



**CELEBRATION OF
HARVEST FESTIVAL
Sunday 5th October 2025**

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

God is love

All All the time

All the time

All God is love

H A R V E S T

We say sorry

Lord God, we are selfish, we are greedy, we are wasteful of all that you have given us. Sometimes we forget to say thank you,

Lord have mercy

All Lord have mercy

Sometimes we ignore the needs of others,

Christ have mercy

All Christ have mercy

Sometimes we just can't be bothered to live your way.

Lord have mercy

All Lord have mercy

But we are sorry and ask that you forgive us.

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.

Food and money donations

Some of you this morning will have very kindly brought food for our Food Bank and donations for the DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal. 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.

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

Old Korean proverb 'If you plant a bean, then you will harvest only beans, not grapes or strawberries'. God gave us new life through Jesus Christ and planted special seeds of forgiveness and love in our hearts. What fruit will we bear in our daily lives?

Let's find the Fruits of the Spirit!

Reading 'This hope does not disappoint us, for God has poured out his love into our hearts by means of the Holy Spirit, who is God's gift to us' Romans 5:5

Let's give thanks with our hearts!

Choir anthem The Harvest of our Hearts by Don Schlosser

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.

Let's make a heart and think about who we have a heart for! Children are invited to go to the tables around the church and decorate a wooden heart. Adults might like to think about and write on the heart in the order what or who gives you thankful hearts, think about who's heart you can make thankful and how, or who do you have a heart for? Any people or places?

Prayers and blessing of hearts

As you leave church you are very welcome to take a heart for yourself and one to give away. These have been lovingly prepared by lots of people across the parish. As we have been thinking about how we should always have thankful hearts, so we want to share that love with others. On the label it says 'Jesus has a heart for you' and is a way of letting everyone know that Jesus loves them. We are going to put them in village shops so look out for them and give them away.

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 or use the QR code on this order or the contactless giving machine is available at the back of Church.

**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!*

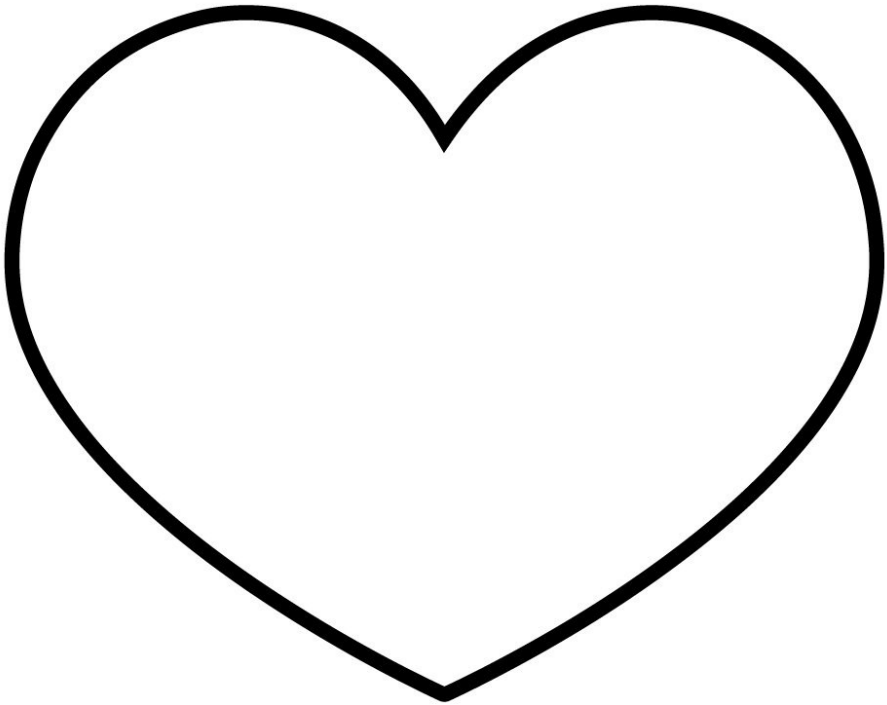
The Blessing and Dismissal

God of all goodness, we lift our hearts to you this harvest time. May we always remember that all we have comes from your generous hands. Inspire us to have generous hearts that share, respectful hearts that care for your world, and hearts that find hope and peace in you, always 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.



What or who gives you thankful hearts, think about who's heart you can make thankful and how, or who do you have a heart for? Any people or places?

NOTICES

Services in the Parish next week - 12th October 2025

10.00am Holy Communion at St John's

10.30am Service of the Word at St James's

REFRESHMENTS everyone is very welcome to join us for our bring and share and lunch.

