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NOTICES

Next Sunday 25th October 11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Mr Jim Neill

During the Vacancy the Rural Dean, Rev Canon Kevin Graham,
Rector of St Bartholomew's, will be in charge of the parish,
with Canon Ken continuing in his usual role.

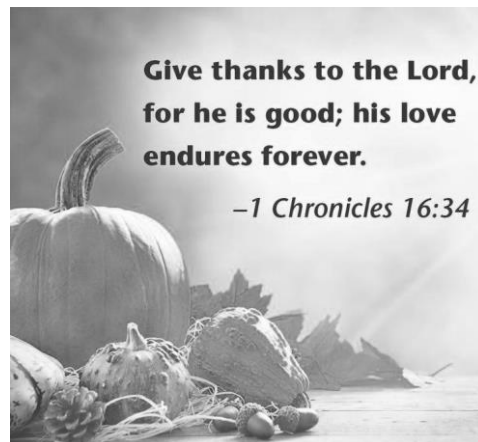
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**Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good; his love
endures forever.**

-1 Chronicles 16:34

St Aidan's Parish Church
Enabling people to find a Living Faith in a Loving God
by 'Serving Christ in the Community'

18th October 2020

19th Sunday after Trinity

**Thanking God for
the blessings of
Harvest**



Welcome

We pray together

**"Lord, thank you for this opportunity to come together and worship
you at this Harvest Celebration.**

We welcome your presence amongst us.

**Come and meet with us as we worship you, hear your Word and
pray together.**

For the glory of your name. Amen."

Opening Hymn No 37 V1 & 2 'Come ye thankful people, come'

This is the day that the Lord has made.

All Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

As we reflect today on God's loving provision for all our needs let us seek God's forgiveness for our misuse of His creation.

(Sit or kneel)

God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy: forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.

Father, in your mercy: forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but frequently ignore the cry of the hungry.

Father, in your mercy: forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made.

Father, in your mercy: forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven.

Father, in your mercy: forgive us and help us.

Absolution

May the God of love and power
Forgive you and free you from your sins,
Heal and strengthen you by his Spirit
And raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Conclusion

God of the Harvest, we thank you and praise your name for your creating, loving power. Give us insight to see your hand at work in our lives and enable us to taste the goodness which comes from knowing you in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Our Father who art in heaven

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Closing Hymn No 80 'Great is thy faithfulness'

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you
The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you
and give you peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Thank you for the gifts brought to church
this morning. These will be a blessing to
those who do not have the basics for
everyday living and survival.**

Prayers of intercession

Lord, at this special time of thanksgiving we pray for all who work so that we have food to eat and share. Lord bless all who labour to satisfy our needs and we pray that all trade between peoples and nations may be done openly and fairly and with due regard for the environment and for human dignity.

Lord hear us.

We pray now for areas of our world where hatred and wars make the efforts of daily life even more difficult. May all hear and respond to the words of Jesus, who spoke of peacemakers being blessed and of treating our neighbours as ourselves.

Lord hear us.

We pray for this, our own country and for all in authority – especially at this time when so many extremely difficult decisions have to be made. We pray that they will govern wisely and with due regard for the needs of all people

Lord hear us.

We pray for all households represented here today. Each one is made up differently and faces the normal ups and downs of life in different ways.

We are especially mindful of families who are deeply effected by the current pandemic, where there is so much unemployment and loss of livelihood.

Lord hear us.

We pray for the sick, both at home and in hospital or hospice. We think of the elderly, the housebound and those in care homes, especial we pray for all who are suffering from the Coronavirus in hospital. And we pray for all who minister to their needs - often at risk to their own lives.

Lord hear us.

We pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones, that their pain may be eased and that they will be able to reach out to the God of all comfort and find strength and peace.

Lord hear us.

Psalm 100 (*Remain seated*)

1. O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;
**serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**
2. Know that the Lord is God;
**it is he that has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**
3. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and bless his name.
4. For the Lord is gracious;
**his steadfast love is everlasting,
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever . Amen

Bible Readings

Deuteronomy 24:10 - 19

¹⁰ Suppose your neighbour borrows something from you. And he offers you something to keep until you get paid back. Then don't go into their house to get it. ¹¹ Stay outside. Let the neighbour bring it out to you. ¹² The neighbour might be poor. You might be given their coat to keep until you get paid back. Don't go to sleep while you still have it. ¹³ Return it before the sun goes down. They need it to sleep in and will thank you for returning it. The LORD your God will see it and know that you have done the right thing.

¹⁴ Don't take advantage of any hired worker who is poor and needy. That applies to your own people. It also applies to outsiders living in one of your towns. ¹⁵ Give them their pay every day. They are poor and are counting on it. If you don't pay them, they might cry out to the LORD against you. Then you will be guilty of committing a sin.

¹⁷ Do what is right and fair for outsiders and for children whose fathers have died. Suppose a widow borrows something from you. And she offers to give you her coat until she pays you back. Don't take it.

¹⁸ Remember that you were slaves in Egypt. Remember that the LORD your God set you free from there. That's why I'm commanding you to do those things.

¹⁹ When you are gathering crops in your field, you might leave some grain behind by mistake. Don't go back to get it. Leave it behind for outsiders and widows. Leave it for children whose fathers have died. Then the LORD your God will bless you in everything you do.

Leviticus 19.9-10

'When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest.

10 Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God.

Hymn No 43 *'Holy is the seed-time'* *(Remain seated)*

Mark 4 1-9 & 13-20

4 Again Jesus began to teach by the Sea of Galilee. The crowd that gathered around him was very large. So he got into a boat. He sat down in it out on the lake. All the people were along the shore at the water's edge. ² He taught them many things using stories. In his teaching he said, ³ "Listen! A farmer went out to plant his seed. ⁴ He scattered the seed on the ground. Some fell on a path. Birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some seed fell on rocky places, where there wasn't much soil. The plants came up quickly, because the soil wasn't deep. ⁶ When the sun came up, it burned the plants. They dried up because they had no roots. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns. The thorns grew up and crowded out the plants. So the plants did not bear grain. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil. It grew up and produced a crop 30, 60, or even 100 times more than the farmer planted."⁹ Then Jesus said, "Whoever has ears should listen."

¹³ Then Jesus said to them, "Don't you understand this story? Then how will you understand any stories of this kind? ¹⁴ The seed the farmer plants is God's message. ¹⁵ What is seed scattered on a path like? The message is planted. The people hear the message. Then Satan comes. He takes away the message that was planted in them. ¹⁶ And what is seed scattered on rocky places like? The people hear the message. At once they receive it with joy. ¹⁷ But they have no roots. So they last only

a short time. They quickly fall away from the faith when trouble or suffering comes because of the message. ¹⁸ And what is seed scattered among thorns like? The people hear the message. ¹⁹ But then the worries of this life come to them. Wealth comes with its false promises. The people also long for other things. All of these are the kinds of things that crowd out the message. They keep it from producing fruit. ²⁰ And what is seed scattered on good soil like? The people hear the message. They accept it. They produce a good crop 30, 60, or even 100 times more than the farmer planted."

Hymn 47 *'We plough the fields and scatter'*

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him. This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray *(Be seated or kneel)*

Collect

Almighty God,

whose will it is that the earth and the sea

should bear fruit in due season:

bless the labours of those who work on land and sea,

grant us a good harvest

and the grace always to rejoice in your fatherly care;

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**
