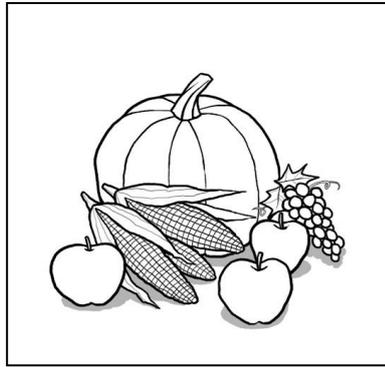


# *St Andrew's Church*

## *Harvest Festival - Climate Change Sunday*



*Newsletter for October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021*

*10.00am Mass in Church and on YouTube*

*Celebrant and Preacher; Fr John*

*If you are in church, please remember to turn off your mobile phone during the service. Please take this sheet home with you at the end of the service. There are prayers which you may like to use at home at the end of the newsletter.*

**Hymn numbers for the Mass 144, 198, 183, 260, 801**

### **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. **Amen.**

### **Reading**

**Deuteronomy 8;7-11**

The Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today.

### **Gospel**

**Matthew 6;25-33**

Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into

barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, 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, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith?

Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Please pray for people who are sick or in need of prayer:** Linda, the Pottinger family, Beverly Mitchell, Elaine Mitchell, Mrs Francis, Mrs Baxter, Margaret, Gill Ludford, Rene and Sonny, Baby Valerie Rose, Hayden Lewis, Viki Sidhu.

**Anniversary of death:** Beattie Neal.

**Birthdays:** Elaine, Carole, Ellie.

### **Notices**

- Pam Hyett 's funeral is at Sandwell Crematorium on Saturday 9th October at 11 am.
- Norah Pottinger's funeral is at St Andrew's on Tuesday 19th October at 12.30 pm
- A few people from St Andrew's are forming a group to look at eco church/climate change issues. If you would like to be involved, please speak to Mary Bairstow. Meetings are likely to be on Tuesdays via Zoom.
- Eileen is starting the next magazine. She wishes to feature music or words (a hymn? a song?) that have helped to see you through the pandemic. Please write something on this theme and send it to [parishmagazine949@gmail.com](mailto:parishmagazine949@gmail.com) Other articles welcome too – via the magazine box at the back of church.

### **Prayer**

Dearest Jesus, who wept at the death of your friend and taught that they who mourn shall be comforted, grant us the comfort of your presence in our loss. Send Your Holy Spirit to direct us lest we make hasty or foolish decisions. Send Your Spirit to give us courage lest through fear we recoil from living. Send Your Spirit to bring us your peace lest bitterness, false guilt, or regret take root in our hearts.

The Lord has given.

The Lord has taken away.

Blessed be the name of the Lord. Amen.