

5th October 2025 Harvest Thanksgiving

Lord of all creation, you give us the fruits of the earth in their season and crown the year with your goodness: help us so to receive your gifts with thankful hearts that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in want and to meet our daily needs, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A reading from Deuteronomy (26.1-11)

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 100

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 / ever/lasting: and his faithfulness endures from gene/ration to / gene/ration.

A reading from Philippians (4.4-9)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St John 6.25-35

Glory you, O Lord.

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

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

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

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5th October 2025 - Trinity 16 - Harvest Festival

HYMNS AT OUR CHORAL EUCHARIST : 101 , 21 , 505 , 524

TODAY	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (All Saints) - followed by tea / coffee The speaker will be Sue King on the work of USPG
	11.30 am	Harvest Eucharist in Norton
	4.00 p.m.	Harvest Songs of Praise (All Saints) with the Salvation army Band and songsters
MONDAY	6.30 pm	Men's Society at the BCYC - all welcome - please speak to Dorian today to book food.
TUESDAY	10.30 am	Sgwrs a Choffi (Chat and coffee) - in All Saints - Croeso i bawb - all very welcome
	2.00 pm	Coffee and craft in Norton Church - all welcome
WEDNESDAY	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist followed by refreshments AND HARVEST FISH AND CHIP LUNCH
	2.00pm	Bible study/prayer group (church rooms)
	7.00 pm	Choir Practice (All Saints) - all welcome
THURSDAY	10.30 am	Coffee and Chat in Norton Church - all welcome
	1.30 pm	Church and Grounds working group in All Saints - all help very welcome
SATURDAY	1.30 pm	Wedding in All Saints
NEXT SUNDAY		12th October 2025 - Trinity 17
	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (All Saints) - followed by tea / coffee
	4.00 p.m.	Choral Evensong in All Saints

Pastoral Visiting : Please do keep me informed of anyone in need of visiting at home or in hospital.

Harvest Festival : If you wish to make a donation to USPG (our charity for this year's Harvest) please place it in an envelope marked USPG. Or we have at the back of the church (through the year) boxes where tinned and dried food donations for West Cross Foodbank can be placed.

Art and Flower exhibition in All Saints : THIS week (ends Thursday) -- open daily - 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Harvest Fish and Chip lunch : Wednesday following the 10.30 service. All are welcome. **Please sign up with your food order TODAY - could those who have ordered food please pay before Wednesday if possible**

Choral Evensong in All Saints : next Sunday at 4 p.m. All are welcome to attend this traditional Anglican evening service.

Worcester trip : Saturday 29th November -. Please sign up as soon as you can.

Food Bank fundraiser - Bingo Blitz : Sunday 19th October at 6 p.m. in Norton House Hotel. See poster for details or email janeandjohn@gmail.com

Diocesan Conference : will take place in Christ College Brecon on Saturday 18th October at 10 a.m.

Concert : given by the Duvant Male Voice choir in All Saints on Friday 31st October at 7 p.m. - see posters for details / tickets. In Aid of the Royal British Legion.

All Saints and All Souls days : we will celebrate the feast of All saints on Sunday 2nd November, and then at 4 p.m. on the same day will hold a quiet service of reflection for All Souls. There is a list at the back of church if you wish any of the departed to be remembered by name during that service.

Thank you : from Christine Jones to all who bought her artwork and to Barbara for helping to sell them, A cheque has now been sent to the Alzheimer's Society.

Rotary club 'Wrap up warm' campaign. : If you have any warm overcoats you no longer use (Male . Female or Children's) they can be brought to church where the Rotary club will sort and distribute to those in need. Please speak to Nancy for details.

Prayer for Harvest : Creator God, we give you thanks for the turning of the seasons, for fields heavy with grain, for orchards rich with fruit, for the earth that provides more than we deserve. Bless the hands that sowed and tended, the rains that softened the soil, the sun that ripened every good gift. Teach us to receive these blessings with humility, to share them with generosity, and to remember those whose tables are still empty. As we gather in gratitude, may we learn the deeper harvest of love, justice, and peace in our lives and communities. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.