest Festival on FRIDAY, 25th September from 2.30 onwards (there is a wedding in Church on Saturday). All contributions of fruit, vegetables, flowers, and foliage would be most welcome and produce will be given to Dorchester Cheshire Home for mentally handicapped children.

SPECIAL CHURCH CLEAN-UP Saturday, 10th October has been set aside for one of the quarterly special clean-ups of the Church. Please help by giving up an hour or so from 10.30 onwards. It would be most helpful if you could come armed with extra polishing rags, buckets and wash leathers. Main tasks to be undertaken include furniture and floor polishing and window and floor washing. All cleaning materials will be provided.

BLADEN SOCIAL CLUB HORTICULTURAL SHOW

CUP WINNERS

Bladen Social Club Cup - Vegetable Section - A. Cousins
Norman Reed Rose Bowl - Flower Section - E. Vater
Kayll Cup - Flower Arranging - Mrs. H. Dixon
Martin Debenham Cup - Homecraft - Mrs. H. Dixon
Marjorie Fuller Cup - Best Child's Exhibit - Caroline Miller
Joan Herridge Cup - Junior Flower Arranging - Lucy Lightfoot
Bladen Social Club Rose Bowl - Best Exhibit in Show - Mrs J Lightfoot
Jubilee Cup - Best Ladies Exhibit - Mrs. Jennifer Lightfoot
Floral Art Trophy - Best Flower Arrangement - Mrs. H. Dixon
Novelty Cup - Tallest Weed - Mrs. Fiona Hogger
Lady Debenham Cup - Gardens Competition - Mrs. Herridge

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER

2nd 7.30pm Mothers Union Coffee Evening, 60A West Street
4th 6.30pm Quarterly Sidesmen's Meeting, Vicarage
12th Longthorns Horse Show
16th 7.00pm Children's Society Coffee Evening, Vicarage
19th Puddletown First School Treasure Hunt
23rd 6.00pm Brownies - BR First School
27th Affpuddle Harvest Supper
30th 6.30pm Bell-ringers open evening, Bere Regis Church

OCTOBER

4th Bere Regis Harvest Supper
10th 2.30pm Scout Group Autumn Fayre and Bargein Basement, Drax Hall
10th Affpuddle Church clean-up
24th Bere Regis Church 'Autumn-clean'

NOVEMBER

7th Bere Regis Churchyard clean-up
27th Imperial Cancer Research Fund Concert, Bovington Memorial Hall
CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

AUTUMN LEAVES
2.30pm 2nd Wednesday

BEAVERS
6.00pm Monday, Winterbourne Kingston School

BELLRINGERS
6.30pm Wednesday Learners: Improvers 7pm

BINGO
7.45pm Drax Hall (Mondays)

BLUE VAN
3.45-4.15pm 2nd Monday - Post Office

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7.00pm Mon to Fri: 12 noon to 2.30pm & 7.00pm Sat: 12 noon to 2pm Sunday

BRITISH WOMENS SECTION
2.30pm 3rd Wednesday HQ

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CUBS
6.30pm Thursday, School

FLORAL GROUP
2.30pm Tuesday, Drax Hall

MOTHER & TODDLER
2.15pm Monday, Congregational Church

MOTHERS UNION
7.30pm 1st Wednesday, the Vicarage

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PLAYGROUP BRIANTSPuddle
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SCOUTS
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SUNDAY SCHOOL
10.30am Every Sunday in Parish Church

BERE REGIS YOUNG CHRISTIANS
9.30am Saturday, Youth Club Hut

TUESDAY CLUBS:

ADVENTURERS
7.00pm 7-11 years, Congregational Church

ADVENTURERS
8.15pm 12 years & over, Congregational Church

WIVES GROUP
7.30pm 4th Tuesday, Vicarage

WOMENS INSTITUTE
7.00pm 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall

YOUTH CLUB
7.00pm Friday, Club Hut

AFFPUDDLE

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D.L.MOODY IN HIS OWN WRITE

BILLY GRAHAM presented a copy of the handwritten sermon notes of the great evangelist D.L. Moody to George Sweeting, President of the Moody Bible Institute on the 100th anniversary of the Institute's founding.

