

*1st October 2009*

*Dear friends,*

Oh dear, I am beginning to sound more and more like my mother!

I find myself saying things like, "Today's policemen look like school children" or "Time goes faster and faster as you get older". Summer has flown by, (or maybe I'm just that much older so it seems that way) I'm planting out winter flowering pansies and Christmas will soon be upon us! I love autumn . . . I love the cooler days, the mist in the air, the evenings drawing in. I also love the season of harvest thanksgiving. We have so much to thank God for, do we not? Certainly we thank him for providing for our everyday needs . . . food, shelter, clean water, clothes and so on. We thank him for our families, our friends and for the beauty of his creation, for the community in which we live. The list is endless and we would need a much bigger web site if I was to name all of it . . . and you would be very bored!!

Most of all, however, we thank him for coming to us in Jesus Christ, for saving us and for showing us a new way to live. We are part of a new community, a community without barriers or walls, a community called to live in the way of Jesus . . . the church. May we truly live the abundant life given to us as, together, we follow Jesus. May we love as he loves, may we proclaim the good news through all we are and all we do and may we perhaps also use words.

In Christian friendship,

*Sue*

