

**NOVEMBER 2019 Newsletter****CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

Another year has passed and we find ourselves looking forward again to this annual event. This special occasion in our calendar has been planned for Saturday 30th November, from 11am - 2pm and we look for a good financial result to give the church Development Fund a good boost.

At the time of writing we anticipate some of the usual stalls comprising; a Christmas food hamper raffle, Christmas items, gifts and jewellery, homemade cakes and preserves, household goods, refreshments, tombola, toys etc This year we are introducing a special stall for a chocolate tombola.

For this venture to be successful we need your support by donating items for the stalls and bringing your friends and relatives to attend the event on the day.

Please advertise the Fayre by telling your friends and acquaintances and if you are able to display a poster at home or in a shop window, etc Please let me know.

Just a note to jog your memory about the collection of copper coins towards the Fayre total. Completed bags of coins amounting to £1 (1ps or 2ps) (not mixed) should be handed to Jean White as soon as possible, thank you.

John Jenkinson



Christmas Fayre

The morning after I received an email from Robert Silvera asking me to write something for the November Church Newsletter, the Operation Agri magazine dropped through my letter box. As usual, it is both instructive and inspiring. Farmers in Uganda are continuing to develop a programme started over fifteen years ago, to the benefit of many people. A woman partner in Sri Lanka describes how OA has enabled her to take part in refugee restoration and community development in the northern part of that country. OA and African Pastors' Fellowship provided swift relief and rehabilitation to the recent cyclone in Malawi, Nepali farmers have been shown how to develop goat farming and Women in Pakistan have been empowered to take up fresh employment and so provide for their families.

For 58 years, OA has been doing this work in the Name of Jesus and we are privileged to support it. I hope we all gave generously to the Harvest Appeal

Rev Fred Stainthorpe

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal. **Sunday 10th November** is the last day to drop off your shoebox at church from **Monday 11th November to Monday 18th November** you can drop them off at **The Entertainer (Walsall), Unit 7 St Matthews Quarter, Digbeth High Street, Walsall, West Midlands, WS1 1QR**

If you would like to participate in this worthy cause, please see Robert Silvera

The MEND-IT CHRISTMAS DAY FREE COMMUNITY MEAL WILL NOT BE TAKING PLACE THIS YEAR. WE WILL BE PLANNING TO HAVE THE EVENT NEXT YEAR.

**THANK YOU,
MEND-IT COMMITTEE**