

**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**Readings for 13<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Service**



**Joel 2.21-27**

Do not fear, O soil;  
    be glad and rejoice,  
    for the LORD has done great things!

Do not fear, you animals of the field,  
    for the pastures of the wilderness are green;  
the tree bears its fruit,  
    the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad  
    and rejoice in the LORD your God;  
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,  
    he has poured down for you abundant rain,  
    the early and the later rain, as before.

The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,  
    the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years  
    that the swarming locust has eaten,  
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,  
    my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,  
    and praise the name of the LORD your God,  
    who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never  
again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,  
    and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again  
be put to shame.

This is the word of the Lord.

### **1 Timothy 6:6-10**

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.

But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

This is the word of the Lord.

### **Matthew 6.25-33**

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?”

“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that 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, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

## **Prayers**

Intercessions for Harvest

God of the morning, wake us up to wonder, wake us up to beauty, wake us up to justice, wake us up to love.

When I say God of grace, please respond **make us thankful for your goodness.**

Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your gospel to all nations. Where there is conflict between peoples, give your wisdom to leaders and a resolution of divisions and injustice. We give thanks for all who strive to help others, thinking especially of Christian Aid, and its involvement with vulnerable communities. Bless all who seek to alleviate poverty and deprivation.

God of grace, **make us thankful for your goodness.**

Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry, and generosity from those who have abundance. Nourish us all with your word. Inspire us to reach out to those in need at home and abroad and strengthen all who work in challenging situations so that they do not lose hope.

God of grace, **make us thankful for your goodness.**

Jesus, our way, our truth our life, be with us through all the joys and sorrows we experience and help us to trust in you. We pray especially today for those who are unwell in mind, body or spirit. We pray for all those who care for them and love them. We think in particular of those in our church community; Bill Jones, Leon and Valda Bailey, June Hume, Ken and Joyce Pringle, Ann Hunt, Anuwat Wanggane, Alan Coe, Jack Tubby, Rob and Lucy, Gloria, Roger Jones, Patricia Ash, Ryan Day, Brenda Hulland, David New and Adrina and Alan Price.

May each one we have mentioned know the comfort of your presence.

God of grace, **make us thankful for your goodness.**

We give thanks for all who have entered into newness of life in your kingdom, remembering the recently departed: Joan Tyson

and we pray for all who mourn.

We remember with love and gratitude those whose anniversary of death falls at this time. Beryl Plester, Horace Jarrett, Mary Trow-Poole, Doris Hutton, Libby Alexander, Reg Hill, Yvonne Mousley, Margaret Lawrence and Ray Hughes.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

At this time of harvest we give thanks for those who produce our food, those who provide for our physical needs, and for your unfailing goodness to each one of us. Help us to be truly grateful and to appreciate the wonders of your creation.

God of grace, **make us thankful for your goodness.**

Merciful Father

**Accept these prayers**

**For the sake of your Son,**

**Our saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**