



The Benefice of the Street Parishes



Harvest Celebration

*A very warm welcome to our Harvest Celebration. Please join in with the responses in **Bold**.*

Praise

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised: there is no end to his greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.

All creation praises you, Lord, and your faithful servants bless you.

They declare the glory of your kingdom and tell of your mighty power.

My mouth shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Let every living thing bless his holy name for ever and ever

Lord, we praise you for the harvest of the fields around Ryedale

For fields of wheat and barley; for oil-seed rape and maize, for healthy herds, for sheep and pigs,

We give thanks.

We praise you for the harvest of local hedgerows,

for the straggling bramble; for black showers of elderberry,
for mushrooms nestling in the dewy grass

We give thanks.

We praise you for the harvest of gardens and allotments;
For earthy roots and crackling cabbage,
for hanging beans and striped courgette

We give thanks.

Lord we praise you for the harvest of talents in this church;
for buildings well maintained,
for flower arrangements and music,
for responsible stewardship,
for charities supported.

We give thanks.

We praise you for the harvest of fellowship here in the
benefice,
for friends made and support given.
For people with whom to laugh and with whom to weep.

We give thanks.

Lord we praise you for the harvest of prayer in this place.
For commitment deepened;
for discipleship taken up, for the cross carried and
the burdens borne

We give thanks.

Now Lord we dedicate this celebration of harvest
thanksgiving to you.

Bless us, strengthen us, unite us in your love.

Amen

Confession

As we celebrate your goodness so we confront our own sin,
our greed and insensitivity,
our failure to appreciate what we have
and the opportunities you have given,
our readiness to complain,
our unwillingness to praise.

Father, forgive and renew us.

Food taken for granted,
work unappreciated and poorly rewarded;
Self-centred blindness to other's needs.
Deliberate deafness to the cries of the hungry,
Coldness of heart to those deprived of affection,

Father, forgive and renew us.

A landscape threatened and an economy at risk;
a countryside disheartened, its communities uncertain and
confused,
its isolation and exclusion ignored.

Father, forgive and renew us.

May our sins be forgiven,
Our blindness, deafness and coldness of heart be healed.
May your renewing spirit rest on us
And fill our nation with your love and hope.
In Jesus' name.

Amen

Collect (Arthur Rank Centre)

God of the heavens and the earth,
you call us to share in the care of your creation
and to bring food and fruitfulness from field and farm.

Hear our prayer for all who make their living on the land and make us grateful for the work of their hands and for the generosity of your provision.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen

Reading

Luke 12:16-30

Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" 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. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." 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?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

Then 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. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. 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! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? 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. 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! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

Intercessions

We pray for those whose lives are caught up with your creation, and who work with you in tending and nurturing it; those who even now suffer as a result of the crisis in our countryside; those afraid for their future, those struggling to survive; all whose livelihood and existence is under threat. May they know your presence and conscious of the help that you bring.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for the hungry and the homeless, the broken and bereaved. For all for whom this day brings sadness and little joy. For the lonely and the helpless, for those whose hope has been shattered and their faith destroyed.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

For the struggling and the oppressed and for those without power to negotiate or bargain; for all whose work goes unrewarded, whose produce is undervalued. For all who feel unwanted, believing their skills are no longer needed.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For all who struggle to change the system, striving for justice and fair trade, trying to overcome political blindness and public insensitivity. For all who influence our thinking, our buying and consuming; for all who formulate policy and manage the market; for fairness and compassion in all walks of life.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For responsible stewardship in our using of your world; for sustainable consumption as well as production; for care for creation and compassion for each other. Lord, may your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven

Amen

Merciful Father accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.**

Amen.

Harvest Blessing

We bless you, God of Seed and Harvest,
that the beauty of this world and the love that created it,
might be expressed through our lives and be a blessing to
others.

Take and bless these symbols of our harvest,
And enable us to see this world as a gift from you that can be
shared,
and those who live on it as our neighbours.
We ask this that your name may be glorified
through the beauty of this world and the service of our lives,
now and always

Amen

Blessing

Bless to us, O God
The sun that shines above us
The rain that falls upon us
The earth that sustains us
The air that surrounds us
The love that binds us.

Amen

May God who has made us, who loves us and who gives us
life bless and keep us, now and always.

Amen