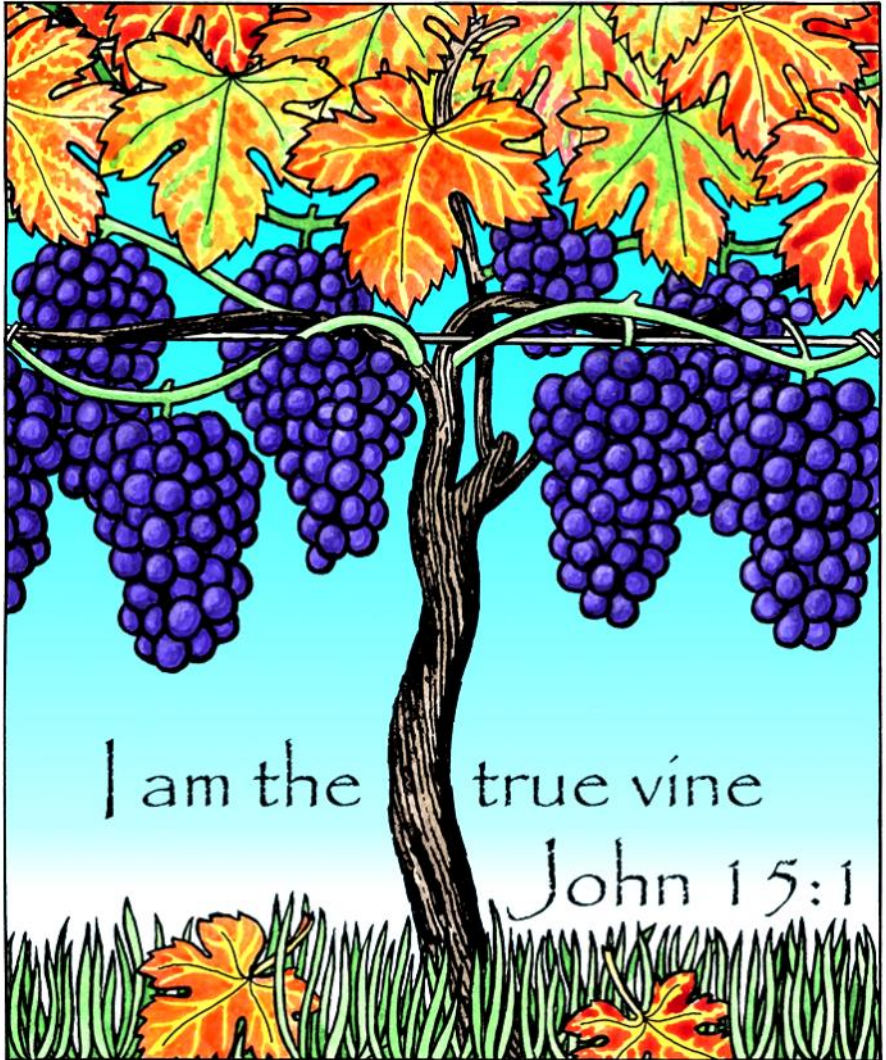


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The Parish Magazine for the parishes of
St Catherine and **Holy Trinity** Ventnor and **St Boniface** Bonchurch



September 2018

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Morning Prayer

Tuesday at 9.30am and Thursday at 9.15am at Holy Trinity
Wednesday at 9.30am at St Catherine's
Friday at 9.00am St Boniface Parish Church

Midweek Services

St Catherine's - Wednesday - 10.30am Holy Communion
Holy Trinity - Thursday - 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday Services

Please see inside Link for details of Sunday Services

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Dear friends

When I was on holiday in London with Sarah, visiting our son Jamie, the weather was so hot, we had to take refuge in the National Gallery where there was air conditioning and where the paintings always have a calming effect on me. I usually head for the Impressionists' room where there are a couple of paintings by the great Dutch artist Vincent van Gogh. This time I also picked up a book of his letters, mostly to his brother Theo. For most of us who know van Gogh from the last disturbed weeks of his life, during which he cut off an ear, it comes as a surprise to read these measured, rational reflections on life, faith (he was a preacher for a short while) and art.