The notes had been passed on as a gift by Mrs Will R. Moody, the evangelist's daughter-in-law. Some budding preachers may draw comfort from the fact that the Holy Spirit was able to use Moody's sermons mightily, although the evangelist's handwriting was "big and scrawling and his spelling very poor."  

PRAYER PROGRESS IN ALBANIA

ACCORDING TO A REPORT at the annual meeting of the missionary society "Licht im Osten", the Albanian chief of state, Ramiz Alia, has said someone who prays in a private room will no longer be subject to arrest or other punishments. Somehow the story of Daniel comes to mind. You may remember he was not so lucky. He was thrown into prison for even praying to a higher authority! Since proclaiming itself an atheistic state, Albania has banned every expression of religion, including private prayer.  

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POSITIVE ANGER

BOB GELDOF has the knack of shaming people — especially the famous — into doing something to help others. Nothing else seems to matter, only the cause.

Each generation has produced its quota of angry young men. They are often disillusioned, disrespectful and a nuisance to society. But Bob Geldof has shown what can be done when anger is used positively.

- Comment in Salvation Army WAR CRY

YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT?

TODAY MANY PEOPLE are as unfit spiritually as they are physically. In the Old Testament (and quoted by Jesus) is the saying "Man cannot live on bread alone, but needs every word that God speaks."

Some people think that they can still live on the nourishment of their parents spirituality. Others put their trust in junk food of sentiment and superstition.

In order to grow healthy spiritually we need to read the Bible to obtain our daily intake of God's word. Jesus is God's word in its most suitable form for us. He is definitely our wholesome bread of life! Our spiritual "exercise" is when we talk with God through prayer and worship. So of course we should keep "regular" in our church attendance, too!

Adapted from an item by STEPHEN HOBSON

ON MEETING AN ATHEIST

WHAT IS YOUR REACTION on meeting an atheist? Do you feel shocked? Intimidated? Is there a tightening of your mental muscles as you wonder whether you ought to argue with him or her? Do you, like me, have feelings that are a mixture of mystery and imagination, as you try to get inside the mind of someone who is ready to live in a universe without architect, builder, landlord, rent-collector or master of the house? Do you even find yourself secretly admiring their courage?

- DERRICK GREEVES in Methodist Recorder

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WHAT DO YOU DO when you are unemployed and need medical treatment?

In Argentina they pray.

USPG missionary, the Revd Anthony Gregory, wrote from Buenos Aires to tell of an urgent heart case. Thousands of dollars were needed for an operation. While the patient was undergoing tests his congregation prayed.

By the next Sunday the doctors had thrown away the files and the man was bicycling to church. — USPG News

HEALING THE BREACH

Martin Trembath left Cornwall in November to be bishop’s secretary in the Diocese of Kurunegala, Sri Lanka: a post arranged by USPG.

The diocese is in a key position to help mend Tamil-Sinhala relations in this strife-ridden island. Last New Year diocesan youth organised a sports festival including traditional competitions.

Men and women came from both communities, from rural and urban areas, as well as the estates. The happy mixture was a witness to Christian reconciliation. — USPG News

A VIDEO FROM INDIA

A NEW VIDEO about the Church of North India is now at USPG.

It shows a wide range of activities from the recently-liberated Nagpur rickshaw pullers to Christians worshipping in Jabalpur.

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WORKING OUT APARTHEID

Mr Matt Esau is leaving one apartheid divided country for another.

He was assistant to the outspoken bishop, the Right Revd James Kauluma in Namibia. He is now assistant to another opponent of apartheid, Archbishop Desmond Tutu in South Africa.

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