

- *Family service; Cora Johnston dedication; based on CPAS material from autumn 2004, issue 55*

Times and Seasons (1):

- Talk round as many **different bread varieties** as are present for the picnic
 - what are they called?
 - where are they from?
 - what do they taste like?
 - how much do you think this is worth?
- **Finish with the pre-prepared plain roll with the £10 inside!**
- There are some items that have more value than they at first might appear to have:
 - because of what they are associated with or remind us of
 - (sentimental value)
- Christian faith places very high value on things that might otherwise seem unimportant:
 - so a simple wooden cross represents the most **costly** action of all...
 - and we use simple bread at communion to remind us of Jesus' sacrifice...

Times and Seasons (2):

- *Drama - Ruth and Malcolm - beans!*

Times and Seasons (3):

- Wide range of choice we enjoy - cf drama!
 - no longer any seasons...
 - so is there a **right time** for harvest?

First Contrast

- Appropriate times for many activities - cf Eccl (**image**)
 - but never a time for holiness, for living for God... (**image**)
 - because it is **always** the time for putting God first

Second Contrast

- Planting vs. reaping (**image**)
 - need someone to sow and plant otherwise we won't eat...
 - Likewise need to plant seeds of gospel into others lives, otherwise can't expect a harvest

Third Contrast

- Rich vs. poor
 - though its a struggle in the current climate, most of us have enough to eat...
 - but must remember that what we have found (food, shelter, etc) we may lose, and what we have kept we may be called to give (**image**)
 - the one thing that no one can take away from us is the all-sufficient work of Jesus (**image**)
 - God has chosen to bless us, even the most unlikely! cf Matthew 5:1-10...