In a letter from July 1882 (8 years before his tragic death aged 38 in 1890), as he was only just starting to take up painting seriously, he wrote this: 'Though I am often in the depths of misery, there is still a calmness, pure harmony and music inside me. I see paintings or drawings in the poorest cottages, in the dirtiest corners. And my mind is driven towards these things with an irresistible momentum.' I find these words very moving, making me reflect, as they do, on the artistic endeavour. An artist takes the raw materials of life, be it clay, paint, cloth, words, sounds and makes something thought-provoking, or something of beauty out of them. In August many people enjoyed such artistic offerings at the Ventnor Fringe which, once again, we were privileged to share in. For me, it's a highlight of the year.

Yet these words also say something to me about faith. As Christians we know that, whatever outward circumstances we may face, we can find 'calmness, pure harmony and music' inside us through our faith that God loves us and, in Jesus, laid down his life for us. Secondly, van Gogh speaks of 'seeing paintings in the dirtiest of corners'. During September we will hear extracts from the Letter of James in our Sunday services. In one of them James says: 'Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the Kingdom?....but you have dishonored the poor.' (James 2:5) In the eyes of God the dirtiest of corners and the poorest of the poor are the most precious. So let's resolve to look beyond the surface to see beauty and harmony within all life, even if we don't think ourselves artistic.

On another subject, September is a Harvest month, when we will collect apples and other fruit from our trees and rejoice in God's bounty. This year,

we will gather in Bonchurch Parish Church for a United Service on September 30th. Following a Ministry Team decision with agreement at PCCs, this service- along with all United Services- will begin at 11am. We have also resolved to work harder to get people along to United Services and more representative of our 3 churches in Ventnor and Bonchurch. Please do your very best to get to this service and make it more of a joint celebration as we sing:

All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above
So thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
For all his love



HARVEST THANKSGIVING

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Goodbye to Mary

On 5 July the Coffee Shop said 'goodbye' to one of its founder members. Mary Bell is standing down due to health reasons and has been serving tea and cake for the past nine years, as well as providing solace and friendship to customers.

We will be sorry to see her go as she is a very popular and dedicated member of our team.

On the day our Vicar, Hugh Wright, popped into the Coffee Shop to wish Mary well and to convey our thanks for her service and best wishes for her treatment.

We hope that when she is restored to good health she will come back and join us in The Coffee Shop.

Margaret Walker – Coffee Shop Co-ordinator



CHERUB BILLY LOVES TO SING.

Cherub Billy loves to sing among the Angels in the choir,
His voice is very pure, you see, the Angels all admire.
He sings the lovely hymns with great, unbounded love,
To touch the very rafters of the ceiling high above.

He loves to sing the psalms as well, those lovely words aspire,
to raise his voice in love and praise with backing of the choir.
Psalms can be quite hard to sing in perfect harmony,
with long runs of sentences set beautiful to see.

All music is so wonderful, especially songs of praise,
To show our love and thankfulness in many different ways.
Through Billy's love of music, he is able to inspire,
To appreciate all God's great gifts, singing in the choir.

Some people simply listen in awe of what they hear,
To hear those gifted singers, so pleasing to the ear.
God supplied his finest singers when Jesus was first born,
Those lovely Angel voices, on that happy Christmas morn

Yes, those Angels sang in unison to welcome Jesus birth,
Great gift to all was Jesus to all of us on earth.
He is our Lord and Saviour, our great one , so divine,
our almighty shepherd, our leader, yours and mine.

So let us sing God's praises with hymns and psalms today,
Every day a joyous reason, "God is love," I hear you say,
Let us sing in glorious unison and praise our Lord with love,
As the lovely Angels sang from the Heavenly realms above.

Ted Busbridge

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

Nearly 50 years ago, a young couple from London bought a semi-derelict cottage near the old railway station. It had been empty for almost a year; it was damp, and when you went in at the front door, you could feel the floorboards giving way under foot. They offered what they thought would be too little to be accepted, and were surprised when it was. Ingrams made the cottage safe and habitable. So Peter and Anna, with their two very young children and large dog spent Easter 1970 in Ventnor. Thereafter the cottage became our holiday home for school holidays and half terms, and a holiday base we shared with relatives, friends and their families.

