

Hello Dear Friends,

Another summer is coming to an end, and we are preparing for the autumnal season that begins in the Church with a celebration of creation then into the season of Harvest.

This made me take time to review the year past - what we might have been harvesting this time last year at St Peter's in Wrecchlesham and what ideas have landed on good soil and are indeed taking root. We are delighted that we have some fruit of our labour and prayer in terms of our young people's work and other various church and social activities...

I encouraged our church family to see that for us, harvest is all about revival – spiritual revival where hearts and minds come to realise that we are far from home and that we desperately need to return back to reap the harvest of peace and harmony that passes understanding when kindness and courtesy and fellowship of community life and fellowship with each other is lived out with trust and faith that we are in it together and can help each other along the changing seasons of life better - together.

Just as we have been reflecting on what seeds have come to harvest, I invite you to think about ways in which your own family and wider community/church groups might have encouraged a good harvest, and how you have been reaping the fruits of your labours – be it relational, social or other ways flourishing might have taken seed.

Jesus did his encouraging and nurturing of people through stories using everyday life examples to make his point - he met them where they were and he meets us where we are today – in church – in a community group or one kind or another – in caring for our planet – in socialising together and having fun – in experiencing the spirit of God's love through each and showed us that the principals of loving God and neighbour remain constant as the ultimate harvest of all – the harvesting of the fruit of love.

Food for thought indeed...

We continue to pray for the harvest of homecoming - because home is where the heart is – and the heart of it all is love. May the season of harvest bring you abundant fruit of hope, peace and love for you and those around you...

Blessings and Love, Rev Jacqueline