



Parish of BILDON



**CELEBRATION OF
HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Sunday 6th October 2024



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

**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

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.

Let's find some potatoes!

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.

Messy Church children will sing If I were a butterfly

Food and money donations

Some of you this morning will have very kindly brought food and money for our Food Bank. Please bring them forward now.

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

All Amen.

Reading - Matthew 13:1-9

Has anyone grown potatoes?

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!
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Oranges and yellow bananas, good for everyone!**

It's another Harvest festival

The Offering of Symbolic Gifts

The offering of the soil

R We bring the soil of our fields,
symbol of all that God has created.

The earth is the Lord's

All And all that is in it.

The offering of the fruits of the earth

R We bring the harvest of our fields and of our gardens,
symbols of our work in partnership with God.

Yet we know we shall not live by bread alone,

**All but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.**

The offering of seeds

R We bring the seeds for next year's planting,
symbol of God's promise to provide our daily bread.

They sow fields and plant vineyards
which give them fruitful harvest.

All He blesses them and they multiply greatly.

The offering of water

R We bring water, symbol of our dependence on God for life,
symbol of the new life he gives in baptism.

God will sprinkle clear water over you.

All We shall be cleansed from all that defiles us.

The offering of bread and wine

R We bring bread and wine,
symbol of our use of God's gifts, symbol of his spiritual food,
the sacrament of his body and blood.
Everything in heaven and earth is yours,

All **All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

Heavenly Father, with our thanksgiving, we ask pardon for our failure always to be good stewards of your gifts.
Accept this loaf of bread and this wine as a sign of our gratitude,
and of our desire to dedicate our work
and our lives to your praise and glory.

All **Amen.**

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 - A small part of the world by Sally K. Albrecht and Jay Althouse

Prayers we are going to think now about being thankful. The children are invited to go to tables in church and write or draw on their potato shape anything that they are thankful for this morning. And adults in the service sheet you will see a potato outline, you might like to think, or chat with your neighbour, about how our lives produce an abundant harvest for God, as we follow the example of Jesus.

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 - there is a retiring collection for the work of this Parish and the contactless giving machine is available at the back of Church this morning.

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed;
 *Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
 how great thou art, how great thou art!
 Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
 how great thou art, how great thou art!***

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;
 *Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee.....***

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die—scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin;
 *Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,....***

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home—what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!**

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

The Blessing and Dismissal

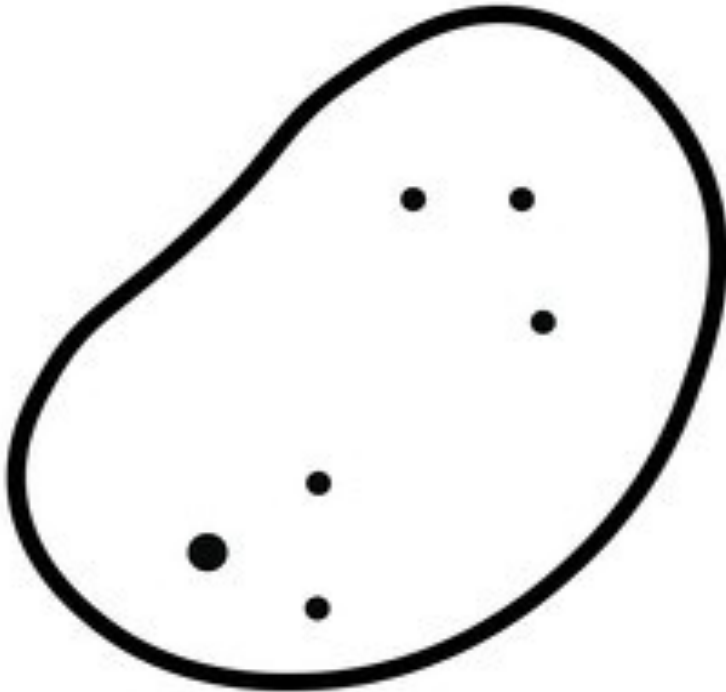
Once more we have celebrated the harvest, brought our gifts, said our prayers and remembered our God.

May God the Father, who made us to enjoy creation,
God the Son, who called us and asked us to answer,
and God the Spirit, who fills us with joyfulness, bless us all this day
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.

ALL SOULS SERVICE - our annual All Souls Service this year will be held at St John's Church on Sunday 27th October at 4.30pm. In the next few weeks a list of names to be remembered during this service will be at the back of each church. If you wish loved ones to be remembered it would be lovely to see you at the service.

GIVING - at our joint service last week we looked at our giving across the parish and our giving currently doesn't meet our expenditure - we are £57,000 in deficit. With this service sheet there is a sheet to show this in more detail. Clearly this is not sustainable and we really need help in making our budget balance. As Christians the Church of England suggests that we consider giving a monthly donation of 5% of our net income. Obviously the amount you give is up to you and this is a guide. If you are able to make a monthly gift it would be great if you were able to do this using the Parish Giving Scheme (leaflets are available at the back of church). If you need any help or want to talk this through please speak to myself or Sara Daniel after this service.

FAMILY SERVICE IN NOVEMBER - our next Family Service will be Sunday 3rd November at 10am at St John's Church. This will be a Family Communion Service.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - is Sunday 10th November. This year at St John's will be holding a service at **10.30am** which will be our Civic Act of Remembrance. During this service we will join with the country in pausing at 11am to remember those who have given their lives, or who have been injured, in wars past and present. Everyone is very welcome to join us for this service.

MESSY CHURCH - our next Messy Church session is Sunday 20th October. We meet at 4pm in St John's Church Hall, all families welcome.

PRAYER MEMORIAL TREES – are offered again this year outside each Church, for everyone to use to remember loved ones. You are invited to maybe write a prayer for your loved one/s, or to write their name on a tag and attach these to the trees, or maybe lay some flowers or tie a ribbon onto the tree. From Monday 14th October there will be resources at the base of each tree for you to do this. All the names will be read out during the All Souls Service. Look out for Canon Sandra's short video which will go live on Facebook inviting the community to get involved.

CRAFT THROUGH WORSHIP - resources on the themes of 'A time for war and a time for peace' will be sent out by email and the craft box will be available outside St James' Church from Sunday 13th October. We will then be gathering at St James' Church on Sunday 20th October at 6pm for a time to be together and craft, sharing in conversation. NB This is a week earlier than usual this month. If you have not been to Craft through Worship but enjoy crafting or making things and would like to find out more about why we are interested in connecting crafting with our spiritual journey, then do come along. Everyone is welcome. Please email Ruth on ruthjyeoman@hotmail.com if you would like to know more and receive resources.

JULIAN MEETING – the next meeting of the Julian Group will be on Wednesday 16th October in the Lounge at St James' Church at 2.00pm. 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.

EXPLORE PRAYER CARDS - At the back of each Church you will find some Explore Cards. You are very welcome to have a look and take 7 them if you would like one or you know of someone who might find them helpful. They offer some thought-provoking images, simple but profound words to help anyone to express their feelings and needs - and find comfort, strength, and hope. We are very fortunate to be able to offer these free.

CHOIR CONCERT - Our choir concert held on 14th September raised £746.92. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our choir and a very enjoyable evening was had by all.

Services in the Parish next week - 13th October 2024

10.00am Holy Communion at St John's

10.30am Service of the Word at St James's

Vicar: Revd Canon Sandra Benham: **01274 589005** sandrabenham@btinternet.com

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Director of Music (Helen Austwick): 07761 260155

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