



The Church of the Good Shepherd, Brighton

# Harvest Festival

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025



Please pray:

For The Anglican Church of Tanzania

For the Governance Team at Church House Hove: Simon Whitwell, Claire King and Rebecca Churchill

For those who work to bring peace around the world.

For neighbours in Reigate Road.

For Elias, Pauline Grimstone, Veronica Holden, Diane Howe, Jenny Smith, Paul Thompson, Trevor, Robin, Richard, Rols Ham-Riche

Recently departed: James Leigh

Anniversaries of death: Gerry Hemmings

*Welcome to The Church of the Good Shepherd. This sheet has everything you need to follow what is going on. The writing in the red italics gives instructions. The text in normal type will be spoken by a priest, reader or other member of the congregation. We all join in with the bold type.*

*Please stand when the bell rings and the altar party enters.*

## **Processional Hymn**

*NEH 259*

- 1 Come, ye thankful people, come,  
Raise the song of harvest-home!  
All be safely gathered in,  
Ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide  
For our wants to be supplied;  
Come to God's own temple, come;  
Raise the song of harvest-home!**
- 2 All the world is God's own field,  
Fruit unto his praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown,  
Unto joy or sorrow grown;  
First the blade and then the ear,  
Then the full corn shall appear:  
Grant, O harvest Lord, that we  
Wholesome grain and pure may be.**
- 3 For the Lord our God shall come,  
And shall take his harvest home;  
From his field shall purge away  
All that doth offend, that day;  
Give his angels charge at last  
In the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store  
in his garner evermore.**
- 4 Then, thou Church triumphant, come.  
Raise the song of harvest-home;  
All be safely gathered in,  
Free from sorrow, free from sin,**

**There for ever purified  
In God's garner to abide:  
Come, ten thousand angels, come,  
Raise the glorious harvest-home!**

*Henry Alford (1810-71)*

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The priest introduces the celebration. We say the Prayer of Preparation.*

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Penitential Rite**

*The priest invites us to call to mind our sins.*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**The Gloria**

**Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand  
of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!**

*Mass of St Thomas, Thorne*

## **The Collect**

*We remain standing for the Collect:*

Creator God,  
you made the goodness of the land,  
the riches of the sea  
and the rhythm of the seasons;  
as we thank you for the harvest,  
may we cherish and respect this planet  
and its peoples;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*Please sit for the readings.*

## **The Liturgy of the Word First Reading**

A reading from Deuteronomy.

*Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you

as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.'

4When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

*65 (Chant: Garrett)*

- 1 Thou, O God, art praised in Sion \*  
and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 Thou that hearest the prayer \*  
unto thee shall all flesh come.
- 3 My misdeeds prevail against me \*  
O be thou merciful unto our sins.
- 4 Blessed is the man, whom thou choosest, and receivest unto thee \*  
he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.
- 5 Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation \*  
thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.

- 6 Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains \*  
and is girded about with power.
- 7 Who stilleth the raging of the sea \*  
and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.
- 8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at  
thy tokens \*  
thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise  
thee.
- 9 Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it \*  
thou makest it very plenteous.
- 10 The river of God is full of water \*  
thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.
- 11 Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys  
thereof \*  
thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.
- 12 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness \*  
and thy clouds drop fatness.
- 13 They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness \*  
and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.
- 14 The folds shall be full of sheep \*  
the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and  
sing.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,\* and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,\* world without  
end. Amen.

## Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

### *Philippians 4:4-9*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel**

*We stand for the Gospel reading.*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

For all things give thanks,  
because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John 6:25-35*

When they found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. And the end of the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Sermon

*We sit for the sermon.*

## The Creed

*Please stand for the Creed.*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## The Intercessions

*In the intercessions, we make this or another response:*

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

*At the end of the prayers:*

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**



## The Peace

*Please remain standing as the celebrant introduces the Peace.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*During the Offertory Hymn, the Gifts of Bread and Wine are presented by the people. A collection is taken. There is also a Card machine at the back of the church. You are welcome to use it at the end of the service if you would like to make any donation.*

## Offertory Hymn

NEH 262

- 1 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.*
- 2 He only is the maker  
Of all things near and far'  
He paints the wayside flower,  
He lights the evening star.  
The wind 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...*
- 3 We thank you then, O Father,  
For all things bright and good;  
The seed-time and the harvest,  
Our life, our health, our food.  
No gifts have we to offer

**For all thy love imparts,  
But that which thou desirest,  
Our humble, thankful hearts:  
All good gifts around us**

*Matthias Claudius (1740-1815)  
Tr. Jane Campbell (1817-1878)*

## **The Bringing Forward of Symbols of the Harvest**

Let us now bring forward symbols of the harvest, gifts that God has created and his sun and rain have nurtured.

