



HARVEST THANKSGIVING

(Trinity 16)
Sunday 5th October 2025

**10.30am 'ALL ARE WELCOME'
Celebration**

We are very grateful that the leaflets today have been generously sponsored

"On this Harvest Festival we pray that by nurturing the seeds of hope, they will grow and flourish and spread love and compassion throughout the world.

Also on this day we remember Bert Allwood, a scientist, musician and a dedicated Lay Reader whose positivity and joy of life was an inspiration to all who knew him."

Peter and Ros Allwood

Welcome to our 'All are Welcome' Celebration for Harvest Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Fr Paul

ALMs: Christine Lindsay, Vicky Smith, Hannah Holloway and
Austen Hindman

Organist: Peter Allwood

Minsters of Communion: Susie Hindmam and James Raynard

*If you feel able to make a donation during
the **offertory hymn** and you are a UK
taxpayer, please use and complete the
details on the Gift Aid white envelope you
will find in your service leaflet. We also
have **contactless facilities** available by
the organ at the back of the church.
Or use this QR Code. Thank you.*



***In the event of a fire or emergency in
the Church,** the exits available are: the West Door, the North Door,
the South Door in the Chancel and the door through the Vestry.
Please leave the building by an exit nearest to you.*

Do join us for refreshments after the Service

*Introductory organ music: Dvorak, arr. Frederick Shinn:
Largo from Symphony no 9 ("New World")*

Please stand when the bell is rung

- 1 **Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home:
all be 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.**

- 2 **All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
grant, O harvest Lord, that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.**

- 3 **For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall purge away
all that doth offend, that day;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.**

- 4 **Then, thou Church triumphant, come.
raise the song of harvest-home:
all be safely gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there for ever purified
in God's garner to abide:
come, ten thousand angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home.**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Fr Paul introduces today's celebration

Let us bring forward symbols of the harvest,
gifts that God has created and his sun and rain have nurtured.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Lord of the Harvest.

Words and music © Jancis Harvey

During the hymn, people bring gifts up to the altar, which will be sold after the service.

***Lord of the harvest, Lord of the field,
Give thanks now to God in nature revealed.***

- 1** Give thanks for the sun, the wind and the rain,
And thanks for the crops that feed us again.
The corn safely cut is gathered inside
We thank you, oh Lord, that you can provide.

***Lord of the harvest, Lord of the field,
Give thanks now to God in nature revealed.***

- 2** The trees ripe with fruit stand proud in the sun,
We gather them now that summer is gone.
For yours is the wonder, yours is the power
Yours is the glory of fruit and of flower.

***Lord of the harvest, Lord of the field,
give thanks now to God in nature revealed.***

- 3 So in all our plenty, help us to see,
The needs all around whatever they be.
With food for the body, strength for the soul,
It's healing and caring, making them whole.**

***Lord of the harvest, Lord of the field,
Give thanks now to God in nature revealed.***

Prayers of Penitence:

ALM:

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor,
and repent of the ways in which we 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 selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

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

Fr Paul:

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

The Peruvian Gloria
Words and music: traditional Peruvian.
Collected and arranged by John Ballantine (b. 1945)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.
To him be glory for ever.
To him be glory for ever.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father
Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father
To him be glory for ever.
To him be glory for ever.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit
To him be glory for ever.
To him be glory for ever.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.

The Collect

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

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading: Psalm 65: 5-13.

- 5 In your strength you set fast the mountains
and are girded about with might.
- 6 You still the raging of the seas,
**the roaring of their waves
and the clamour of the peoples.**
- 7 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
tremble at your marvels;
the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise.
- 8 You visit the earth and water it;
you make it very plenteous.
- 9 The river of God is full of water;
**you prepare grain for your people,
for so you provide for the earth.**

- 10 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.
- 11 You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 12 May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness
and the hills be girded with joy.
- 13 May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep
**and the valleys stand so thick with corn
that they shall laugh and sing.**

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

The Gradual Hymn: NEH 262

German, Matthias Claudius 1740-1815

Tr Jane Campbell 1817-78

- 1 **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.***

**2 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.**

Chorus

**3 We thank thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
for all thy love imparts,
but that which thou most desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts.**

Chorus

The Gospel Reading: Luke 8. 4-15

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

When a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to Jesus, he said in a parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold." As he said these things, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand'. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit

The Talk – Christine Lindsay

Please stand

The Creed

Let us affirm our faith together:

**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.**

Please sit or kneel

**The Intercessions - the Prayers of the Church
Students from St Mary's School**

Before the intercessions we all sing:

Bless the Lord my soul and bless his holy name.

