



Harvest Festival

Sunday 12th October 2025

Welcome to this service. Please join in with the words in **bold**.

If you have children with you and they get restless during the service please don't worry, we won't. We do have a children's corner you are welcome to use if you'd find that helpful.

If you have donations for Foodbank please keep them with you, they will be brought forward in our opening hymn.

This morning we have stall of Fairtrade items next Sunday which we can purchase items from after the service. Many of them are from the familiar Traidcraft stalls that were run at St Hilda's in the past. There are food items such as coffee, tea, chocolate, sugar etc, craft items such as toys, jewellery, knitted items and socks, and Christmas cards and decorations. You can purchase items with cash or by cheque and card payments.

Call to worship

We remain seated as our service starts with these responses;

One: In the name of the Creator, and the Redeemer, and
the Sustainer

Many: Amen.

One: The Lord be with you

Many: And also with you.

Welcome

*One of the service leaders offers words of introduction and
welcome, concluding in these words;*

One: We stand at the gateway;
the time of balance
between the light and the dark.

Many: We give thanks for the days of summer.

One: We stand at the turning point of change;
the turning of the year
from growth to gathering.

Many: We give thanks for the days of harvest.

One: For the light poured upon us

Many: we thank you, shining One.

One: For all that has grown with us

Many: we thank you, nurturing One.

One: For all that will sustain us

Many: we thank you, loving One.

Opening Hymn: Lord God, we bring you thanks and praise

We stand as able to join in our first song. During the hymn gifts of food will be brought to the front and placed on the steps.

Lord God, we bring you thanks and praise
for falling leaves and golden days.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Rich harvest blessings, ours to share,
gifts of your love and daily care,

Lord, we praise you! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

For those who work to grow our food
and those who battle drought and flood,

Lord, we thank you! Alleluia!

Brave fisherfolk on stormy seas,
we bring our prayers for all of these.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

For those in need, both far and near,
who live with hunger, danger, fear,

hear our prayer, Lord! Alleluia!

We pray for shelter, food and peace,
that all may share and wars will cease.

Hear our prayer, Lord! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

For all your blessings, great and small,
and food enough to feed us all,

Lord, we thank you! Alleluia!

Praise to the Father and the Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Blessing of the offering of food gifts

We remain standing to offer God the gifts donated.

One: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour and the majesty;

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

One: Generous God, we offer you these gifts this morning.
May we and all who receive them know your love and
goodness. Amen.

Table conversation

We spend some time talking to those around us;

- *What is your favourite food?*
- *What are the ingredients and where do they come from?*
- *Have you grown anything you've been able to use in your cooking?*
- *Did your 'crops' grow or fail this year?*

Thanks and concerns

We are led in sharing our thanks and concerns, which concludes with writing some of the things we've discussed and placing them in the baskets.

Hymn: For the fruits of his creation

We stand as able to sing number 254 in Common Praise

Reading: John 6:1-14

We sit to listen to the reading.

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told

his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

One: This is the word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Reflection

We remain seated as we listen.

Confession

We remain seated or kneel for our Confession.

One: We come before God, thankful that our world has an abundance of food; sorrowful that we fail to distribute fairly what God has provided. We confess our sin.

One: God of Justice, we have been given so much, yet we have not shared the gifts you have given equally.

We have failed to care for others that you have brought into being.

Lord, have mercy.

Many: Lord, have mercy.

One: Loving God, You called us to love our neighbour as ourselves, but we have been indifferent to others, forgetting that they, like us, are loved by you.
We have been happy to take what they have grown, but unwilling to pay them enough so that they can flourish.

Christ, have mercy.

Many: Christ, have mercy.

One: God of Compassion, we have made our world too small.

We have hardened our hearts and closed our eyes; we have told ourselves that our part in the world is insignificant and makes no difference.

Lord, have mercy.

Many: Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

The priest assures us of God's forgiveness using these words

One: 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. **Amen**

Responding

We now have an opportunity to work together to make things to help us.

Banana and chocolate muffins, by the St Katherines chapel.

Decorating book-marks and of thankfulness, on the tables by the piano.

Preparing intercessions, on the table at the front.

If you would prefer to remain where you are please feel free to do so

After 15 minutes we come back together and sing;

Hymn: We plough the fields and scatter

We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on our lands,
but nations who are deep in debt are left with empty hands.
The world is full of people who struggle to survive,
while some have food in plenty – O God, our care revive!