HEARTS & MINDS WORKSHOPS will start weekly from Wednesday 8th October 12.30pm-2.30pm. No need to book, just come along and meet local artist Emma Bairstow, a member of the Bradford City of Culture team, who will be offering seven weeks of FREE creative workshops, open to all abilities. Activities include - painting to music, watercolour landscapes, printmaking etc, exploring connections with mind and nature. Sandwich lunch from 12.30pm-1.00pm, workshops from 1.00pm-2.30pm. See poster for more details in churches.

SOCIAL SATURDAYS starting monthly (the second Saturday in the month) 11th October 10.00am-12 noon. Lets get together to have fun and companionship in the lovely surroundings of St James's Hub. Each month will be a different topic, activity, guest speaker..... anything we want it to be! Of course there will be tea, coffee and cake but most of all there will be smiles! I'll start off the first one with a talk about my (former life) in the Lord Mayor's Office at City Hall, Bradford and the Royal Maundy Money. No need to book, just come along. Loraine.

FAIRTRADE fortnight this year is from 22nd September to 5th October. Fairtrade means fairer conditions, fairer treatment and fairer futures for growers and producers and also training in more sustainable agriculture and in crops which can thrive in our changing climate. There will be a fair trade display in Baildon library window and in the Co-op. We would also encourage you to buy at least one extra Fairtrade item (tea, coffee, sugar, bananas, chocolate, wine or anything else you can find) during Fairtrade fortnight.

HARVEST DONATIONS Our charity of the month for October will be the DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal. Conflict in the Middle East has devastated lives. Millions of people in Gaza, Lebanon, the West Bank and Syria urgently need shelter, food and basic supplies.

Famine has been confirmed in Gaza and every day is a struggle to find food, clean water and basic supplies. People are dying from starvation and malnutrition. Safe and sustained access for humanitarian aid has never been more urgent.

In Lebanon, the ceasefire agreement at the end of last year meant some of the people displaced by conflict could return to their communities and start to rebuild their lives. Months on, many still have no home to return to and are cut off from basic services.

DEC charities and their local partners are working tirelessly to support people in unimaginably difficult conditions. Each day brings new and unexpected challenges, and they are constantly adapting their work to deliver whatever aid they can.

There will be an opportunity to give a donation at the Harvest Festival at St John's or via BACS using the reference MIDDLE EAST

COFFEE ROTA It is great to be able to offer refreshments after every service at St John's when we continue to meet and share fellowship. However the number of people on the coffee rota is getting smaller, we really need others to take on this very small task. You need to prepare cups and water etc before the service, serve from the hatch and wash up. You don't need to handle the tables and chairs in the hall. Please do think about whether you can become part of this team.

SAVE THE DATE Tuesday 14th October at St James's Hub. As autumn and winter approach our local PCSO and her colleague will come to talk to us about Dark Nights Crime Prevention and personal safety, giving us lots of useful information and advice. The event will start at 1200 with a hot soup and bread lunch and will be followed at around 1230 with the talk. No need to book, just come along. Call Loraine on 07301 060954 if you need any further information.

ALL SOULS SERVICE our annual All Souls Service this year will be held at St John's Church on Sunday 26th October at 4.30pm. If you would like a loved one remembered at this service, please put their name on the sheets at the back of church. During the service, there will be an opportunity to light a candle in their memory, and names will be read. To help keep the service personal and meaningful for those present, we kindly ask that names are added only if you plan to attend.

PRAYER FOR HEALING On Sunday 19th October at St John's we will be celebrating St Luke's Day. As Luke was a physician during the service we will be offering prayer for healing in St George's Chapel.

THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD is a retelling of the gospel by Bear Grylls. He uses Jesus' own words taken directly from the Bible, inviting us into the drama of Jesus' life with gripping storytelling and raw honesty. This book is the 'Big Church Read' (BCR) for October. See more about this through the link <https://thebigchurchread.co.uk/the-greatest-story-ever-told/> Our parish ABC book group have decided to read this book. Our first session will be on Monday 20 October at 2.15pm at St James' Church. You are welcome to join us once a month or to follow the BCR yourself which launches on 15 October offering a video and questions once a week for 5 weeks.. Thanks Revd Ruth

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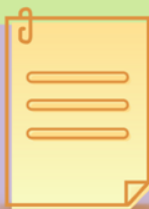
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BY
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Between Monday and Friday, 9am - 5pm, you can give to your local parish by calling the PGS team on:

0333 002 1271

**OR PAY
BY BACS:**

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