

THE SALVATION ARMY HADLEIGH TEMPLE

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT - 14TH.OCTOBER 2020

A WELCOME RETURN TO OUR WEEKLY SHARING OF SOME THOUGHTS TOGETHER. IT IS CLEAR NOW THAT RESTRICTIONS TO OUR PREVIOUS ROUTINES WILL CONTINUE FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE AT LEAST UNTIL CHRISTMAS.

SUMMER HAS NOW COME AND GONE, WITH AUTUMN NOW WITH US, THE TIME OF HARVEST IS HERE CELEBRATING THE SUCCESSFUL GATHERING OF THE YEARS' CROPS. THIS IS USUALLY A TIME OF SHARING LOCAL GROWN PRODUCE TO THOSE IN NEED, NEVER MORE RELEVANT THAN IN THESE CURRENT TIMES, AND SHARING A MEAL TOGETHER.

HARVEST IS CELEBRATED AROUND THE WORLD IN DIFFERENT FORMS BUT ALMOST ALWAYS A MEAL IS SHARED. IN A FEW WEEKS TIME WE WILL HEAR ABOUT THANKSGIVING IN U.S.A. A TRADITION DATING BACK TO THE FIRST HARVEST OF THE PILGRIM FATHERS WHO HAD STEPPED OUT IN FAITH ON THEIR EPIC JOURNEY TO THE NEW WORLD IN 1620.

ALSO STEPPING OUT IN FAITH IS THE FARMER WHO EVERY SPRING PREPARES HIS GROUND, PLANTS THE SEEDS AND NURTURES HIS FIELDS UNTIL HARVEST TIME IS DUE TRUSTING, HE WILL HAVE A REWARD FOR ALL HIS HARD WORK.

THIS IS WHERE WE FIND OURSELVES TODAY IN A NEW WORLD WITH MANY CONCERNS AND ANXIETIES DUE TO COVID,

WHAT DOES JESUS SAY TO US IN TROUBLING TIMES? IN LUKE CH.12 FROM V. 22

-DO NOT WORRY ABOUT YOUR LIFE, WHAT YOU WILL EAT, OR ABOUT YOUR BODY, WHAT YOU WILL WEAR. LIFE IS MORE THAN FOOD, AND THE BODY MORE THAN CLOTHES. MAY WE MOVE FORWARD IN FAITH FOLLOWING THIS GUIDANCE, REMEMBER GOD LOVES YOU.

THE WORDS OF SONG 14 IN OUR SONG BOOK,

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH,

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE SKIES,

FROM THE LOVE WHICH FROM OUR BIRTH

OVER AND AROUND US LIES,

FATHER, UNTO THEE WE RAISE

THIS OUR SACRIFICE OF PRAISE

PRAYER

HEAVENLY FATHER AT THIS TIME OF CELEBRATING YOUR HARVEST, IT IS ONLY HUMAN TO FEEL UNSURE AND UNCERTAIN AT THIS TIME, MAY WE BE REMINDED OF YOUR LOVE. WE BRING TO YOU THOSE IN GREAT NEED AND FIND IT DIFFICULT TO SEE THE WAY FORWARD MAY OR PRAYERS AND DAILY ACTIONS REPRESENT YOU IN ALL THAT WE UNDERTAKE. AMEN.

KEEP WELL, KEEP SAFE.

GOD BLESS

LOUISE.