

The United Benefice of
Atlow, Bradley, Hognaston, Hulland and Kniveton



Harvest Thanksgiving
with Holy Communion
(telephone service)



Welcome and Notices

The earth has yielded its harvest;
All God, our God, has blessed us.

Music - we listen to a Harvest Hymn

Confession

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society,
in the misuse of God's creation.

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:
All 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:

All forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,
but ignore the cry of the hungry.
Father, in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless,
and do not care enough for the world you have made.
Father, in your mercy:

All 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:

All forgive us and help us.

In Christ we are set free.
Through Christ we are forgiven.

All Amen. Thanks be to God.

The Harvest Collect

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Bible Reading - Genesis 1:26-31

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading - Luke 12:13-21

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...

All Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All 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.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

These or some other prayers may be used

Generous God, at this harvest time we thank you for all the good things you give us. As we thank you for our food, we remember all those who do not have enough for even one proper meal each day. Lord, bless all those who suffer because of the greed of others. We pray for the homeless, and those who depend on the charity of others. We pray for the work of ACE Youth Trust, Ossie's Kitchen, the Ashbourne food bank and the Padley Centre, providing food for those in need. Help us to share the harvests of the world more fairly, so everyone can be fed.

Lord of the harvest: **hear our prayer**

At this harvest time, we thank you for the hard work of all those who grow, protect and prepare our food; for the shopkeepers, the delivery drivers, the processors and the farmers. Bless all those, Lord, who do not earn a fair day's pay for their hard work, both at home and in other countries. Help us to buy our produce in fair and sustainable ways.

Lord of the harvest: **hear our prayer**

At this harvest time we thank you for the world we see around us; For the flowers, the trees and the animals. Bless all those who care for them, Lord. Help us to protect your creation by being careful about how we use your resources, so that there will be clean water, clean air and plenty of wild birds, mammals and insects to maintain the ecological balance of our countryside.

Lord of the harvest: **hear our prayer**

We give thanks for all that is good in your creation and all who bring in the Harvest of the sea and the land. We are conscious of so much that we get wrong. So we give thanks too, for your grace and patience with us, when we fail to look after your world as we should. Help us to change so that we too become a new creation walking in the light of your Gospel.

Lord of the harvest: **hear our prayer**

At this harvest time we ask for your blessing on our families, friends and neighbours, and on those who are sick. We pray for those whose lives have been gathered in to your presence, whose work here is done. As we continue to make our way through the Covid crisis, help us to learn lessons and to work for a better future.

Lord of the harvest: **hear our prayer**

Source of all life, and giver of all that is good, hear our prayers and grant us all that is in accordance with your will;

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

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

All And also with you.

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The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts

All We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All It is right to give 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.

**All 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.

**All He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,

at supper with his friends

he took bread, and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**All 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:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people
**All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

**All Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.**

As the president receives the sacrament on behalf of us all, please pray this prayer while music is played:

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given us,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for us.
Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally,
We ask you to come spiritually into our hearts.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen**

The Post Communion or another suitable prayer is said. All may say this prayer

**All 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.**

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The Blessing:

God the Father, who created the world,
give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation.
All Amen.

God the Son, who redeemed the world,
inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest.
All Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole of creation,
help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace.
All Amen.

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