A neighbour, Gwen Newnham, kept a tea garden with a little kiosk in front, and the children were allowed to cross the road to ring the bell and buy ice cream. With them, we discovered Steephill Cove and the Botanic Gardens, recently acquired by the Council. Further afield there were trips to Blackgang. As the children grew, we explored the Island further. They developed their own interests, and in time flew the nest. The cottage became the base at which Peter and Anna enjoyed long weekends, with long walks with their current dog, usually through the Landslip or over the southern downs.

In our early days, we worshipped at St Albans, which was very child friendly. We remember one Easter, when Fr Hewitt threw Easter eggs for the congregation to catch. Later we shifted to Trinity, and for many years enjoyed the fellowship and friendship of its people.

But good things come to an end, and in the past few years, illnesses and lack of mobility have drastically restricted our ability to get to Ventnor or to go walking. Late last year we decided to sell the cottage. We thought this would take time, and we could make orderly farewells, but things moved very quickly. Friends who knew the cottage asked to buy it, and the sale went through with unprecedented speed. At the same time, Peter was seriously ill, so we could not easily get here. He remains in very poor health, and very grateful for your prayers and messages of

support.

So, dear Ventnor friends, we say farewell via The Link. Ventnor, its Churches and their people will always have a special place in our hearts. May you long continue to enjoy the beauty of the island, and may God bless all you do.

With our love - Peter and Anna

27th Sept Vincent de Paul patron of all charitable societies

Very few people stand out as being incredibly good, but Vincent de Paul was one of them. His life touched thousands of people, who were helped and inspired by his love and kindness.

Vincent de Paul was born in 1581 to a Gascon peasant family at Ranquine. Educated by the Franciscans and then at Toulouse University, he was ordained a priest very young, at only 19. He became a court chaplain, and then tutor to the children of the Gondi family. In 1617 he was made parish priest of Chatillon-les-Dombes.

From here, Vincent de Paul ministered both to the rich and fashionable, and also to the poor and oppressed. He helped prisoners in the galleys, and even convicts at Bordeaux.

In 1625 Vincent de Paul founded a congregation of priests who renounced all church preferment and instead devoted themselves to the faithful in smaller towns and villages. In 1633 they were given the Paris priory church of Saint-Lazare, and that same year Vincent founded the Sisters of Charity, the first congregation of 'unenclosed' women, whose lives were entirely devoted to the poor and sick, and even providing some hospital care. Rich women helped by raising funds for various projects, which were an immense success.

Even in his lifetime, Vincent became a legend. Clergy and laity, rich and poor, outcasts and convicts all were warmed and enriched by his charisma and selfless devotion. Vincent was simply consumed by the love of God and of his neighbour. His good works seemed innumerable – ranging from helping war-victims in Lorraine, and sending missionaries to Poland, Ireland and Scotland, to advising

Anne of Austria at Court during the regency.

No wonder that after his death at nearly 80, the Pope named him as patron of all charitable societies. Even today, the Vincent de Paul Society is working with the poor and oppressed.

BONCHURCH EVENTS

Firstly, thank you so much for all your support for our St Boniface Day celebrations.

The choir sang so well at our Evensong on Sunday the 3rd, such a lovely service. There was a terrific turnout for the Coffee Morning which was a very happy occasion. This was followed by a procession to the Grotto for a traditional well blessing. The Grotto is supplied by water from the well on the Downs which is now inaccessible. We brought flowers to decorate it with. We were joined by members of the Dickens Society who were on a little trip to Bonchurch.

The day concluded with a tranquil service of Holy Communion led by Gregory Clifton – Smith.

CREAM TEA

On Saturday July 14th we had a homegrown wedding which is always so exciting. The young lady in question had attended Sunday School as a little girl and helped her younger brother collect hymn books at the end of the service. She made the most beautiful bride and we wish her and her new husband every happiness.

We knew that the flowers in the church were going to be amazing and we were not disappointed. On the strength of that we arranged a cream tea on the Sunday afternoon. The two windows in the south transept are badly in need of restoration and it will be an expensive job. The tea was an ideal opportunity to kick start our fund raising for the project. We were blessed with glorious weather and once again were able to transform our churchyard into an enchanting tea

garden.

