



Benefice of Christ Church and St Mary's, Frome
Diocese of Bath and Wells

Sunday 27th September

Harvest Festival

Collect

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.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8.7-18

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to

yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Psalm 65

Thou O God art' praised in' Sion : and unto thee shall the vow be per'form-ed' in Je'rusalem.

2 Thou that' hearest the ' prayer : unto ' thee shall' all flesh ' come.

3 My misdeeds pre'vail a'gainst me : O be thou' merciful' unto our' sins.

4 Blessed is the man whom thou choolest 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 sal'vation : thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that re'main 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.

8They 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 pro'videst' for the ' earth.

11 Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little ' valleys there'of : 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 re'joice 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.

Second reading: 2 Corinthians 9.6-end

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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.'

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.

Prayers for those in need: David Fielden, Yvonne Stewart, Aisling, Wai Ping, Jean Gill, Chris, Pauline Burgess, Sally, Theo and his family
RIP Keith Kemp, Diana Pulman, Revd Pat Lawless

Years Mind for September

Marion Amor, Margaret Bullock, Cathy Farnish, Pam Hiscott, Diana Stannard, Arthur Bailey, Marina Snelgrove, John Brown

The week ahead

Mon 28th 2.00pm Funeral for Keith Kemp at St. Andrew's Mells
Tues 29th 6.30pm Marys House Contemplative Prayers at St. Mary's
Wed 30th 10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Thurs 1st 2.30pm Holy Communion at Belmont Villa
Fri 2nd 5.15pm Choir practice at Christ Church

Harvest Lunch TODAY

Our Harvest Lunch follows this service here in church. Please stay and enjoy casseroles and crumble

12 Hours of Music at Christ Church on Saturday October 17th. Please make offers of music or hospitality to Ann.

The Somerset Russetts are at St. Mary's on Sunday 11th October at 3pm with traditional tales and somerset folk music featuring our very own Malcolm Parr. Tickets £10 on the door including refreshments

Next Sunday we welcome Revd Sam Thompson at 8am at Christ Church and Rt Revd Rob Martin at 10.30 at St. Mary's and our very own Fr. Ian at Evensong

Services Next Week: 4th October

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) at Christ Church

10.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's

6.00pm Choral Evensong at Christ Church

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