

Churches Together Choir

A colorful illustration of a church scene. In the center is a yellow church with a clock tower and a cross on top. A group of people, including men, women, and children, are standing in front of the church. A child is on a red tricycle. To the right, a large green tree stands next to a tall stone cross. Musical notes and a treble clef are floating in the air above the church. The sky is blue with white clouds. The ground is green with some fallen leaves.

*Great music from a combined choir
led by Richard Cottle*

FIND OUT MORE:

www.denhamparish.church/concert

Weds 5th - Little Lions toddler group. St Mark's. Contact eddalindner18@gmail.com

**Sat 8th 3pm. Baptism of
Phoebe Way. St Mary's**

**Sun 9th 4pm. Churches
Together Choir Concert.
St Mary's**

Let's pray together ...

- For the Royal Family and all those who mourn the death of the Queen. For King Charles III. For the faith, life and work of Queen Elizabeth to bear much fruit in our nation and around the world.
- For those who are unwell, especially Cynthia Sterry.
- For those who have lost loved ones



2nd October 2022, 10.30am, St Mary's
HARVEST SUNDAY

We look back with thanks and forward with joy

Welcome to St Mary's Church! We are so glad you are here – whether you are in the church building or watching online. If you are here for the first time or visiting, please say hello (in the chat feature online, or to the service leader or a member of the welcome team in church). You can find out more about our church on our website (www.denhamparish.church) or Facebook page (facebook.com/denhamparish.church).

Christoph Lindner, Rector

WELCOME

HYMN

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!

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.

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.

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, then thousand angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home!

PRAYER

“What did Jesus do when it was Harvest Festival?”

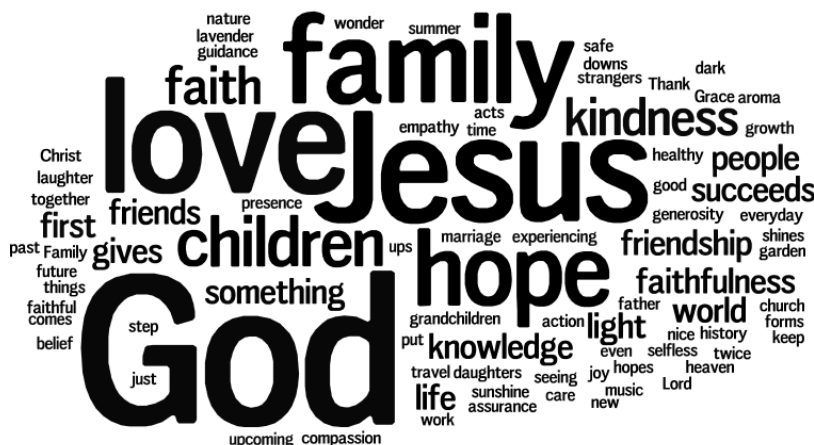
FIRST READING: Leviticus 23:39–43

“Remember that this seven-day festival to the LORD—the Festival of Shelters—begins on the fifteenth day of the appointed month, after you have harvested all the produce of the land. The first day and the eighth day of the festival will be days of complete rest. On the first day gather branches from magnificent trees—palm fronds, boughs from leafy trees, and willows that grow by the streams. Then celebrate with joy before the LORD your God for seven days. You must observe this festival to the LORD for seven days every year. This is a permanent law for you, and it must be observed in the appointed month from generation to generation. For seven days you must live outside in little shelters. All native-born Israelites must live in shelters. This will remind each new generation of Israelites that I made their ancestors live in shelters when I rescued them from the land of Egypt. I am the LORD your God.”

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

REFLECTION

In the summer we asked you: What gives you h o p e ? Here are your a n s w e r s (bigger words have been mentioned more often).



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SONG: The Vegetable Song

(During this song we bring our harvest gifts to the front)

I like vegetables, there's only one left out:
I like vegetables, but I don't like sprout,
No I don't like sprout!

"How does Jesus want us to keep harvest festival?"

SONG

With me God is with me
Yes He's with me every step
With me God is with me
Yes He's with me every step
And I know God is with me every step I go
Yes I know God is with me every step

With you God is with you
Yes He's with you every step
With you God is with you
Yes He's with you every step
And I know God is with you
every step you go
Yes I know God is with you every step

*And oh the love of God is with me every day
Every step I take
He will lead me on into his perfect plan
Walking hand in hand*

With us God is with us
Yes He's with us every step
With us God is with us
Yes He's with us every step
And I know God is with us
every step we go
Yes I know God is with us every step

(After this song the children leave for a Sunday Club activity)

BANNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND READING: John 4. 31-42

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus

said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

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

TALK

CHOIR

*Praise to thee O Lord for all creation
Give us thankful hearts, that we may see:
All the gifts we share and every blessing, all
things come of thee.*

PRAYERS

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

**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.**

HYMN

*(During this hymn the children will return
from Sunday club)*

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*

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

We thank Thee then O Father
For all things bright and good
The seed time and the harvest
Our life our health our food
Accept the gifts we offer
For all Thy love imparts
and, what thou most desirest
Our humble thankful hearts

SONG

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

*All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God*

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

PRAYER

**Thank you, God, that you care for us,
guide us and care for our community.
Thank you for the beauty of your gifts.
Don't let us ever forget
that all good things come from you,
not ourselves.
May we always care for those
who don't have enough
of the good things of life,
and to work to make your world
a fairer place.
In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The
Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up
the light of his countenance upon you,
and give you peace. Amen.