



# **CELEBRATION OF HARVEST FESTIVAL**

**Sunday 4th October 2026**



## **Welcome and notices**

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

## **Hymn**

*All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
he made their glowing colours,  
he made their tiny wings.

*All things bright and beautiful ....*

The purple-headed mountains,  
the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning  
that brightens up the sky.

*All things bright and beautiful ....*

The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
he made them every one.

*All things bright and beautiful ....*

He gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God almighty,  
who has made all things well.

*All things bright and beautiful ....*

## **We gather**

God is love

**All** All the time

All the time

**All** God is love

## **Saying sorry**

God, you give us a beautiful world full of colour and life, but we confess we often complain about the weather or ignore the beauty around us.

**All Forgive us, Lord, and make us truly thankful.**

You give us daily bread, full cupboards, and clean water, but we confess we waste what we have, eat without thinking, and forget to say thank you.

**All Forgive us, Lord, and make us truly thankful.**

You give us people who love us, a community to belong to, and resources to share, but we confess we can be selfish, grumpy, and quick to argue.

**All Forgive us, Lord, and make us truly thankful.**

Change our hearts today, Lord. Turn our grumbling into gratitude and our selfishness into sharing.

**All Amen.**

May the loving God, who paints the flowers and feeds the birds, forgive you for your mistakes. May he fill your hearts with joy, make you strong to do what is right, and help you grow in love.

**All Amen.**

## **Food and money donations**

Some of you this morning will have very kindly brought food for our Food Bank at St Hugh's and donations for the Soil Association. 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.**

**Messy Church children will sing** The wise man built his house upon the rock

**I wonder what you had for breakfast?**

**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 .....*

**Reading** | Corinthians 3:6-9

**'It was God who made the plant grow'**

**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** The Fruits of the Land by David Ogden

**Activity** The children are invited now to go to a table in church and on a paper plate, decorate with stickers, colour or make a plate of their favourite food or the foods that they want to be thankful for. Those who remain in their seats might like to take the word HARVEST and see how many words, relating to harvest, you can make from the letters.

**Prayers** some of our young people are going to pray this morning. To the words 'Lord of the harvest' would you please respond '**Hear our prayer**'.

**All     Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is 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 .....*

### **Closing Prayer**

For the soil and the seed, the sunshine and the rain,

**All We thank you, Lord.**

For the farmers who plough and plant, care for the land, and bring  
in the harvest,

**All We thank you, Lord.**

For the drivers, the bakers, the shopkeepers, and all who prepare  
our daily meals,

**All We thank you, Lord.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the  
Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you, and with those  
whom you love and pray for, this day and always.

Go in love, live with thanks, and share the harvest with everyone!

**All Amen.**

### **NOTICES**

**REFRESHMENTS** After this service do join us in the Hall for our  
Bring and Share lunch. It doesn't matter if you haven't managed to  
bring any food, there is enough food for everyone. Come and enjoy!

**IF MY PEOPLE PRAY ...'** We gather weekly at 12 noon in the  
Cranmer Room for a time for prayer. Everyone is very welcome to join  
us for about 20 minutes to ask God for a fresh outpouring of his Holy  
Spirit upon us as we seek to share the good news of God's love with  
those around us. We do recognise that sometimes it is not possible for  
people to join together for prayer. In these circumstances we would like  
to encourage you to join us prayer by stopping to pray every Tuesday  
around 12 noon.

**MIDDAY COMMUNION** at St James' Church will be on Wednesday 7th October. We welcome Revd Professor Ken Medhurst and the Revd June Medhurst who will share in this service as they look to the completion of their formal ordained ministry at the end of the year. Everyone is welcome to this service. In November there will be an opportunity to come together for a thanksgiving for ministry at St John's.

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT** this year runs from 21 September to 4 October, during which there is a display in the window of Baildon Library explaining the benefits of Fairtrade, with the focus on fair pay for farmers and workers. Please consider buying an extra Fairtrade product or two: there are several varieties of tea, coffee and wine, plus sugar, biscuits, chocolate, bananas, tomatoes, flowers and much more on offer in Baildon Co-op. And other supermarkets are selling more and more FT products. Just look out for the Fairtrade logo.

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING** Ruth and Alison will be offering safeguarding basic awareness training in St James's lounge on Wednesday 7th October and Tuesday 13th October at 7.30pm, refreshments from 7.15, we will finish promptly at 9pm. You only need to attend one session. This training is helpful to anyone involved in parish life; lay eucharistic ministers, those who support the work in the care homes as well as sides people and those working with children. This isn't arduous or onerous but is certificated, it involves lots of group discussion and is really useful for anyone who feels it might help their ministry in our churches. Please contact either of us for information or to book a place.

**JULIAN MEETING** The next meeting will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October in the Lounge at St James' Church at 2.00pm.

**A HOST OF ANGELS** Thank you to everyone who has been knitting and crocheting angels. Now we would like to gather these angels in and create a host ready to go out and be discovered across the Parish. Please would you let Revd Ruth have your angels by Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you.

**ADVENT CONVERSATIONS** will provide an opportunity for us to come together, taking some time aside from the pace of life as we enter Advent, to pause, reflect and act together. We are going to be using a book by Bishop Eleanor Sanderson, *Walking with Angels*. The book is an

invitation to spend the Advent season living with greater consciousness of the interactions between heaven and earth. We will be meeting on Tuesdays 17 & 24 November and 1 & 8 December in the Cranmer Room at St John's 10.15am for refreshments, followed by time to reflect until 11.45am. Afterwards there will be an opportunity to do some prayer walking in the parish. If you would like to order a book at a cost of £10, please let Ruth know.

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**Services in the Parish next Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

**10.00am** Holy Communion at St John's

**10.30am** Service of the Word at St James's



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