

WELCOME TO BOWTHORPE CHURCH



19TH SEPTEMBER 2021

WELCOME & NOTICES

- Church meeting next Sunday 26 September
- Church Council on Monday 27 September

CALL TO WORSHIP

My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you(Psalm 63:5)



SONG: We plough the fields and
scatter

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.



*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the
Lord,
for all His love.*



We thank Thee, then, O Father,
for all things bright and good;
The seedtime and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
for all Thy love imparts,
But that which Thou desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts.



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are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the
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for all His love.*



PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Praise you, Lord!

How good and right it is, to give you
thanks,

O Lord our God.

The sights and scents of harvest
remind us of the wonder of growth.



Rain and sunshine combine
to bring the best from your creation.
Here, in harvest fruitfulness,
shine all the colours of the rainbow.
Your promise never fails.
Creation tells the everlasting story
of your goodness towards us.
We praise you, Lord, God of creation.



In a world whose web of life is intricate
and beautiful,
**save us, Lord, from carelessness and
blindness.**

In a world whose creatures are so varied
and vulnerable,
**save us, Lord, from cruelty and
destruction.**



In a world whose waters are fresh
and whose oceans should cleanse,
**save us, Lord from wanton
pollution.**

In a world whose forests protect our
air and wildlife,
**save us, Lord, from the systems that
drive us to destroy them.**

In a world whose harvest is rich and plentiful,

save us, Lord, from waste and greed.

In a world where many people live on little or nothing,

save us, Lord, from inactivity and hard-heartedness.



Lord, forgive us all our sins,
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God in his mercy forgives all who truly repent. So, receive his forgiveness in Jesus' name and rejoice in his goodness to you.
Amen.



CHRISTIAN AID VIDEO

[We Are Christian Aid.mp4](#)



OFFERING OF HARVEST GIFTS

Food to Connecting Bowthorpe

Money to Christian Aid



HARVEST OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, giver of all good gifts, we offer these gifts for your work through Connecting Bowthorpe and Christian Aid. Bless their work here in Bowthorpe and in the wider world.



We not only give our gifts but also give ourselves to you this harvest day, in thankfulness of your goodness to us in Christ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



SONG: WE SEE THE FRUITFUL HARVEST



[Christian Aid Autumn Appeal
song Fruitful Harvest.mp4](#)

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We see the fruitful harvest
our gracious God provides
and how, in his abundance,
our needs are satisfied.

He sends the yearly seasons,
And feeds with joy and care;
Pure light and living water
poured out for all to share.



*Lord of all the harvest,
Creation brings you praise,
So we will join the joyful song
Of everything you've made.*



This world of revelation
Unfolds before our eyes
The birds sing out God's glories,
His wisdom fills the skies.
The seeds are sown to teach us
Of death that leads to life.
The fruitful trees remind us
To live each day in Christ.



*Lord of all the harvest,
Creation brings you praise,
So we will join the joyful song
Of everything you've made.*



There is another harvest
The workers are so few
We'll tend the seeds he's planted
And see his word bear fruit.
Creation groans in longing
For earth to be restored,
That day of celebration:
The harvest of the Lord.



*Lord of all the harvest,
Creation brings you praise,
So we will join the joyful song
Of everything you've made.*



READING: ISAIAH 55:1-13

“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. ² Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labour on



what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. ³ Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. ⁴ See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples.



⁵ Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendour.”



⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call on him while he is near. ⁷ Let the
wicked forsake their ways and the
unrighteous their thoughts. Let them
turn to the Lord, and he will have
mercy on them, and to our God, for he
will freely pardon.



“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,”
declares the Lord. ⁹ “As the heavens are
higher than the earth, so are my ways
higher than your ways and my thoughts
than your thoughts



¹⁰ As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.



¹² You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the Lord's renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever."



This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Harvest reflection: Come to the waters



SONG: ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY



*All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow be
washed away
In the waves of his mercy
As deep cries out to deep
(we sing)*



Come, Lord Jesus come (x4).



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Holy Spirit, come (x4).



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord of the harvest, we thank you for all who have worked on land and sea to provide our daily food. We remember our farmers and fishermen and those in other parts of the world who have planted the seed and tended the crops, and the fruit of whose labours we enjoy.



Grant that they may receive justice,
a fair return for their labour and
hope for the future with a stable
climate.

Lord of the harvest

Hear our prayer



We pray too for those who package and deliver our food, for shopkeepers and restaurateurs, for those concerned with the nation's health and for ourselves, that we may shop wisely and with thought for others.

Lord of the harvest

Hear our prayer



Father, we are mindful that whilst we are well fed and nourished there are many who are short of food, whose harvests have failed for lack of rain as climate changes, or whose livelihood has been destroyed by war, inhumanity and exploitation.



Bless the development agencies who
are seeking to redress the balance
and bring peace and justice where
there is want, discord and
destruction.

Lord of the harvest

Hear our prayer



Bless those who work for climate justice so that all countries, rich and poor, will have an equal entitlement per person to create greenhouse gas emissions.

Give us generous hearts that from our riches we may increasingly give our



support to those working among the poor and under-privileged in the world, and keep us ever mindful of our Lord's command to love our neighbours – whether close at hand or in the wider world – as ourselves.

Lord of the harvest

Hear our prayer



We ask all these things in Jesus'
name. **Amen.**



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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SONG: YOU SHALL GO OUT WITH JOY

You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace,
And the mountains and the hills
shall break forth before you.



There'll be shouts of joy,
and the trees of the field
shall clap, shall clap their hands.
And the trees of the field shall clap their
hands, (x3)
And you'll go out with joy.



CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

Gracious Lord, full of faithfulness,
your generous love supplies us
with the fruits of the earth in their
seasons, and the bread of heaven,
even yourself.



Give us grace to be thankful for all
your gifts, to use them wisely, and to
share our plenty with others;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you this harvest time and for evermore. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen.

