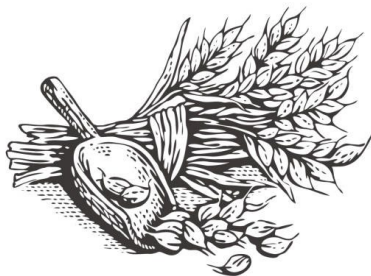


**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**St Michael and All Angels, Stokenham**



## **Harvest Thanksgiving**

### **Welcome**

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

### **And also with you.**

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of heaven and earth.

Your Word calls all things into being,  
and the light of dawn awakens us to life.

May your wisdom guide us this day that we may cherish and care for  
your good creation,

and offer to you the sacrifice of our lips,  
praising you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

### **Opening Hymn**

**Come ye thankful people, come (101)**

*The gifts of the harvest are brought forward during this hymn*

## ***Saying Sorry to God***

God our Father, we have come to say sorry for the wrong things we have done.

### ***Silence is kept***

Lord, you give us this good earth,  
yet we take your generous gifts for granted.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this good earth,  
but we squander its rich resources.  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this good earth,  
but we fail to share your bounty with all of your children.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

## ***Absolution***

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us  
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,  
forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth,  
strengthen you to do God's will  
and give you the joy of his kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## ***Readings***

**Isaiah 55: 1-11**  
**2 Corinthians 9: 6-11**

## ***Hymn***

**For the beauty of the earth (137)**

## ***Gospel reading***

**Matthew 9: 35-38**

## ***Sermon***

## ***Affirmation of Faith***

*Leader:* Let us declare our faith in God, the Lord of the Harvest:

***All:*** We believe in God above us,  
Bringing all that is to birth;  
He ordained the changing seasons,  
Sun and rain to bless the earth.  
Fruitful crops grow at his bidding,  
More than we could ever need;  
Life abundant, without measure,  
Springing from a single seed.

We believe in God beside us,  
Son of God, and yet made man;  
Gave his life, and then was risen,  
To reveal God's timeless plan.  
Teaching us to live together,  
Sharing all God's bounteous store;  
In the harvest of our being,  
Loving all our neighbours more.

We believe in God within us  
Holy Spirit, breath divine;  
Guiding us to follow daily,  
Turning water into wine.  
All the world is ripe for harvest,  
We, your church, must play our part;  
Passing on the gospel message  
Into every fertile heart.

## ***Prayers for Others***

*Response:* **For we all share this earth, and we all rely on you.**

### ***The Collect***

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us,  
open our eyes to your wonders,  
that we may serve you with reverence,  
and know your peace at our lives' end,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ***Sharing the Peace***

#### ***Hymn***

**Great is thy faithfulness** (186)

#### ***The Communion***

*(see separate sheet)*

#### ***Closing Hymn***

**We plough the fields and scatter** (534)

### ***Sending Out and Blessing***

Go into a hungry world to give the bread of life.  
Go into a thirsty world to offer a cup of water.  
Go into a troubled world to bring Christ's peace.  
And the blessing of God Almighty ...

Freely you have received, so freely give.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**



## THE COMMUNION

The Lord is here  
**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.  
When we turned away you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.  
**You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he  
in us.  
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen,  
Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it  
with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.'  
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,  
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'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,  
for the forgiveness of sins.'  
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

So Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.  
As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit,  
and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.  
**As we eat and drink these holy gifts, make us one in  
Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole church throughout the world, we offer you  
this sacrifice of praise, and lift our voice to join the eternal  
song of heaven  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Together we pray **the Lord's Prayer***

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**  
We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

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.**

*We share the bread and wine or receive a blessing at the  
altar.*

*After Communion we pray together:*

**Lord, we have broken your bread and received your life.  
By the power of your Spirit keep us always in your love;  
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