



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 1 October 2023

10.00am

Welcome to St John's for this Service.

Whether this is your first time in St John's, or you are a regular member of the congregation, you are most welcome as we give thanks to God for all his gifts so freely given in creation, and for those who farm the land and sea enabling food to be set on our tables. In faith and confidence we come before the God of love and abundance in assurance of his forgiveness, mercy, and generosity, and ask for his blessing on our lives.

There is no Junior Church today but details of our Junior Church can be found on the inside back page. Toilets, baby changing facilities, and a Children's Room are available at the back of church should you require these facilities.

The posture directions in this order of service are optional. Please stand, sit, or kneel as you prefer. We hope you will be able to join in with everything that is in **bold** type and with the singing of the hymns - either wearing a mask or without. Our Junior Choir will help lead our worship.

A Collection for the Mission and Ministry will be taken during the Offertory Hymn. UK tax payers are asked to complete a GiftAid envelope to enhance the value of their giving. An additional Collection will be taken for our Harvest offering. If it is easier please make use of our contactless card reader.

Harvest Collection 2023

*The collection today is for The Bishop's Harvest Appeal,
Cracking Food Poverty Together,
in association with Mission Direct.*

*Produce will be given to DENS
—our local emergency Night Shelter and Food Bank*



Please stand to sing

The Hymn: We plough the fields

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.

*Refrain: 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. *Refrain:*

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. *Refrain:*

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The Greeting:

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.

Welcome:

Prayers of Penitence:

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.
For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do, and think and say;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world around us;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us

Absolution:

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Lucinarium:

*The children and clergy gather at the Font to recall our Baptism into the risen life of Christ.
All turn to face the Font.*

The Lord be with you:
And also with you.

A Gospel account of the Resurrection is read.

The Easter Candle is lit to remind us of the Light of Christ shining in our world.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Gloria:

*All remain standing. The children process the Easter Candle around the Church, making the
Light of Christ known in our community, as Junior Choir lead our singing:*

Refrain:

Gloria (clap, clap) **gloria** (clap, clap) **in excelsis Deo**
Gloria (clap, clap) **gloria** (clap, clap) **in excelsis Deo**

Lord God, heavenly King, peace you bring to us;
we worship you we give you thanks, we sing our song of praise. *Refrain*

Jesus, Saviour of all, Lord God, Lamb of God
you take away our sins, O Lord, have mercy on us all. *Refrain*

At the Father's right hand, Lord receive our prayer,
for you alone are the Holy One, and you alone are Lord. *Refrain*

Glory Father and Son, Glory Holy Spirit,
to you we raise our hands on high, we glorify your name. *Refrain.*

Michael Anderson

The Liturgy of the Word

All remain standing as the special Prayer of the Day is said.

The Collect

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and 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.

Amen.

All sit for the

Bible Reading

A reading from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

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!

This is the word of the Lord

2 Corinthians 9: 6–end

Thanks be to God.

The Junior Choir lead the singing of

The Gradual Hymn: Jubilate, everybody

Jubilate, everybody, serve the Lord in all your ways,
and come before his presence singing;
enter now God’s courts with praise.

For the Lord our God is gracious,
and the mercy everlasting.

Jubilate, jubilate, jubilate Deo!

Repeat all

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The Gospel

All turn to face where the Gospel is proclaimed.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told the people a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

He 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 clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do

not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

St Luke 12: 16–30

Praise to you, O Christ.

All sit for

The Sermon or Talk

All stand to sing

The Harvest Offerings Hymn: Come ye thankful people

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 therein are sown
unto joy or sorrow grown.
ripening with a wondrous power
till the final harvest-hour:
grant, O Lord of life, that we
holy grain and pure may be.

Come then, Lord of mercy, come,
bid us sing thy harvest-home:
let thy saints be gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
all upon the golden floor
praising thee for evermore:
come, with all thine angels come,
bid us sing thy harvest home.

St George 289 AMNS

All remain standing to affirm our faith in the Living God.

