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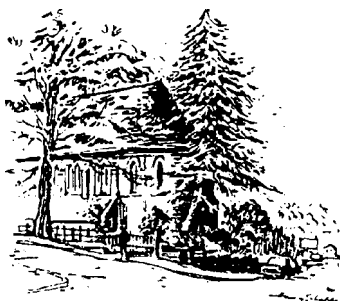
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## John Tabor writes about the FULL CYCLE OF THE EMOTIONAL SEASONS

What a glorious summer! Day after day of unbroken sunshine. Instead of the usual jokes about 'rain stopping play', many of us were confiding to each other that 'the heat does not really suit us'. The summer seemed as if it was never going to end, but inexorably the sun sank more quickly in the evenings, suddenly it was dark at 7.30 pm, the robin's song took on its autumnal whistle, and there was a welcome nip in the air. The year was swinging round, and not even the possibility of a late Indian summer would stop it.

The Bible is full of allusions to times and seasons, seedtime and harvest. Two thousand years ago men and women lived so much closer to the soil. Their very survival depended on the regularity of nature, and it was invariably threatened, if the seasons did not follow their regular pattern, and drought or storms damaged their crops.

We in the western world have inevitably lost the rhythm of the seasons. With central heating, air conditioning in the car, and warm light-weight clothing, it doesn't seem to matter if it's December or August.

The frozen peas will be in the supermarket all the time, the imported courgettes and the ever present tomatoes will be flown in from Spain, the Canaries and from many other exotic places, whatever the time of year.

Whilst such luxuries are becoming commonplace, many of us have memories of sprouts only really being ready after the first frost, of chrysanthemums providing brilliant colour in the autumn flowerbeds, and not masquerading as spring flowers in pots or floral displays, and of strawberries in June being a rare and unique treat.

With the seemingly continuous availability of the fruits of the earth we have lost a valuable living parable - everything has a time and there is a season for everything. It is not just in relation to food either that people notice the change. As a society we have become demanders of 'eternal summers'. The childless require children, the sick require complete cure, the old require prolonged youth, and we all require the complete

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insulation against the harsh realities of life which we imagine money can buy.

All these requirements may be good in themselves, but they are gifts, and not rights to be demanded and fulfilled, sometimes at the expense of others. When they cannot be bestowed upon us the reaction can be disturbing, for social unrest and personal despair often stem from our inability to accept the fact that we cannot live in an eternal summer of personal satisfaction and pleasure.

The older members of our society have very different memories of weathering storms of hardship and deprivation. It may well be that as a result their lives are richer and better integrated than those of succeeding generations. Nobody goes looking for the harsher experiences of life, but inevitably they await us all in the end. Working through, rather than skirting round such experiences and attempting to avoid them, is what shapes and moulds our characters, and, if we have faith, brings us nearer to God our Father. It is in the bad times, the times of emotional turmoil or physical 'buffeting', that we need and feel his presence. Paradoxically such times are opportunities for personal growth, rather than penalties or times of inevitable impoverishment.

Fear of the winter's coming will not only spoil the days of sun-timer, but it will also lead to a one-dimensional view of life. As human beings we need the full cycle of emotional seasons and varied experiences, it we

are to come to maturity and develop a true understanding of life and its ultimate purpose. If the seed does not fall into the earth, if the rains fail, and there is no warmth from the sun to germinate it, there will be no harvest.

As the author of Ecclesiastes wrote long ago:

*For everything there is a season, a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, ... a time to tear down, and a time to build up, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance.*

### **DON'T JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS!**

The appearance of an article by the Rector of Northchurch as the lead item in this month's *Review* does not mean that there has been an attempted take-over of the parish of Great Berkhamsted by our neighbours. It is rather an acknowledgement of the constant goodwill towards this parish and support for your magazine which John Tabor has given over many years.

Meanwhile our churchwardens, as reported last month, continue to press towards a firm outcome of the process of selecting a new rector for Berkhamsted. They remain hopeful that an announcement will not be unduly delayed.





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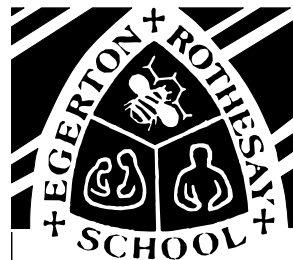
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6.00pm Evensong & Sermon

(except 1st Sunday see All Saints')

#### Weekdays

Holy Communion

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Thursday 11.00am

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Holy Days - see weekly Notices

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