*Some good gifts around us
have been acquired by stealth;
forgive us Lord, and move our hearts,
that all may share their wealth.*

The fields of many countries are tilled to pay their debt,
while labourers go hungry, with basic needs unmet.
Their good, unfairly traded, make losses for our gain,
as most of all the profits in wealthy hands remain.

Some good gifts around us...

Your beautiful creation is fast becoming spoiled,
and deserts overrun the land when once the farmers toiled.
Forgive us this pollution of much that you have made,
and show us the solution for fair and equal trade.

*Some good gifts around us
have been acquired by stealth;
forgive us Lord, and move our hearts,
that all may share their wealth.*

Words by Alison Blenkinsop

Prayers of intercessions

*We sit or kneel as we are led in prayer. At the end of each bidding
this response is used;*

One: Lord of creation

Many: Hear our prayer

At the end

One: As our Saviour taught us, so we prayer, in whatever
form or language that comes most naturally;

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,

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.
Forgive us our trespasses

**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 forever. Amen**

**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**

Notices

We remain seated to listen to any family news and notices.

Offertory Hymn: Thank you Lord for this harvest time

We stand as able to sing. During this hymn there will be a collection for the mission and ministry of the church will be taken. You can also give through the contactless card-reader on exit.

Thank you Lord for harvest time (x3)
And the chance to share.

*Alleluia praise the Lord (x3)
Here in our Church.*

Thank you Lord for food we eat (x3)
And the chance to share.

*Alleluia praise the Lord (x3)
Here in our Church.*

Thank you Lord for fairtrade goods (x3)
And the chance to share.

Alleluia praise the Lord (x3)
Here in our Church.

Thank you Lord, for all who care (x3)
And the chance to share.

Alleluia praise the Lord (x3)
Here in our Church.

Let's remember all in need (x3)
Help us to help all.

Alleluia praise the Lord (x3)
Here in our Church.

Words by Angela Daniels

Blessing

We remain standing to receive God's blessing;

One: May God the Father,
who clothes the lilies of the field
and feeds the birds of the air,
provide us with all we need for life in its fullness.

Many: Amen.

One: May God the Son,
who fed the five thousand
and turned water into wine,
feed us with his life and transform us in his love.

Many: Amen.

One: May God the Holy Spirit,
who hovered over the waters of creation
and formed the world from chaos,
form us in the likeness of Christ
and renew the face of the earth.

Many: Amen.

One: And the blessing of God...

One: Tend the earth,
care for God's good creation,
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.
Go in the peace of Christ.

Many: Thanks be to God.

*Please **take** this booklet and when you are finished with it recycle it.
Do stay for tea, coffee and freshly baked fairtrade muffins and visit
the fairtrade stall.*

NEWS AND NOTICES

UPCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 15 th October 10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 19 th October 10:30am:	Holy Communion
Wednesday 22 nd October 10am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 26 th October 10:30am:	Holy Communion

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

This week's flowers are the gift of Elizabeth Gibbens.

PCC TREASURER NEEDED – URGENT

We urgently need someone to take on the role of Treasurer. This is an important role in the life of the church. You do not need to be an expert in finances, just a willingness to learn and compute literacy. Terry Daniels, our interim treasurer will work with you to ensure a handover and you will have the support of the Wardens and PCC. As a PCC member you will need to complete some Safeguarding modules and have an enhanced DBS. Please speak to Jenni or Terry if you think you may be able to take on this role.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: PARISH SAFEGUARDING COORDINATOR (PSC)

After over a decade in this role Anne Harris intends to step down at the next APCM. We are seeking to recruit in time for a smooth handover from Anne and for the next PSC to work alongside Mike Baynham as part of a team.

This role is; to work with the incumbent and PCC in promoting safeguarding within the parish, and to ensure that church leaders are implementing the Church of England's safeguarding guidance. The Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is the key link person between the parish and the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

This role requires an enhanced DBS and completion of several training modules offered by the Diocese. Good computer literacy is essential for this as it includes working with a database.

If you think this might be something you would be interested in and God is calling you to consider it, please speak to Anne Harris or Jenni Crewes. We can offer you a more detailed role description.

Please pray for the right person to be recruited for this essential aspect of parish life.

HOLY COMMUNION SERVER(S) NEEDED

We are seeking a new member (or perhaps members!) to join our team of Holy Communion servers. This role includes assisting with the preparation of the altar, helping with the distribution of Holy Communion and clearing at the end of the service. Due to the nature of our building Servers need to be able to use stairs. Full training will be given, including Basic Awareness Safeguarding which is imperative for any volunteer role in the church. Please speak to Jenni or Ian if this interest you.