We are indebted to Michael Mathews and Tim Newnham of The Dandelion Clock (thedandelionclock.org) who designed and did the floral arrangements for the wedding and were so generous with their time in helping with organising the cream tea. Our thanks go to Jennifer Stone for the photos.



Eileen Kay and I were thrilled to be able to do an arrangement each. It was such a treat to be able to work with such gorgeous flowers and I certainly felt that I had learned a lot from the experience.

Together with some very generous donations we raised a magnificent £713. St Boniface is very lucky to have such a dedicated and hardworking fundraising team and such a loyal following of supporters. Many thanks to you all.

Sally Fitzgerald

WARD HOUSE

On Friday July 9th Gill Chaloner and I were delighted to accept an invitation from Ward House to attend a Tea Party to celebrate Ladies' Day. Ladies' Day, you might say to yourself? Of course, when you remember that it is 100 years since women got the vote you get the whole point of it! It was a delightful occasion attended by most of the residents and their friends and relations. There were also present members of the Ward House extended family, relatives of past residents.

Another demonstration of the caring ethos of the nursing home. A delicious tea was served and there was a marvellous singer called Tash Hill, to provide entertainment. It was such a joy to see everyone residents and guests alike, showing their enjoyment and appreciation so obviously.



Bonchurch Parish Church

First Tuesday of the month

10am – noon

September at Carisbrooke Priory

Open Door Speakers for September 2018
– *Open Door Meeting every Thursday at 12 Noon*

6 th September	Rosie Deedes (Communion)
13 th September	Dennis Lloyd
20 th September	Rodney Bean
27 th September	Stella Hardiman

A light lunch will be served after the service

Activities @ The Priory

Poetry Past & Present with Anne Linington, Music and Melodies with June Cox resume this month – please check notice sheets, the website and/or our Facebook page for future dates.

Crochet Café runs throughout the year on Friday mornings from 11.00 a.m. until 1.00 p.m.

Quiet Day – “Give Thanks”

Monday 10th September 2018 – 9.30 – 2.45. Refreshments will be available – bring a packed lunch.

More information will appear on our notice sheets, website and Facebook page in due course.

**Prayer Ministry available by arrangement –
Please contact the Priory for an appointment**

Phone: 01983 523354

Email: opendoor@carisbrookepriory.org.uk

Website: www.carisbrookepriory.org.uk

The Rev Reuben Ezemadu of Nigeria recently spoke at the 2018 Lausanne Researcher's Conference. He urged the pastors to encourage their congregations not to be discouraged by how little any single one of them could do...

Start with what you have, and don't worry about what you don't have.

When Jesus fed the 5,000, He did not produce the food from thin air. Instead, He asked the disciples how many loaves of bread they *already had* (Mark 6:38). When they produced the five loaves and two fish, it seemed laughable. Everyone knew that wasn't enough. No one thought that what they had was, in the hands of God, more than sufficient.

Moses had the same problem. He was told to go to Pharaoh and ask him to release the Israelites out of Egypt. He asked a very natural question, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me?" God asked him, "What is that in your hand?" It was his staff which, to his utter amazement, became a snake in front of him. That staff in the hand of Moses became the staff of God. It parted the Red Sea, it made the waters close over again, when it was used to strike a rock out came water and when in time Aaron took it, it sprouted, budded, blossomed and produced almonds. In the hands of God, more than sufficient.

A desperate widow appealed to Elisha the prophet. Her two children were about to be taken as slaves to make good a debt. 'What do you have?' asked Elisha. 'Nothing, but a flask of oil,' she replied. 'Go and borrow jars and containers from all your neighbours, as many as you can,' he ordered, 'then fill them from your flask.' She went inside her house with her two sons and filled every jar. 'Then the oil stopped flowing' (2 Kings 4:6). 'Sell the oil, pay off your creditor, and live on the remainder,' said Elisha. In the hands of God, a flask of oil was more than sufficient.