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in the living God.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

All sit or kneel for the Prayers. A lighted Candle may be placed on the Altar after each part of the Prayers to symbolise our offering or request before God. This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy or Lord, hear us

Hear our prayer Lord, graciously hear us

And at the end:

Merciful Father:

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

The Froggy Prayer

Thank you God for little birds
and big green frogs that *JUMP!*
For bees, and trees, and deep blue seas,
and elephants that trump, and *JUMP!*
For sunny days, and showers,
for gladness and for fun,
For loving friends and families,
You gave us everyone. Amen and *JUMP!*

All stand. The President introduces

The Peace

God has called us to live in peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

We share Christ's peace by waving to one another.

All sing

The Offertory Hymn: Lord, for the years

During which the Gifts of Bread and Wine are placed on the Altar, and a Collection for the Mission and Ministry of the Church is taken.

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth, and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Lord of the years 715 AM

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Preparation of the Table

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour,
and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

All remain standing for

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

♪ **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

♪ **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♪ **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us
for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet
us in your Son.

You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and
gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my
body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for
you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise, and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All sit or kneel to say:

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we are bold to pray:

**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 for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

All sing

Agnus Dei

♪ **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us,**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you are a communicant, after the words with which the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ is offered please respond, "Amen." If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the of the Sacrament, please indicate this by bringing this booklet with you. Those who have not yet been confirmed do not usually receive the Sacrament. Gluten free wafers are available on request.

During Communion all sing (seated)

Communion Hymn: Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come, bow before him
now with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found
we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight -
our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place:
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

Be Still 358 AM

The Junior Choir sings

Harvest Samba

Cabbages and greens,
broccoli and beans,
cauliflower and roasted potatoes,
taste so good to me!

Apricots and plums,
ripened in the sun,
oranges and yellow bananas,
good for everyone!

Golden corn and wheat,
oats and sugar beet,
fluffy rice and tasty spaghetti,
wonderful to eat!

Coffee, cocoa, tea,
growing naturally,
herbal plants and all kinds of spices
very nice indeed!

*It's another Harvest Festival
When we bring our fruit and vegetables,
Cause we want to share the best of all
The good things that we've been given.
It's another opportunity
to be grateful for the food we eat
With a Samba celebration
To say thank you to God the Father.*

Thank you for the harvest,
Thank you for your goodness,
For all of the fruit and vegetables
and the wonderful things that grow!

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All kneel or remain seated to say

The Prayer after Communion

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

The Notices

Please sit for the Parish Notices, Banns of Marriage, and other announcements.

The Welcome of those newly baptized

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.
N (and N), by the one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.
**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

Birthday Candles

All who have celebrated a birthday since the last All Age Eucharist are invited to receive a Birthday Candle and a rendition of Happy Birthday.

Smartie Tubes

All the children are invited to receive a new Smartie tube and, after eating the contents, return it to Church at the next All Age Eucharist full of £1 coins or 20p to help raise money for our Music Fund.

The Dismissal

All stand to pray for God's Blessing.

The Blessing

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

All remain standing to sing

The Closing Hymn: Now thank we all our God

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the One eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore,
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Nun danket 205 AMNS

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

♪ **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The Voluntary

All remain standing until the clergy have departed.

*You are warmly invited to stay for coffee or squash
at the back of the church.*

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Junior Church:

Junior Church, for children aged 3-11yrs, meets every week (except in the Summer Holidays) during the Parish Eucharist. Children will spend time learning about Jesus and other Biblical characters, sing songs, draw and craft, and say prayers. After each session they present what they have done to the whole congregation.

Junior Choir:

Do you go to Primary School and really enjoy singing? If so, you might like to join our Junior Choir. We sing during the All Age Eucharist on the 1st Sunday of the month and rehearse on alternate Friday evenings 5.45pm-6.30pm. Music, fun, food. Guaranteed to be fun.

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The next **Messy Church** is **22 October** at **3.00pm**

The next **All Age Eucharist** is **5 November** at **10.00am**

The '**Countdown to Christmas Fayre**' is on
Saturday 18 November from 10.30am-2.30pm.

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