



Sunday 5th October 2025, 10am
All Together Harvest Festival
“Gifts for us, gifts to others...”

St John's Kidlington

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Welcome

Opening responses

We meet 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.

God above us – trees, birds and sunshine,
stars and moonlight –

God above us.

God beneath us – earth, rocks and rivers,
roots and caverns –

God beneath us.

God around us – seas, winds and cities,
animals and people –

God around us.

God within us – hope, tears and laughter,
love and wonder –

God within us.

God above us, God beneath us,

God around us, God within us,

we celebrate that you made us,

you love us

and you call us to work and rest with you.

Hymn



during the hymn you are invited to bring forward your Harvest offerings and place them on the table

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For his gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

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 worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

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.

Blessing the gifts...



Confession

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of those living in poverty, and repent of the ways in which we may waste the resources of the world.

We confess to you our lack of care for the world
you have given us.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.



We confess to you our not sharing the earth's resources fairly.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our failure to protect resources for others.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

May the God of love bring *us* back to himself,
forgive *us our* sins,
and assure *us* of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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.**



Game – name that fruit!



Reading from St Paul's letter to the Galatians, chapter 5



You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free.

So do not use your freedom to indulge the desires of human power - rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbour as yourself." If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

So I say, live by the Spirit – the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Since we live by the Spirit, let us live in the power of the Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection



Choristers 'Thou visitest the earth' by Green

Thou visitest the earth

And blessest it, and blessest it;

And crownest the year, the year with thy goodness.



Activity/Craft time – space to think, make and play



Hymn – to the tune English Country Garden



Glory to God, to God in the height,
bringing peace to ev'ry nation.
Lord God almighty, Father and King,
and the author of salvation.

‘Glory!’ let the people sing,
let the whole creation ring,
telling out redemption's story,
as we worship your name
with thankful songs of praise
for the love that is your glory.

Jesus, the Father's one holy Son,
all creation bows before you.
You are the God, the God we acclaim,
and we worship and adore you.

Lamb of God, to you we pray,
you who take our sin away,
mercy, grace and truth revealing.
At the right hand of God
receive our humble prayer
for forgiveness, hope and healing.

You, Jesus Christ, alone are the Lord,
by your own internal merit;
sharing by right the glory of God
in the presence of the Spirit.

You alone are Lord most high,
you alone we glorify,
reigning over all creation.

To the Father, the Son
and Spirit, Three in One,
be eternal acclamation!

Intercessions

This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy

Receive our prayer



At the end

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

Lord's Prayer

As Jesus taught us, we pray together:

Our Father 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 forever. Amen.

Notices, Birthdays and Celebrations



Blessing

May God the Creator
who made heaven and earth
bless us with creativity and wonder. **Amen.**

May Jesus
who walked through fields and cities
bless us with kind hands and attentive hearts. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit
who is around us and within us
bless us with the courage to be caring and just. **Amen.**

May we live and move
in the strong love of the Trinity,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
all our nights and days. **Amen**

Dismissal

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ, Amen.

Song



We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God. (x2)
We are marching,
We are marching, (oh ohhh!)
We are marching in the light of God. (x2)

We are moving in the power of God.
We are moving in the power of God. (x2)
We are moving,
We are moving, (oh ohhh!)
We are moving in the power of God. (x2)

We are living in the love of God.
We are living in the love of God. (x2)
We are living,
We are living, (oh ohhh!)
We are living in the love of God. (x2)

Refreshments

Do stay for tea/coffee/squash and a chat

All Together at St John's in 2025:
2nd Nov **7th Dec** - Christingle





Thou visitest the earth
And blessest it,
And blessest it;
And crownest the year,
The year with thy goodness.

Fruit of the Spirit

O	P	E	A	I	S	S	P	E	A	C	H	A	A
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N	M	R	H	I	S	N	O	I	F	H	P	O	N
G	E	V	O	L	E	D	O	R	R	E	G	R	A
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H	E	A	T	H	L	C	E	N	H	O	S	S	L
C	A	E	U	B	O	E	E	J	E	S	U	S	P

BLUEBERRY
PATIENCE
JOY
SPIRIT
JESUS
GRAPES
PEACH

SELF-CONTROL
ORANGE
CHERRY
KINDNESS
PEACE
BANANA

GOODNESS
LOVE
FRUIT
LEMON
CHURCH
APPLE

The fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22 & 23)

Love

Joy

Peace

Patience

Kindness

Goodness

Faithfulness

Gentleness

Self-control

Take a moment to think,
then circle the one or two
that you think you lack (or
mark them “1” & “2”).

(Please don't circle the ones that
you think your friends or family or
the person sitting next to you
needs! Just do your own!)

Which ones do you lack and
need more of in your life?

Too often Christians struggle
and strive to “be good” – to bear
these fruits. When they fail to
produce this fruit by their own
efforts *then* they pray (“sorry
Lord, help me Lord” etc.)

We are going to do it the other
way round: we are going to pray
first, asking God to grow these
fruits in our life. *Then* we are
going to do our best to co-
operate with God as he does his
work in us.

Almighty God,

**Please bear all the fruit of your
Spirit in my life – in my
attitudes, thoughts, words and
actions.**

**I think I lack [x] and [y] and
need to be more [z].**

**Lord, give me these qualities
and attributes. Grow your fruit
in my life so that I may be
more like Jesus. Then I will
love and serve you better and
be a blessing to the people
around me.**

**Come, Holy Spirit.
In Jesus' name. Amen.**