



**Parish of Bieldon**



**CELEBRATION OF  
HARVEST FESTIVAL**

**Sunday 1st October 2023**



Welcome to our service. This morning we celebrate God's goodness, we remember that everything we have comes from God including our food.

## **Welcome and notices**

### **Hymn**

**Thank you, Lord, for this new day,  
Thank you, Lord, for this new day,  
Thank you, Lord, for this new day,  
Right where we are.**

**Alleluia, praise the Lord,  
Alleluia, praise the Lord,  
Alleluia, praise the Lord,  
Right where we are.**

**Thank you, Lord, for food to eat....**

**Thank you, Lord, for clothes to wear....**

**Thank you, Lord, for all your gifts...**

### **We gather**

**All Lord, thank you for this opportunity to come together and worship you at this Harvest Celebration. We welcome your presence amongst us. Come and meet with us as we worship you, hear your word and pray together, for the glory of your name. Amen.**

### **Food Donations**

Some of you this morning will have very kindly brought food for our Food Bank and money to be given to Action Aid for their work in Morocco. Please now bring your food and money donations forward.

Loving God we thank you for everything you give us, we ask you to bless these gifts that we have brought.

**All Amen.**

### **How our seeds grow!**

## **We Say Sorry**

**All** Forgive us Lord where we have failed to be thankful for all of your blessings.

Forgive us Lord where we have put our hope in our wealth rather than in you.

Forgive us Lord where we haven't shared what you have given us with others.

Help us to become grateful and generous people as we put our hope in you. In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

**All** **Amen.**

**Reading—Acts 14:17**

### **Hymn**

**Cabbages and greens, broccoli and beans,  
Cauliflower and roasted potatoes, taste so good to me!  
Apricots and plums, ripened in the sun,  
Oranges and yellow bananas, good for everyone!**

*It's another Harvest festival,  
when we bring our fruit and vegetables,  
'cause we want to share the best of all  
The good things that we've been given.  
It's another opportunity,  
to be grateful for the food we eat,  
with a Samba celebration to  
say 'Thank You' to God the father.*

**Golden corn and wheat, oats and sugar beet,  
fluffy rice and tasty spaghetti, wonderful to eat!  
Coffee, cocoa, tea, growing naturally,  
Herbs and plants and all kinds of spices, very nice indeed!**

*It's another...*

Thank you for the harvest,  
Thank you for the goodness,  
For all the fruit and vegetables  
And the wonderful things that grow. (Repeat)

Cabbages and greens, broccoli and beans,  
Cauliflower and roasted potatoes, taste so good to me!  
Apricots and plums, ripened in the sun,  
Oranges and yellow bananas, good for everyone!

*It's another Harvest festival .....*

## **We need to grow with Jesus!**

### **The Welcome**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, N by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

**Choir anthem—**All things bright and beautiful by John Rutter

**Prayers—**everyone is invited to come forward and take one ear of wheat. We will use this during our prayers as we remember that we can share what God provides. In our sharing we are planting seeds of faith in those around us.

**All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Hymn**

**We plough the fields, and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered  
by God's almighty hand;  
he sends the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine,  
and soft refreshing rain.**

*All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above,  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord  
for all his love.*

**He only is the Maker  
of all things near and far;  
he paints the wayside flower,  
he lights the evening star;  
the winds and waves obey him,  
by him the birds are fed;  
much more to us, his children,  
he gives our daily bread.**

*All good gifts around us .....*

**We thank thee, then, O Father,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seed time and the harvest,  
our life, our health, and food;  
accept the gifts we offer,  
for all thy love imparts,  
and, what thou most desirest,  
our humble, thankful hearts.**

*All good gifts around us*

## **The Blessing and Dismissal**

Once more we have celebrated the harvest, brought our gifts, said our prayers and remembered our God.

**All May God's joy be in our hearts** (place hand on heart)  
**May God's peace be in our world** (sweep hand out in front)  
**May God's love be known between us** (hold hands)  
and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you, and with those whom you love and pray for, this day and always.