Response to each prayer:

Lord in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

At the end...
Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus
Christ. Amen.**

After the intercessions we all sing:

Bless the Lord my soul, and bless his holy name.

Please stand

The Peace

Fr Paul introduces the Peace

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. *cf Galatians 5.22,23*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And always with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

**The Offertory Hymn: NEH 285 - (1st tune)
Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917)**

- 1 **For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.***
- 2 **For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower
sun and moon and stars of light: *Chorus***
- 3 **For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and brain's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight: *Chorus***

- 4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild. *Chorus*
- 5 For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven: *Chorus*
- 6 For thy Church that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
this pure sacrifice of love. *Chorus*

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Fr Paul continues with the prayer

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and God of might:
heaven and earth, heaven and earth,
are full of your glory, your pow'r and might:
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.**

**Blessed, blessed is he who comes, blessed, blessed is he who comes;
Blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.**

Fr. Paul continues until the following is used:

Great is the mystery of faith,

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

Fr. Paul continues and leads into the conclusion of the prayer:

Amen

Please kneel or sit

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
On the 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**

The Breaking of the Bread

**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.**



Fr Paul issues the invitation to communion in these or very similar words:

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.**

*Receiving consecrated wine directly from the chalice is offered for those who feel comfortable to do this. **Please do not dip the consecrated wafer into the chalice.***

Please wait to be directed to communion.

Post Communion Hymn: NEH 264
Cecil Frances Alexander (née Humphreys) (1818-1895)

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful
the Lord God made them all.*

1 Each little flower that opens,
 each little bird that sings,
 he made their glowing colours,
 he made their tiny wings: *Refrain*

2 The purple headed mountain,
 the river running by,
 the sunset and the morning
 that brightens up the sky: *Refrain*

3 The cold wind in the winter,
 the pleasant summer sun,
 the ripe fruits in the garden,
 he made them every one: *Refrain*

4 He gave us eyes to see them,
 and lips that we might tell
 how great is God almighty,
 who has made all things well: *Refrain*

Choir Anthem

The Prayer after Communion

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**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.**

Notices are given out

Please stand

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

The Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.



Recessional Hymn: O&N 249
Thomas O Chisholm (1866-1960)

- 1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
 there is no shadow of turning with thee;
 thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,
 as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.
 Great is thy faithfulness!
 Great is thy faithfulness!
 Morning by morning new mercies I see;
 all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
 great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!
- 2 Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
 sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
 join with all nature in manifold witness
 to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *Chorus*
- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
 thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
 strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
 blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Chorus*

Final Voluntary: Pietro a Yon: Toccata in C
from "L'Organo Primitivo"

Harvest prayer

The earth is fruitful may we be generous.
The earth is fragile may we be gentle.
The earth is fractured may we be just.
Creating God, harvest in us joy and generosity
as we together share in thanks and giving.

TONIGHT at 6pm Songs of Praise for Harvest



TODAY: BRING AND BUY Giving thanks for the Harvest
Following the 8am and 10.30 Eucharists

Thank you for **bringing one gift** and **buying one gift** so ensuring there is no waste. All monies from the Bring and Buy will go to **Family Support Work**, the Diocesan charity supporting vulnerable families in East and West Sussex including here in Pulborough.

This year we will also supporting the Diocesan **Harvest Appeal for Friends of the Holy Land**.

As Chair of the Diocesan Overseas Committee, **Bishop Ruth is encouraging every parish and school in the diocese to have a monetary collection** at their Harvest Festival services

Friends of the Holy Land is a UK-based, non-political, ecumenical Christian charity with a deep commitment to sustaining a hopeful future for Palestinian Christians. Rooted in the mission of supporting the Christian presence in the land of Christ's birth, the charity also works with compassion across religious lines, providing humanitarian help to people of all faiths.

For your prayers this coming week
We pray for Pope Leo XIV and his ministry to the world-wide church.