What do *you have now*? A couple of spare hours a week? Some clothes that you no longer need? A willingness to visit someone who is lonely? An opportunity to help a neighbour or colleague? A talent for DIY? For sewing? For sharing your faith? What actually do you have? In the Bible, people who used what they had in the service of God found that, however seemingly insignificant, it was more than sufficient with God's blessing on it.

What is the key that opens the divine grace? Obedience. It was *obedience* in using what they already had that engendered the miracle. May it be so for you also.

With permission from the Parish Pump



RIDE and STRIDE 2018

This year's sponsored Ride and Stride in aid Hampshire & Isle of Wight historic churches is on **Saturday 8th September**, 10am to 6pm.

Please take part weather on foot, by bike, bus, horseback or even car and help raise funds towards the upkeep of the region's 900 historic and beautiful church buildings. Half the money you raise goes to the church of your choice. The other 50%, plus Gift Aid, will enable Hampshire & the Island Historic Trust (HIHCT) to allocate much-needed grants and loans to churches of all denominations.

Cycle, walk, run, ride, drive – or even use your bus pass – to visit participating churches; invite family, friends, and colleagues to sponsor you (or your dog!) Sponsor friends or family taking part. Be a 'meeter and greeter' in your church for part of the day or provide cakes and refreshments for the Riders and Striders.



Monday Evening 7.45pm

Contact Jenny Holder 852575



Tuesday Evening - 8.00pm

At Mick and Nava Young's St Andrews, Belgrave
Road. 852680



First Thursday of the month at 9am

St Catherine's Church. A warm welcome
to breakfast and a friendly chat.

For further information contact

Steve on 856953



Ventnor Townswomen's Guild

19th September - 2.15pm

BOB HYDE

“Sex Scandals In Sandown”

Resident's Lounge. Knights Court, High Street, Ventnor.

Social Studies Group

3rd September - 2.15pm

“Butterflies” - Rod Riddell

Held in the Resident's lounge at Byrnhill Grove, Park Avenue

For more information contact Mrs Barbara Joyner - 651577

£1 per meeting including refreshments

ST ALBANS THE MARTYR CHURCH

Sundays - September

9.30am SOLUMN SUNG MASS with Communion Motets

2nd - the 14th after Trinity

9th - the 15th after Trinity & Education Sunday

16th - the 16th after Trinity

23rd - the 17th after Trinity & Peace Sunday

30th - the 18th after Trinity (& St Michael & All Angels' transferred from 29th).

WEDNESDAYS - September

9.30am HOLY COMMUNION (said) Traditional Rite

5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

Saturday 8th September

St Alban's Church is OPEN for "RIDE & STRIDE"

For times please telephone the Deputy Warden,
Jacqueline Burden on 853784.

Sunday 9th September

St Alban's Church is OPEN for HERITAGE OPEN DAYS.....

following 9.30am MASS, until 3.30pm.

Churchwarden Alan Philpott (852555)

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Articles for the **October Magazine** should be handed in by

September 10th please. You can hand it in at the Hub or
email it to Joan Garlick at **ventnorcofe@hotmail.co.uk**

Hand written reports/articles are accepted if you

do not have access to a computer.

VENTNOR WEATHER

June.

Rainfall of 0.8mm was only 0.2% of the average of 41.0mm. This is the lowest on record (at least 43 years).

This was the hottest average June, mean temperature 16.7C, just beating last years maximum of 16.5C. The highest June maximum of 20.2C was also the highest on record. The average minimum of 13.3C was second only to last years of 13.6C. The hottest day was the 25th with 25.7C. 18 days had more than 20C. The coldest night was the 22nd with 9.7C.

July.

The average maximum temperature of 23.6C was the highest on record. The mean average 20.1C was the same as 2006. The average minimum of 16.6C also tied with 2006. The hottest day was the 1st with 27.9C. This was the hottest day (of any month) since 18th July 2006. 28 days had more than 20.0C. Coolest nights were the 5th, 11th and 17th all with 14.4C.

Rainfall of 19.5mm was 45% of the average of 43.37mm. No rain was recorded between 17th of June and 20th July.

*Thanks to Mike Wood for our
weather information for Ventnor.*



Don't forget to pick up your **free** copy of
the new look **@CofE Portsmouth.**

Issued quarterly.

