IN MEMORIAM The residents of Van Diemans contributed £14.61 in memory of Malcolm Belcher. Mr. & Mrs. Belcher wish to thank their neighbours and friends for their support in their bereavement.
THANKS We wish to thank all those who sent gifts for the Harvest Thanksgiving. These were taken to Longworth Hospital and a letter of thanks has been received. We also thank those who decorated the church so beautifully and also Mrs. Pusey and the choir for their part in the Services.
THE CHRISTMAS FAIR will be held in the school on 2nd December. We welcome any new ideas for raising money in addition to the traditional stalls which are always well stocked. If anyone has a new idea please contact us. In the meantime we ask all our parishioners to kindly bear the Fair in mind and begin laying aside suitable gifts.
BABYSITTING CIRCLE The next meeting will be at Yvonne's on Wednesday 1ST NOVEMBER. New members welcome - please contact Jenny Taylor - Tel: 716

CHRISTIAN BELIEVING IN PRACTICE

"Theology is an encounter with the living God, not an uncommitted academic exercise: This encounter cannot survive if its only locus is the lecture theatre or the library" (Kenneth Leech: Soul Friend) An eight week study course exploring how what we believe about God and His work affects the way we live within the Church (the Body of Christ) and the world. During the Spring and early Summer of this year we have been studying specific doctrines which the Church holds about God, Man, Atonement, The Person of Jesus Christ, and now we come to the areas where the theory and practice merge. However it is not essential to have studied during the early part of the year to make sense of the course which is about to start and we would encourage new members to make a start now. This coming term will lead very naturally into the courses which are planned for next year in "CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP", But more of this later ... The new term starts on Wednesday 4th October. The fee for the 8 weeks is £4. Married couples £6. and we have a few bursaries for any in acute financial situations.

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STANFORD-IN-THE-VALE WITH GOOSEY AND HATFORD

The Vicar The Rev. F. S. Ebbitt M.A., [B.D.?], R.D. 267
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Mr. M. L. Williams, 9 Hunters Field - 579
Hon. Secretary Mrs. J. Smith, Seydan Place, Bow - 473
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SERVICES AT STANFORD SUNDAYS

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (1662) - 2nd, 4th & 5th
10.00 a.m. Family Communion - 2nd Sunday Organisations
9.45 a.m. SENIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL - in the Chapel, Chapel Road - Mrs. Tapley.
9.50 a.m. UNDER FIVES SUNDAY SCHOOL - in the Day School (Mrs. Packer's Room) - Mrs. Packer
11.00 a.m. OVER FIVES SUNDAY SCHOOL - in Church - Mrs. Greenwood.
6.00 p.m. Evensong.
3.00 p.m. Holy Baptism - 1st Sunday.

2.30 p.m. Guild Service - 2nd Thursday
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion - 4th Thursday
8.00 p.m. Wives' Group - 2nd Wednesday

SERVICES AT GOOSEY

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - 1st Sunday
11.00 a.m. Family Service - 2nd Sunday

SERVICES AT HATFORD

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (1662) - 3rd Sunday.

HOLY BAPTISM "Wherein I was made a member.."

27TH AUGUST Anthony Michael Williams.
3RD SEPTEMBER Neil Leslie Roy Hudson.
10TH SEPTEMBER Michael Ross Eltham.

HOLY MATRIMONY "Those whom God have joined together.."

16TH SEPTEMBER Martin Wood and Janet Tapley
23RD SEPTEMBER Steven Keith Parsons and Fiona Miller.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life.."

24TH AUGUST Reginald Charles Mace to Oxford Crematorium.

[5TH?] SEPTEMBER Malcolm Edward Belcher to the Churchyard

EVENTS IN OCTOBER

4TH OCTOBER Vale Centre for Christian Study re-opens at 7.30 p.m. for 8 p.m. in the Community Centre Faringdon. "The Spirit of God" Dr. Dillestone.

8TH OCTOBER HARVEST SERVICES AT 11 A.M., HOLY COMMUNION, AND 6 P.M. IN GOOSEY

11TH OCTOBER Vale Centre. "Salvation" Dr. Dillestone

WIVES' GROUP at 8 p.m. in the Vicarage Mr. Southgate will show a film and talk about the Royal Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen. Collection. All welcome

18TH OCTOBER Vale Centre. "The Sacraments (1)" Rev. John Slater.

24TH OCTOBER DEANERY ANNUAL OPEN MEETING at 7.30 p.m. in the United Church, Faringdon: Bishop Butler will be leading the meeting and will speak on "Back to the Living God" In an introductory note he writes as follows:- "Once upon a time Christians were indicted for their pietism. They went to Church, they said their prayers they read their Bibles - all unconcerned with the secular world around them. Then prophets arose who reminded them that the secular world was God's world and as such was the sphere in which they should see that God's will be done. They set about Christianising the secular world; Christian action became the watchword of the day. But have we "gone over the edge"? Are we now secularising Christianity? Is the "Living God" a back number? Everyone is welcome to attend.

25TH OCTOBER Vale Centre. "The Sacraments(11)" Rev. John Slater.

MRS. PUSEY. Mrs. Pusey retired as organist on the last Sunday in September (Harvest Sunday). The Vicar, on behalf of the parishioners, presented her with a Brass Carriage Clock as a token of appreciation for the service she has rendered for many years. He spoke of her commitment and her devotion and thanked her for all her work for the choir and the Church. Mr. H. Jones presented her with a cheque from the Choir and also spoke in appreciation of Mrs. Pusey. Mrs. Pusey thanked the parishioners and the choir for the gifts.

GIFT DAY ON 5TH NOVEMBER

THE SILVER THREADS will be having a normal meeting on Friday 6th October as well as the HARVEST SUPPER on Friday 13th October at 7.30 p.m. If anyone in the Village has Dinner Plates which could either be loaned or given to the Club for the Supper we would be pleased; also we need helpers for setting out chairs and tables for all meetings, normally between 1 and 2 p.m. Please contact Mrs. Gladys Varney, Horsecroft, Mrs. Monica House or 'phone Wantage 3802. Mrs. M. Scott.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE The October meeting will be on 18th at 7.30 p.m. in the VILLAGE HALL. The Speaker will be from the British Sugar Bureau talking on Preserves and making wine. The competition is for a dried or pressed flower picture. Visitors and new members welcome. M. Monk.

MOTHER & CHILD GROUP Tuesday 3rd October at 8 p.m. The subject will be Starting School. Mrs. P. Stanaway the reception class teacher will answer questions. Mr. T. Rothwell, the Headmaster, will also be present to meet you and answer questions. Anyone interested is welcome at 22 Chapel Road.

THANKS. to Nigel Hutt, Robbie Roberts and Darren Rolls who raised £14 for the Organ Fund, and thanks also to Paul and Paula Hill (16 Upper Crayle) who held a mini garden Fete and raised £2.54 for Church Funds. Well done one and all. Vicar.

PAPER COLLECTION ON 14TH OCTOBER.