In the **Anglican cycle of prayer** this Sunday we pray for:
The Anglican Church of Tanzania

In our **Diocesan cycle of prayer** we pray for:
The Governance Team: Simon Whitwell, Claire King and Rebecca Churchill

*We also pray for the **Venerable Dr. Tom Carpenter**, our new Archdeacon of Chichester*

*We pray in our Deanery for those preparing for the **Steyning Grammer School Mission***

*We pray for the work of **SPLASH** in their work with young people across the Deanery.*

*We pray for **our nation and government**:
For King Charles and his family. We pray for our Government and all members of Parliament especially Andrew Griffith our own MP*

*We continue to pray for all those caught up in the **conflicts in the Middle East, Ukraine and other troubled parts of the world.** We pray for all **migrants and refugees** and all who have been driven from their homes. We pray for all world leaders, diplomats and ambassadors and all working for the common good.*

*We pray for the work of **Education West Africa**, the people of Sierra Leone and the work of the Church there remembering especially the Dioceses of Freetown and Bo.*

*We continue to pray for **the work of FSW** across the Diocese.*

*We pray for our **local Care Homes**: Hillside Lodge, The Anchorage, Petworth Cottage Nursing Home, Rotherlea and Barlavington Manor*

Those who are now in need of healing:

Patrick Carr, Fr Barry Smart, Toni Hayes, Dinah Hilton, Stephanie Brown, Sarah and James Ross, Gill B, Carole Brooke, Richard Cromwell, Tony Hancock, Barbara Kay, Jim Crowley and Fr James Cooper

Those who are in need of on-going prayer:

Peter Johnston, Helen Leeke, Rachel Webbe, Elizabeth Yates, James McDonagh, Victoria and Tim

Pray to rest in peace: *Eric Wanda and Gaynor Brand*

Anniversary of death: *Mavis Cooper, Peter Lee*

Village Prayers: *Together with the other churches in the village we pray for all who live and work in Stopham Road, Station Road, Swan Corner, Arun Prospect, Riverside Court/The Willows Waters Edge, Lyntons, Cobbetts Mews, Bartram Close Church Hill, Church Place and Old Rectory Lane*

Church and Liturgical Diary

6th Monday: Feria

10am -12noon The HUB meet in the Pulborough Library
3.15-4.15pm Kingfishers Group meet at St Mary's School
7pm St Mary's Book group meet The Hermitage
7.30pm St Mary's Tower Bellringing

7th Tuesday: Feria

9.30am Morning Prayer
7pm PCC meeting in Church

8th Wednesday: Feria

9.45am Morning Prayer
10.15am Ministry of the Word with Holy Communion
11. 15am Ministry of the Word with Holy Communion at the The Anchorage

9th Thursday: *St Denys, Bishop of Paris, Martyr c258*
9.30am Morning Prayer

10th Friday: *St Paulinus, Bishop of York, Missionary 644*
The Holy Eucharist

11th Saturday: *St Ethelburga, Abbess of Barking 675*
10am Autumn Nature Walk with Christine Lindsay

12th ST WILFRID, Bishop and Missionary
8am The Holy Eucharist (Said in the chapel)
10.30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST
Readings: Isaiah 52 vv7-10 and Luke 1 vv5-11
12.30 Holy Baptism of Kit Edward Hugh Crawford

AUTUMN NATURE WALK

This Saturday Christine Lindsay will be leading her second Autumn nature walks from the Church to the Garden Centre and back. Starting at 10am and returning about 12.30pm A pleasant walk over the local countryside taking in the Autumn tints, weather permitting!

LEAFLET SPONSORSHIP

By sponsoring the leaflet we can cover the cost of paper and printing the leaflet. As we move into the Autumn and Winter the dates we have available for sponsorship are:

Sunday 19th October, Sunday 23rd November.

Sunday 7th, 14th or 21st December.

We ask for £25 for sponsorship, so if you have a special anniversary for perhaps in remembrance of a loved one, please consider sponsoring the Sunday leaflet.

The High Sheriff of West Sussex and
the Friends of Pulborough Parish Church
invite you to an event at Champs Hill:

PRISON: EXPLORING THE POTENTIAL FOR PRISON TO *TRANSFORM* DAMAGED LIVES

A conversation with Mark Drury, Governor of HMP Ford,
Chris Williams, retired prison governor, and those
currently working in the Criminal Justice System

Friday 21st November

6.45pm Drinks on arrival

7.30pm Start of talk

£25 per ticket, to include wine



Friends of
Pulborough
Parish Church



CHAMPS HILL

Tickets available from friendsofpulboroughparishchurch.org



Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits thou hast given me,
for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly, day by day. Amen