**All Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

# NOTICES

**REFRESHMENTS**— Everyone is very welcome to join us for our bring and share and lunch.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**—At St John's we need people to help in our Sunday School. If you feel able to lead a session (only once a month) or be a helper please speak to Canon Sandra. Teaching our children is vital work so please do consider if you can help in this work. Resources are available each week so you don't have to think up ideas!

**HARVEST APPEAL**— This year's Harvest Appeal (which will last the whole of October, finishing at the Joint Service on the 29th October) will be for Action Aid, specifically their work in Morocco. ActionAid is an international charity that works with women and girls living in poverty and has been present in Morocco for more than 20 years, working in collaboration with local partner organisations. Their local partner organisations are working to assess the earthquake's impact and the best way to respond, including conducting a needs assessment in Al Houz region, just south of Marrakech. In the immediate aftermath of this disaster, the priority will be to provide emergency support in the way of shelter, clothing and food to those who have lost their homes and are out on the streets. ActionAid is calling for our support to the affected regions. If you would like to give via BACS please use 'Harvest' as your reference. Text **BAILDONHARVEST** followed by your donation amount to **70085** to give that amount. Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message.

**ALL SOULS SERVICE**—We will holding our annual All Souls Service this year on Sunday 29th October at 4.30pm at St John's Church. At the back of church there is a sheet to put the names of loved ones (in Capital Letters) you wish to be remembered at that service, do come and use this service to remember them. If transport is a problem, please speak to a member of the clergy.

**SCAM EMAILS**—over the past few weeks I have been aware that a number of people connected to church have had their emails hacked. The hackers have sent out emails, claiming to be from that person and with the correct email address, asking for money or vouchers to be sent to them for themselves or a relative. If you receive an email which you weren't expecting please phone the person concerned and ask whether this is right. I have recently one myself and even sent a new email to

them and it went straight to the hackers. The only way of checking is to phone. If you don't have the person's number please do contact Rev Ruth or Canon Sandra and we will contact them ourselves. Please be very careful—hackers are very clever!

**ANDREW CRAWFORD**—There is a Memorial Service for Andrew which been arranged for Sunday 8th October at 4pm at Halifax Minister.

**WEDNESDAY COFFEE** - Every Wednesday we offer coffee at St James's from 10am to 12 noon. Everyone is welcome.

**WEDNESDAY MIDDAY COMMUNION**—The next midday communion at St James' will be on Wednesday 4th October.

**DEANERY SYNOD**— The next Deanery Synod meeting is on Monday 16th October at 7.30pm at St Michael's, Cottingley. We will be thinking about issues around Dementia and Alzheimer's. Admiral Nurses will be helping us with this, they specialise in this field. The evening is open to everyone, we all have people in our families and congregations struggling with these illnesses and I am sure the evening will be informative.

**JULIAN MEETING** - The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2.00 - 3.45pm at St James' Church. These meetings foster the teaching and practice of contemplative prayer in the Christian tradition. Prayer can be incorporated into our everyday lives and we explore encouraging ways of doing this. Everyone is welcome.

**ALTERNATIVE BOOK CLUB** - Next meeting will be Tuesday 7 November at 7.30pm in St James' Lounge to look at Chapter 2 of the book 'God isn't finished with you yet' by Catherine Campbell. Everyone is welcome. If you plan to attend for the first time you will need a copy of the book. Do get in touch with Revd Ruth for more information.

**FIFTH SUNDAY 29th OCTOBER**—As is our usual practice for the fifth Sunday of the month, we will be holding a joint Parish Communion Service at St John's at 10am. During this service we will commissioning Carolyn Gomersal as our Parish Nurse and Dawn Stevens, Regional Nurse Coordinator from Parish Nursing Ministries UK will be speaking to us. Do come and support Carolyn as she formally takes on her new role.

**FUNERAL OF JANINE BIRCH** – We were so sad to hear of the death of Janine Birch. We can now confirm that Janine's funeral will take place at St John's Church on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at **2.45pm** (please note change of time) everyone is welcome to attend.

