

We sing together

133: "Come, Ye thankful people, come –
raise the song of harvest home"

**We read from the Bible, where Jesus
reminds us that we need food for our**

souls as well as for our bodies

John 6:10-11, 25-29, 35

**We reflect on how we should respond
gratefully to God's generosity.**

**We recognize God's hand in all creation
and especially in our harvests, and we
give thanks as we sing together**

719: "We plough the fields and scatter"

**We ask God to forgive us for not always
caring for his world and for others
as we ought**

Harvest Thanksgiving calls us to look
around the wonderful world of creation
and give thanks to God for it all. However,
in so doing, we may also see where we
have failed to do our best, either for our
world or for those who share it with us.

So, let us bring to God the things we
regret in the ways we sometimes treat
other people, or the ways in which we
waste the resources of his beautiful world.

Heavenly Father, you give us an abundant
and wonderful world to live in;
forgive us for the times we take your
generosity for granted.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus Christ, you came to show us
how we should treat others;

forgive us for the times
we put our own interests first,
or refuse to share with those in need.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit of God, you can help us to
become the best we could be;
remind us to ask for your help
when we need to do better.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We are forgiven

So may our Lord Jesus Christ,
who promises to forgive all who truly
repent and believe in him,
by his great mercy forgive all our offences;
in the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

We say a special harvest prayer

Eternal God, you crown the year
with your goodness, and you give us
the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our
own well-being; through Jesus Christ your
Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns
with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**We think about how we could care for the
world and its people, going forward,
as we sing together**

185: "For the fruits of his creation"

**As part of that commitment,
we pray for ourselves, for our community,
and for God's world**

We join in the Church's Family Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses as we
forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and
the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**We bring our gifts, as symbols of our
gratitude, and our commitment to care for
God's world and those who share it with
us, as we sing together**

558: "Praise and thanksgiving"

We ask God to bless our gifts

Lord, make holy the gifts we offer with
gratitude from the produce of the earth
and the work of our hands. As you have
made our land bear a rich harvest, make
our hearts fruitful with your life and love.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

We sing a blessing to each other

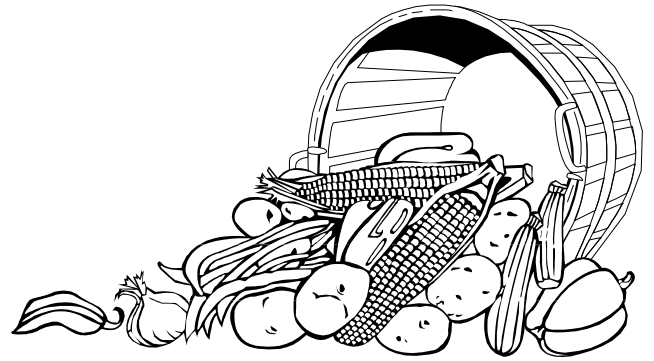
May God's blessing be upon you now;
May you know of his great love for you;
May God's blessing be upon you now;
Right where you are.

Let us go out in peace,
to love and serve the Lord.
**In the name of Christ;
Amen.**



Parish of Whitton

St Michael's, Axford



Harvest Thanksgiving

In fond memory of Pauline Read
4th February 1942 – 4th June 2025

We are made welcome

We come together to worship Almighty
God, and to celebrate and give thanks for
his abundant harvest :

- the harvest of the fields and farms,
- harvests from our own gardens or allotments,
- the harvests of all the good things this earth provides, and for
- the harvests of our own lives and relationships.

**We praise God for all his goodness and
for his wonderful creation, as we sing
together**

184: "For the beauty of the earth"

**We read from the Bible, reminding us
that from the earliest times, people have
come as we have come today, to thank
God for his generous love for us**

Deuteronomy 26.1-3, 8-11