

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the 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.**



During the service, we pass around a collection plate for donations. These help us keep our church open and our work in the community going. If you would prefer to donate by card, please use this QR code, or the machine at the back of the church.

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St Mary's Church, Banbury SUNDAY SERVICE PEW SHEET

God's love transforming lives

SUNDAY 4th October – Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to this service

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE QUOTE

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4.9

10am Embracing Church Parish Eucharist

Presiding and Preaching: Revd. Canon John Tattersall

Intercessions: Fiammetta

Services Next week

Thursday 8th October: 10.30am Midweek Eucharist

Sunday 11th: 8.30am BCP Eucharist, 10am Parish Eucharist

HYMNS

- 546 How Great Thou Art
Indescribable
- 290 We plough the fields and scatter
- 144 How deep the Father's love for us
Bless the Lord (10000 Reasons)

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. **Amen.**

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 Corinthians 9.6-end (NLT)

Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. As the Scriptures say,

"They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever."

For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God. So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the believers in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God. As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ. And they will pray for you with deep affection because of the overflowing grace God has given to you. Thank God for this gift too wonderful for words!

GOSPEL READING: Luke 17.11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'