Bring forward the soil, which God provides with sunshine and rain for our crops to grow. Bring forward the harvest of seeds for next year's crops, for wheat, for hay and for corn.

**Thanks be to God.**

Bring forward the harvest of the cornfields, the oats and the wheat, the rye and the barley. Bring forward the harvest of vegetables and salads, potatoes and swedes, tomatoes and beetroot.

**Thanks be to God.**

Bring forward the harvest of fruit, pears and apples, berries and plums. Bring forward the harvest of flowers and herbs, the finest blooms from our gardens and our fields.

**Thanks be to God.**

Bring forward the harvest from our farms and fields: eggs & milk from our chickens and cows. Bring forward the long-lasting food products offered by the children to be given to the Food Bank.

**Thanks be to God**

Bring forward the bread and the wine. Symbols of our Saviour's body and his blood, given and shed for the life of the world.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
praise him, all creatures here below,  
praise him above, ye heavenly host,  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

*The Invitation to Prayer is said:*

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

*The priest then prays the Prayer over the Gifts to which we respond:*  
**Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The priest praises God for his mighty acts, and we sing the Sanctus and Benedictus:*

...forever praising you and saying:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,**

**God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes,**

**in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.**

*Mass of St Thomas, Thorne*

*The priest prays the prayer of consecration, and this acclamation is said:*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Prayer continues, leading into the doxology, which ends*

... for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*The priest introduces the Lord's 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.**

## **Breaking of Bread**

*The priest breaks the consecrated host:*

We break this bread, to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

*We sing the Agnus Dei:*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace.**

*Mass of St Thomas, Thorne*

## **Giving of Communion**

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to  
receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*If you are baptised in the name of the Trinity, and are used to receiving communion, you are very welcome to do so here. Otherwise, you may like to come forward for a blessing. Please bring this sheet with you to indicate that you would like a blessing.*

## **Choir**

*Fear no, O land, William H Harris*

## Communion Hymn

NEH 285

- 1 For the beauty of the earth,  
For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies:  
*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.*
- 2 For the beauty of each hour,  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon and stars of light:  
*Lord of all...*
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye,  
For the heart and brain's delight,  
For the mystic harmony  
Linking sense to sound and sight:  
*Lord of all...*
- 4 For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild:  
*Lord of all...*
- 5 For each perfect gift of thine,  
To our race so freely given,  
Graces human and divine,  
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:  
*Lord of all...*

*F. S Pierpoint (1835-1917)*

## Post Communion

*We stand as the priest prays:*

Lord of the harvest,  
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation  
and have shared in the bread and wine of the kingdom:  
by your grace plant within us a reverence  
for all that you give us  
and make us generous and wise stewards

of the good things we enjoy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*We pray together:*

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

**The Notices**

**The Blessing**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The priest asks God's blessing on us, which ends:*

...and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Recessional Hymn**  
*CP254*

**1 For the fruits of his creation,  
thanks be to God;  
for his gifts to every nation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
thanks be to God.**

- 2 In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done;  
in our world-wide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

*F. Pratt Green (1903-2000)*

## **Organ Voluntary**

*Ceremonial March*, Herbert Sumsion

## NOTICES

**Sunday Snippets** continues today at about 11.30am. We'll be thinking about when we sit, stand or kneel in church. Grab your coffee and gather in the Lady Chapel.

Our new **Tea at the Good Shepherd** starts on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October. It will meet each Tuesday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm, and is an informal gathering for conversation, gentle activities and friendship. Please help us to spread the word to those who you think might benefit. We're looking for a few more people to be part of a rota to lead each week, as well as cake bakers! Please speak to Pat Hunter if you can help.

Our **Autumn Course** starts on Thursday 9th October. We'll be exploring some early church history with our course "Heresies and How to Avoid Them." Meeting on Thursdays at 11am or 7.30pm - sign up available now!

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