

HARVEST FESTIVAL

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH 4th October

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.

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 8:7-11

A reading from Deuteronomy

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land – a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig-trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written:

'They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures for ever.'

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Matthew 6:25-33

Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your eyes and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting. Gather the fruit for eternal life..

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

'And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION

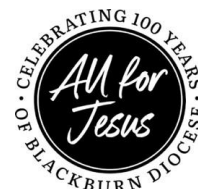
Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our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

Amen.





✠ ALL SAINTS' CHORLEY ✠



Our hymns:

262 We plough the fields and scatter
259 Come, ye thankful people come

Please remember in your prayers:

From our parish:	Our school of All Saints', Mrs. Partington, the staff, and children.
For the sick:	Paul Catterall, Linda Eubank, Ken Starkey, Christine Gothard, Michael Baxendale, Pam & Michael McLachlan, Linda Carrara, Sandra & Mike Downey, Anita Campbell, Norman & Brenda Riley, and all the residents of Gillibrand Hall and Coniston House.
Recently departed	Marjorie Baxendale
Years Mind:	Annie Eubank, Annie Baxter, Doris Bilsborrow

REGULAR SERVICES

SUNDAY – 11am Sung Eucharist, 4pm Closer

THURSDAY - Said Eucharist, 10.30am

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NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 4th October 2026

ALL SAINTS' HARVEST FESTIVAL

**This afternoon we welcome Bishop Philip to Closer – followed by a Jacob's Join
This Thursday at 10:30 will be our school harvest festival, all welcome**

BISHOP'S HARVEST ASSAULT COURSE – took place yesterday, so please let Simon have any sponsorship money! It all goes to help the Bishop's Harvest Appeal for our link diocese of Liwolo in South Sudan.

SHOEBOX APPEAL. We will be supporting IAT appeal during October. Please take a box and leaflet from the back of church and return by 1st November. Please note NO chocolate and only sweets with a long Best Before date. Thanks to your generosity we sent 99 boxes last year, can we make it 100 this time? Mission and Discipleship Team

YOUTH CLUB – Fridays 5:30pm here at All Saints' Church – Year 5 and above all welcome.

ABIDE – some of our young people (Y6+) are going to the annual 'Abide' event on Sat 10th at St Michael's. If interested please speak to Pete or Revd Toby.

HIGH SCHOOL admission forms re admission in 2027 – please take a copy and then hand in to the vicar or a churchwarden asap. Anyone with children in current Year 4 who hasn't yet got a form please ask for one and ensure you get your attendances verified. Thank you.

BIBLE STUDY – 4 weeks looking at the beautiful short Book of Ruth – Wednesdays from 30th Sept at 1:30 an hour, followed by a short time of prayer. First two weeks will be at Carol Cox's home: 25 Hamilton Road, Chorley, PR7 2DL.

PANTOMIME 2027 – THE SNOW QUEEN! Auditions – Sunday 11th October: Children 4:30, Adults and children Y9 & above 5pm in St George's Church Hall – all welcome, whether you've taken part before or not!

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR is being planned for 5th December. There will be a planning meeting after coffee on Thursday – all help appreciated! Meanwhile the St George's Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday 28th Nov 10:30am-1:30pm.

