



Sunday 24th September, 2023, 16th Sunday after Trinity (Harvest)

Deuteronomy Ch 26 vv 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, ² 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. ³ 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.’

⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵ 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. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ 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; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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.

Luke Ch 12 vv 16 – 31

Then Jesus told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly.

¹⁷ And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” ¹⁸ Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” ²⁰ But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’ ²² He said to his disciples, ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰ For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

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.**

Please Turn Over

Those asking for prayer: Catherine, Katrina, Kayleigh, Ann, Eleanor, Maureen, Tilly, Maurice, Joe, Angelika, Glen, Chris, Shirley & Ivy. **Those who have died..** Wilf Armstrong, Joshua Slater, Doris Armstrong, Marjorie Smith.

Today: 24th September, 16th Sunday after Trinity

09:30 **Holy Communion** St Cuthbert's, Colburn

11:00 **Harvest Festival** St John's, Hipswell

Monday 25th September

19:00 **PCC** St Cuthbert's Community Hall

Tuesday 26th September

10:00-12:00 **Veterans' & Community Art Group** in the hall

19:00-20:00 **Meeting to Pray**, St Cuthbert's Community Hall

Wednesday 27th September

11:30 **Funeral of Marjorie Smith** St Cuthbert's Church

Friday 29th September

11:30 **Funeral of Doris Armstrong** St Cuthbert's Church

Saturday 30th September

11:30 **Funeral of Joshua Slater** St John's Church

Next Sunday: 1st October, 17th Sunday after Trinity

09:30 **Holy Communion**, St John's, Hipswell

11:00 **Service of the Word**, St Cuthbert's, Colburn



Harvest Festivals: Tearfund's Ethiopia Hunger Crisis Appeal

As explained recently, we have decided this year to donate the financial proceeds of our two harvest festival services to **Tearfund**, to support its '**Ethiopia Hunger Crisis Appeal**'.

In **Borena**, southern Ethiopia, where 5 successive annual rains have failed, 20 million people are on the verge of starvation, over 7 million women & children are malnourished, and 7 million cattle have died. **Tearfund** has been supporting the local church in **Borena**, in its vital gift of cash grants to help families survive this awful drought. Tearfund's partner churches, like the **Ethiopian Guenet Church**, continue to offer relief & seek to reach those many more people facing extreme hunger.

Our harvest festivals were last Sunday at St Cuthbert's, and **today** at St John's - also at the unusual time of 11am. Please bring produce & food gifts, and cash for the collections, and the auction at St John's. All financial giving & the proceeds of the auction of produce at St John's will go to support this project.

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Safeguarding: Safeguarding Children, Young People, Victims/perpetrators
We are committed to supporting victims of Domestic Abuse and Vulnerable Adults.

If you are suffering as a result of present or past experiences, we would encourage you to seek help. Various helpline numbers are shown below, or on the relevant web pages, on our website.

Hipswell Parochial Church Council (PCC) has adopted the Church of England's policy and best practice on Safeguarding, which may be found on the Church of England's website:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/safeguarding>

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer

(PSO) is Marie Smalley, can be contact by email: mariesmalley02@gmail.com or by phone: 07852156134.

Our Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers

(DSA) can be accessed by mail: safeguarding@leeds.anglican.org or by phone T: (0113) 3530 257

If a child or adult is at immediate risk of significant harm, in the first instance you should always contact your local Social Services team North Yorkshire (01609) 780780 or the local police (call 101).

National helplines:

Childline: 0800 1111 NSPCC: 0808 500 8000

Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 200 0247

MACSAS (Ministers and clergy sexual abuse survivors): www.macsas.org.uk

Tragedy: We continue to hold in our prayers the family of **Joshua Slater**. Please continue to pray for **Kirsty**, his Mum, & for friends & school staff. We plan to hold Joshua's funeral at St John's on Saturday 30th September at 11.30am.

Pray: As colleges and universities welcome the new intake of students, and *Freshers'* fairs take place this week, let's pray both for those starting this year and those returning to their studies. These are times of profound adjustment, both for students and their families— getting used to life in new configurations. Pray, too, for lecturers and support staff, as they support the students.

Please Take Me Home With You