Messy Church

September

See posters for date

3pm - 5pm

St Francis Academy

Upper Ventnor

"Come and share a meal with us"

Children must be accompanied by a
parent/guardian or carer.

Do please tell any families you know
about this **Free event.**

Trinity Folk



Trinity Church Hall

7.30pm - 10pm

21st September

19th October

Worship for SEPTEMBER

September 2nd, the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30a.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

10.45a.m. Morning Worship, St Catherine's Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

September 9th, the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30a.m. Morning Worship, Holy Trinity Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Catherine's Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

6.30p.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

September 16th, the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30a.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

10.45a.m. "Come and See", St Catherine's Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

September 23rd, the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30a.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Catherine's Church

10.45a.m. Morning Worship, St Boniface Church

September 30th 11.00a.m.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

**Joint Service of Holy Communion
at St Boniface Church.**

6.30p.m. Sung Evensong, Holy Trinity Church.

Bible Readings for SEPTEMBER

September 2nd ,the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

James 1:17-end

St Mark 7:1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

September 9th ,the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 35:4-7a

James 2:1-10, 14-17

St Mark 7:24-end

September 16th ,the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 50:4-9a

James 3:1-12

St Mark 8:27-end

September 23rd ,the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 11:18-20

James 3:13-4:3,7-8a

St Mark 9:30-37

September 30th HARVEST FESTIVAL READINGS

Joel 2:21-27

I Timothy 6:6-10

St Matthew 6:25-33

BEREAVEMENT GROUP....Can we help you?

We are aware that there are a number of people who have been bereaved and might like someone to talk to.

If this is YOU or someone you know, please contact any of the Bereavement Group from St Catherine's, Holy Trinity and St Boniface, by telephoning 01983 853729 or visit the Hub at St Catherine's any morning between 10.30 am and 12.30pm. If you'd rather leave a note, there's a box in the Coffee Shop. Anything you wish to discuss will be treated with absolute confidentiality.

**Is something worrying you?
Want someone to listen to you?**

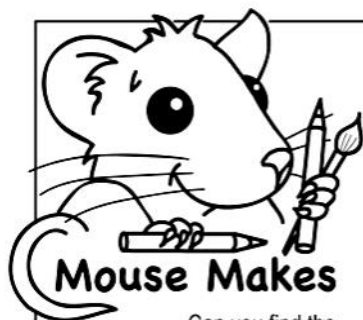
Come in on Mondays - 11am - 2pm.

at

The Living Room - 82-83 High Street, Newport
We have trained Acorn Christian Listeners you can talk to.

LISTEN IN TRAINING

We are running a one day Acorn Listen in course on 1st September at 10am to 4pm at the Priory at Cost £5 per person. However if you volunteer once or twice a month at the Living Room in Newport then it will be free. Please contact Nava for an application form on 852680 or navayoung@aol.com



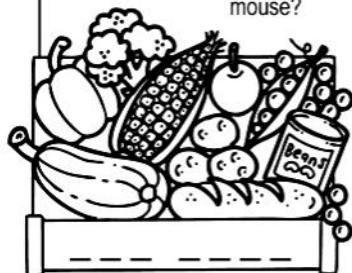
Can you find the mouse?

A HARVEST PUZZLE

Change each letter to the letter **before** it in the alphabet to see how QSPWFSCT 3:9 says we can give thanks to God.



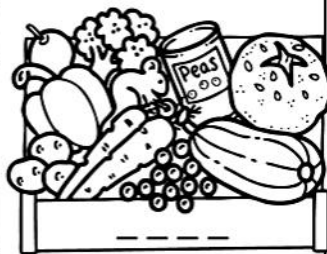
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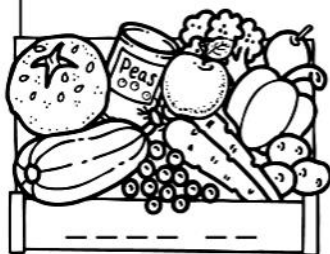
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ZPVS



IBSWFTU

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.I take it our local supermarket has a rather good
offer on tinned peas at the moment!