

Welcome to St Mary's Hampton
Poyle

2025 Harvest Festival

**Responding To God's
Goodness: Gratitude &
Generosity**



Supporting the Kidlington Food Bank

St Mary's Hampton Poyle.

October 5th 2025

5pm

As you arrive please take a moment to reflect on your own thankfulness. Take a "fruit", write a prayer on it and hang it on the tree.

Lord of the Heavens,
for the wonder of Creation
we praise you.

Lord of all nations,
for the richness and variety of our harvest
we praise you.

Lord of all our lives,
for the power and promise of your love
we praise you.

Lord of this place,
we give you thanks
for creating, sustaining and enriching all life.
Amen



THE 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.
Amen

HYMN

Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home;
All is 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.

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:
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,
Bring Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In Thy garner to abide;
Come, with all Thine angels come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.

READING Luke 12. 13-31 **The Parable of the Rich Fool**

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."'

"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

"This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

Do Not Worry

Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

"Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you, 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, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

TALK:
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Picture: Roger
Wagner 1989
'The harvest is
the end of the
world and the
angels are
reapers'



HYMN

During the hymn we bring our harvest gifts to the front.

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness, Great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hast provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside.

*Great is thy faithfulness, Great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hast provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

GRATITUDE: *in the prayers of our village*

GENEROSITY: *in responses*

We love - **because you first loved us**
We give - **because you gave yourself completely**
We worship - **because you showed your very nature**
We live - **because you died instead of us**
We share - **because your care surrounds us all**
We love - **because you first loved us**

THE BLESSING OF THE GIFTS

Our gifts are given with open hearts for the benefit of those who have less than we do.

For families who struggle to put food on the table and those who lie awake at night and worry about money.

For children who go hungry, even in our own prosperous nation.

For men and women who sleep on our streets.

For refugees and foreign brothers and sisters who are beyond the remit of public funds; the Biblical stranger and alien in our midst.

Remembering your instruction to love our neighbour as ourselves, we give these gifts.

And now Father, bless these gifts
and those who will receive them,
for your name's sake.

Amen

HYMN:

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.*

He only is the maker of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star;
The winds 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 are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, For all his love.*

We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
The seed time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer for all thy love imparts,
And what thou most desirest, our humble, thankful hearts.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, For all his love.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art 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
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 for ever. Amen.**

And now Father,
bless these gifts and those who will receive them,
for your name's sake.
Amen

Let us go out giving thanks for the harvest.
Blessed be God forever.

Let us go out in unity with all who seek to preserve the earth.
Blessed be God forever.

Let us go out in the conviction that change is possible
and poverty is not inevitable.
Blessed be God forever.

Let us go out with generous hearts
to serve God and our neighbour
Blessed be God forever.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
**In the name of Christ
Amen Amen Amen!**

**Thank You for Being Part of our Harvest Celebration
Today**