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FREEWILL OFFERING SCHEME

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CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER:

Sept. 1 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8 00 am Holy Communion - The Rev. Pat Ashe
- 10 00 am Children's Church
- 11 00 am Morning Prayer and Public Baptism
- The Rev D J Thompson
- 6 30 pm Evening Prayer - Mr G M Bolton
- 7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

Sept. 8 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8 00 am Holy Communion
- 11 00 am Holy Communion (ASB)
- 6 30 pm Evening Prayer
- 7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

Sept. 12 PCC meet at the Rectory

Sept. 15 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8 00 am Holy Communion
- 10 00 am Children's Church
- 11 00 am Morning Prayer
- 6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB)
- 7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

Sept. 22 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8 00 am Holy Communion
- 11 00 am Morning Prayer
- 6 30 pm Evening Prayer
- 7 45 pm Youth Fellowship

Sept. 25 8 15 pm Meeting for Bible Study and Prayer
at the Rectory.

Sept. 29 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 8 00 am Holy Communion
- 11 00 am Morning Prayer - The Rev John Andrews
London City Mission
- 6 30 pm Holy Communion (ASB)
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PERSONALIA

Our good wishes go this month to Sarah Mabley and Stephen Clarke who are to be married at Hambledon on Saturday 7 September. Our prayers go with them as they set up their new home together in Leamington Spa. Greetings and good wishes with many congratulations on their Ruby Wedding Anniversary in September to John and Barbara Major and to John and Rae Taylor who celebrated theirs on August 26th.

Ernie Jeffery is now out of hospital and is convalescing at the home of his son. We send to him our greetings and prayers for continued progress following his operation.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

The Harvest Supper this year is on Friday Oct. 4 at 7.00 for 7.30pm. in the Village Hall. Tickets are now on sale in the Village Shop; the price £1.80. Please bring your own place setting.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services are on Sunday Oct. 6 with a Family Service at 10.00 and a Youth Service at 6.30pm. Collections throughout the day will be donated to Tear Fund.

CHURCH MUSIC GROUP

Rehearsals for the Autumn programme start on Thursday 26 September at 8 pm in the Nursery School. All singers are warmly invited - especially sopranos! For further information please contact Chris Ridsdale Smith on Wormley 2472.

BIBLE STUDY AT THE RECTORY

The fortnightly Bible Study commences on Wednesday 25 September at 8 15 pm. There is also a meeting for prayer held at the Rectory each Saturday morning at 9 00am.

RIDING FOR RUANDA

The two young doctors, Jason and Patricia Clark, rode by tandem from Land's End to John O'Groats between July 6 and 24th covering 1070 miles. Through the generosity of thirty-three sponsors from Hambledon, over £140 has been raised for the Mission. They send their warmest thanks to everyone from Hambledon who has given money to the Ruanda Mission by sponsoring them, and will be letting us know soon the grand total raised by all their sponsors in other churches.

Sheila Bolton

VISIT TO THE HOLY LAND

Canon Jack Roundhill, Rector of Cranleigh, is organising a visit to the Holy Land for 3-12 March 1986. The provisional booking is through Inter-Church Travel and was offered initially to Readers of Guildford Diocese, of whom Canon Roundhill is warden, and their spouses. As many of us are not able to take up the invitation, the group has been widened to include any interested church people.

If this opportunity interests you, please contact me as soon as possible for further details. Although not able to go myself, I feel the pilgrimage will have great value for enabling one to see places related to the Christian faith.

Mac Bolton

SUNDAY TRADING : (One man's view)

Supporters of the proposed Sunday Trading Measure maintain that the existing laws are archaic and inconsistent, and that they prevent Britain making the economic recovery essential to her prosperity.

According to a recently published statement about church attendance, 11% of the population in Britain regularly attend a place of worship. The argument, therefore, is why should most people in the country suffer inconvenience for the sake of this small minority. (The minority would, of

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course, shrink further if Sunday trading became legal). But the figure of 11% compares favourably with the number of spectators at football matches on Saturday afternoons. Some of these spectators have recently gained undesirable publicity, but no government is going to suggest that people may not watch football provided they behave themselves, and no employer would risk losing employees who are enthusiastic supporters of their clubs by making work in his shop compulsory on Saturday afternoons.

