

St Paul's Egham Hythe

Harvest Festival

10am Sunday 5th October 2025



Welcome

As we gather today we choose to rejoice in God's presence, and join with the ancient praise of God's people in some words from Psalm 34.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Hymn: We plough the fields *(The colours are presented)*

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.*

Introduction to our theme

Confession *(Saying sorry to God for the ways we have failed to follow him)*

As those who know the generosity of God, let us confess our sins,
especially the ways in which we take his good gifts for granted.

Lord, you give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our trespasses.

Lord, have mercy. *All* **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this day our daily bread.

Let us not be led into temptation.

Christ, have mercy. *All* **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this day our daily bread.

Deliver us from evil.

Lord, have mercy. *All* **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution *(God's promise of forgiveness)*

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

Song: Give thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"

Let the poor say, "I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us" (repeat)

Collect *(a special prayer for the day)*

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.**

Reading: Psalm 65 verses 5-13

⁵By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.

⁶By your strength you established the mountains;
you are girded with might.



⁷You silence the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples.

⁸Those who live at earth's farthest bounds
are awed by your signs;

you make the gateways of the morning
and the evening shout for joy.

⁹You visit the earth and water it,
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.

¹⁰You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.

¹¹You crown the year with your bounty;



your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

¹²The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy, ¹³the
meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Song of Praise: Indescribable

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty
From the colours of fall to the fragrance of spring
Every creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming

*Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.
You are amazing God
All powerful, untameable,
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God*

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
None can fathom

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Reflection: “Gratitude Attitude”

Let the peace of Christ
rule in your hearts, since
as members of one body
you were called to peace.
And be thankful.
Colossians 3:15



Offering of gifts *(as these are brought forward we sing the hymn)*

Praise and thanksgiving *(tune Morning has broken)*

Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer,
for all things living you have made good;
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

Lord, bless the labour we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbour we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you;
harvesting, milling, for daily bread.

Father, providing food for your children,
your wisdom guiding teaches us share
one with another, so that, rejoicing
sister and brother may know your care.

Then will your blessing reach every people;
each one confessing your gracious hand.
where you are reigning no one will hunger:
your love sustaining fruitful the land.

Giving thanks for harvest gifts

Lord God, the earth is yours and all that is in it. We give thanks for the food we share and ask your blessing on those who grow, harvest and prepare it. Inspire us to act for the good of our neighbours, especially for those who do not have plentiful food.

We pray for Runnymede Foodbank, and
their work in this community. **Amen.**

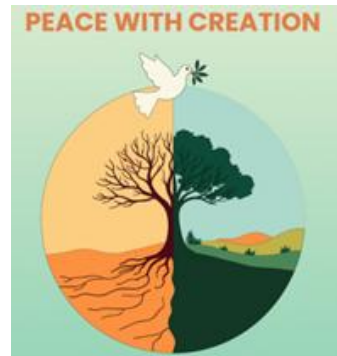


Profession of faith

All: We believe and trust
in God the Father
who made the world.

We believe and trust
in his Son, Jesus Christ,
who redeemed the world.

We believe and trust
in the Holy Spirit who gives life
to the people of God. Amen



Prayers

Lord of the Harvest, thank you for your generosity to us. For all the good things that you have given to us. From the plants that grow, to the foods we eat, and those who sit alongside us. Help us to share what we have, to be generous as you are generous to us. Thank you for the harvest.

Your mercy endures forever.

Thank you for the earth that you have created. For the beauty that we see around us. For the animals and the plants, the mountains and the valleys, the streams and the oceans. Help us to care for the world around us, to protect it from harm, and allow it to thrive. Show us how we can make a difference in this world.

Thank you for the harvest.

Your mercy endures for ever

We pray for those who cannot afford enough food for themselves and their family – and ask that the gifts we have given today will bless those in our community who find themselves in need.

Thank you for the harvest.

Your mercy endures forever.

We pray for those who are facing difficult times. For those who are worried about the future or who feel alone, unwell or upset. May they know you are with them and receive your love and peace. Help us to care for those around us, to respond when we see people in need. Thank you for the harvest.

Your mercy endures forever.

We pray for the parts of our world that do not know peace. May there be an end to war, violence, and persecution. We pray for children across the world, especially those who are forced to grow up too soon, through poverty, war or mistreatment. Be with those who have influence to bring peace. Give them wisdom and courage to bring about change. Thank you for the harvest.

Your mercy endures forever.

As Jesus taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Notices



Final Hymn: Hymn: Let us sing to the Lord *(tune Sing Hosanna)*

The colours are returned

Let us sing to the Lord, our Creator;
let us praise him for all he's made:
for the mountains and seashore and rivers,
for the snow and wind and sun and shade.

*God our Father, Jesus, Saviour,
Holy Spirit, help us learn your ways,
live to please you, love and serve you,
honour you with all our praise.*

He made trees and the birds and the flowers;
he made rain and the rainbow, too.
Let us sing of his power and his glory -
there is nothing that our God can't do!

*God our Father, Jesus, Saviour,
Holy Spirit, help us learn your ways,
live to please you, love and serve you,
honour you with all our praise.*

Let us join with the whole of creation,
let us praise our great God and King,
as the angels, who worship in heaven,
sing in chorus with the praise we bring.

*God our Father, Jesus, Saviour,
Holy Spirit, help us learn your ways,
live to please you, love and serve you,
honour you with all our praise.*

Blessing

The love of the faithful Creator, the peace of the wounded Healer,
the joy of the challenging Spirit, the hope of the Three in One
surround and encourage you today and always. **Amen**