ECO LIFESTYLE TIP FOR OCTOBER

Local and seasonal food not only tastes great but is better for the planet too. Think about incorporating locally grown produce into your diet and shopping list throughout the seasons, as it is harvested at its peak ripeness ensuring superior flavour, compared to imported alternatives that have travelled thousands of miles. If saying grace before a meal is a regular practice in your household, include giving thanks for your local food producers this month.

CONSERVATOIRE CONCERTS

We have a full programme of concerts by students of the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, with lunchtime concerts at 1.00pm on the

second Friday of the month, and evening concerts at 7.30pm mostly on the fourth Saturday of the month.

The programme this quarter is;

Saturday 25th October 19.30, Saxophone Quartet

Friday 14th November 13.00, Mimi Raleigh, pianist

Saturday 29th November 19.30, String Quartet

Friday 12th December 13.00 Brass Quartet

Light refreshments are available after each concert, and there is usually an opportunity to talk with the performer(s). The concerts are free, but donations for church funds are welcome. Why not come along and join us, and please spread the information to anyone else who may be interested? More details are available

from sthildasconcerts@gmail.com Angela, Terry and Marian.

TIDYING THE GARDEN AT THE FRONT OF CHURCH

The last date of the season for our monthly Saturday morning session to tidy the church front garden has been changed from 4th October to 18th October, between 10.00 am - 12.00 noon, weather permitting. If you are free, your help would be appreciated at any time during that morning. Experienced and inexperienced gardeners are all welcome. If you have any queries, please speak to Rob Eaton or Anne Harris.

PONDERING FAITH 25TH OCTOBER

Pondering returns this autumn, an opportunity to learn together over hot drinks and pastries as we consider what it means to follow Jesus. The next two sessions will focus on Confirmation and everyone is invited whether you've preparing for Confirmation or not. Those who have been confirmed are encouraged to come too as we learn together from 10:30am until about 11:45am in the choir vestry.

ALL SOULS AND BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Our All Souls Service will take place on **Sunday 2nd November at 6:30pm**. If you would like the name of a loved one read email Jenni, or add their name to the list in the porch.

The book of Remembrance will be updated the week prior to this; If you would like to add a name please ensure a form is completed by Sunday 27th October.

DIANE ON LEAVE

Please note our curate Mother Diane will be on leave from Friday 17th October until Wednesday 22nd October and wont respond to emails or calls during this time.

This week please pray for;

- Jenni and Diane as they take an assembly at Annie Lennard School.
- The friends and family of Melvin Osbourne and Beryl Jones as their funerals take place on Wednesday and Friday.
- Those preparing for baptism and confirmation.
- The churches in our oversight area; St Matthew with St Chad, St Mary the virgin and Old Church.
- The work of Smethwick Foodbank and Bearwood Pantry.
- Bishop Sarah Mullaly as she prepares to become Archbishop of Canterbury.



COMMEMORATION SERVICE

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

Sunday 2 November 2025, 6:30pm

On this All Souls' Day, we remember and honour the cherished souls of those we've lost. All are welcome to this service as we light candles, say prayers, sing hymns and hear our friends and family named before God. To have the name of your loved one(s) read out, please email Revd. Jenni by 27 October.

revjennicrewes@gmail.com

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**JOIN OUR
YOUTH
GROUP**

 **St Hilda's**
Warley Woods

**We welcome all young
people in school years 7-11 to
our monthly youth group!**

**Come along for an evening filled with
food, creative activities, engaging
conversations, and fun games.**

**If you're interesting in joining,
email: revjennicrewes@gmail.com**



LIGHT PARTY

AT ST MARY'S BEARWOOD

Friday 31st Oct | 3-5pm

As the nights draw in, step into the light
Join us for the party of the year

Join us for crafts, games and fun!

£3 per child or
£7 family ticket
GET BOOKED IN:



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<u>Safeguarding information</u> 1. Never promise to keep a secret. 2. Assure the person that what they say will be taken seriously. 3. You might say "I will have to talk about what you have told me to the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator or the Vicar or the Bishop's Safeguarding Advisor, and this will be with as much confidentiality as is possible". http://www.sainthildawarleywoods.co.uk/SAFEGUARDING.html		

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