In 1983 the Government tested Parliamentary opinion by allowing a private member's bill on Sunday Trading to have extra time in the House before a free vote was taken. The bill was heavily defeated, and so last May a proposal before the House was made a Government measure and a three-line whip was imposed on Conservative members. The motion was to note the Auld Report and to remove limitations on shop hours: it was carried, but sixty-six Conservatives defied the Whips and refused to vote for the proposal. As last May's motion was carried, we can be sure that a definitive Government bill on Sunday Trading will be debated by the House in the autumn.

The General Synod of the Church of England, on 10 July last, voted by 367 votes to 1 on a motion deploring the Government's moves to deregulate Sunday trading and called on all Christians to resist them. The Synod's opposition was not just an attempt to favour Christians and to keep up church numbers. Responsible people everywhere acknowledge that mankind needs one day's rest in seven, even if they do not recognise that a seventh rest day is the Creator's gift. Economic and social reasons support the idea.

It cannot be proved that more goods would be sold in seven days trading. The same amount of trade could take place over the longer period: people could extend their time of visits to shops. Would there be more shop assistants (so adding to the wage bill and the cost of the goods) or would there be longer hours for those who are in employment? There would certainly be more tiredness and irritation, and more labour for the suppliers, transport workers and the police.

Shopworkers would be forced by fear of dismissal and unemployment to work on Sundays against their will, for if one or two shops stayed open, competition would force the others to do so too.

Sunday, moreover, is not only a day for religious people. It provides for a social need, as the Shopworkers Trade Union recognises. The country needs to defend and foster family life, and Sunday is 'day off' for all the family. Those not on essential duty can meet around the table for a family meal. It seems morally right that this should be so, and Gladstone, the Liberal premier of last century, acted on the principle that what was morally wrong could not be politically right.

The question for us in St Peter's Hambledon, is to decide what we can do to support the General Synod's call to resist the Government's plans for the further secularisation of Sunday. Obviously, we must pray: we can also write to our MP to express our personal views: we can write to the press: we can instruct our members at the Deanery Synod to pass upward our desire that, when a bill is introduced into Parliament to authorise Sunday trading, there may be no Whip imposed on members and that the vote at the end of the debate be free. Is there any action which we can take (for instance, a petition to the PM in conjunction with other churches) as a body to influence Parliament in its next session?

D.G.C.S.

THE BIBLE SOCIETY : Their work amongst the people of Haiti

The people of Haiti have a tough life. It is certainly the poorest country in the Americas, and probably the poorest in the world. Opposition to ruling political attitudes is severely repressed and the people are handicapped by illiteracy, disease and lack of training.

Haiti was under French rule at the end of the 17th century when slaves from Africa were brought in. A form of pidgin language developed so that they could talk to each other. Out of that beginning has grown the present-day Haitian Creole which is the mother tongue of 95% of the people, and is a distinctive feature of Haitian life and culture.

The New Testament is already available for Haitian Christians. Further Bible translation has been going on for 10 years, and everyone is looking forward to final proofs being agreed.

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Then will come the great day - when the whole Bible is published.

The Bible Society need our help - both in prayer and finance, so that these extremely poor people can at last have a Bible, at a price they can afford. That may well be most of a week's income - but it won't pay the production costs. This is where we have the privilege of sharing God's Word with our fellow Christians in Haiti.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP : (ex-W.I.)

Refreshed after the August break Mary Parker asks "Are you observant?". "Do you know your village?" Come and find out at the home of Mrs Brenda MacLachlan, Hawthorn Cottage, on Wednesday September 11 at 2.45 pm. where a warm welcome awaits you.

Then on Wednesday October 9 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall - come and see Mr Fred Sheppard's sight and sound pictures and music. Do come and bring your husbands and friends for a most enjoyable evening.

On Saturday afternoon, November 9, we have our sale. Further details to follow but turn out your good jumble, white elephant, unwanted gifts, etc. Help us to help you find a bargain! You have plenty of time to have that promised turn out of sheds, lofts and cupboards!

Come and join the WAG's for pleasant informal afternoons.

Joan Hardy
