**COUNTRY MATTERS FROM YOUR HEDGEROW CHAPLAIN**

**AUGUST**

Welcome to the last and busiest month of the Summer!

With the hopeful sunshine still radiating hot, we are all heading off to the beaches, swimming pools and holiday destinations to get ourselves as much fun and enjoyment out of the weather as we can.

With the equal delight of heading back to school next month, I am sure the children are concentrating and making sure they have a good time!

While we are all having a good time, let us spare a thought and a prayer for our amazing farmers.

This is (yet another) of their busy times of the year with the hard work they are putting in to bring home the harvest. At least we can celebrate with them in September at the Harvest Festivals in our Benefice Churches.

The Full Moon for August is on the 12th at 0235 and is called the Grain Moon. This is because the harvests are in full flow, with the crops being collected and stored for the winter.

I am not taking Pilgrim walks during July and August as part of my personal Hedgerow Chaplains refresh and review period. Many fellow Pilgrims have holidays and family visits through these months anyway, and I hope all concerned are enjoying them.

However, the next walk will be on Tuesday September 20th preceded by a NEW Saturday walk on the 10th September. This one is planned for those that cannot make a walk through the week, or even those who would like to take a second pilgrim walk!

I will put full details on the September Country Matters.

Please do call me on 01823 400232 or 07557 958013 for further details or if you have any questions.

I wish you all a continued Happy Holiday period and look forward to seeing you in September.

God Bless,

Steven Wort Hedgerow Chaplain