



# Harvest Festival

## St Mark's Church



Welcome

### Opening Verse

The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it *Psalms 24.1*

### Introduction

The earth has yielded its harvest;  
**God, our God, has blessed us.**

You visit the earth and water it;  
**you make it very plenteous.**

You soften the ground with showers;  
**and bless the increase of it.**

You crown the year with your goodness;  
**and your paths overflow with plenty.**

The meadows are clothed with sheep;  
**the valleys stand so thick with corn,  
they shout for joy and sing.**

The earth has yielded its harvest;  
**God, our God, has blessed us.**

*Psalms 65.8,10,11,13; 67.7*



**Thank God  
for the  
Harvest**

## Hymn

Come ye thankful people come

## Confession

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor, and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world.

We confess to you  
our lack of care for the world you have given us.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you  
our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you  
our failure to protect resources for others.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The minister will proclaim the words of forgiveness.*

## Offering

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**Dear Lord, the gifts of the harvest are yours. May we use them wisely to your glory and for the relief of the suffering, as well as for our own needs.**

## Hymn

Autumn Days

## Thanksgiving Prayer

Let us give thanks to God, the God of all peoples of the earth.

For the colour and forms of your creation and our place within it,  
we bring our thanks, good Lord:

All **Your mercy endures for ever.**

For our daily food, and for those whose work and skill bring your good gifts to us, we bring our thanks, good Lord:

All **Your mercy endures for ever.**

For the gifts and graces inspired in human minds and hearts; for insight and imagination, for the skills of research which bring healing and fulfilment to the lives of many; we bring our thanks, good Lord:

All **Your mercy endures for ever.**

For the light and shades of the changing seasons, and their variety and dependability; for new life and growth out of barrenness and decay; we bring our thanks, good Lord:

All **Your mercy endures for ever.**

For new hope and strength in our communities, especially in your Church and among all you call to serve you, we bring our thanks, good Lord;

All **Your mercy endures for ever.**

For all in whose lives we see goodness, kindness, gentleness, patience and humility, and all the fruit of the Spirit, we bring our thanks, good Lord:

All **Your mercy endures for ever.**

For the life we have been given, and for all those whom you have given us to share it, we bring our thanks, good Lord:

All **Your mercy endures for ever.**

### **Collect Prayer**

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen

### **Bible Readings**

*The readings may be followed in Partnership News*

*At the end of each reading*

*Reader* This is the Word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God**

## Hymn

Praise God for the Harvest

## Address

Presentation on Mavuno Village - Mr Martin Fannon  
The Reverend Dr Sam Cappleman

## Hymn

For the fruits of all creation

## The Prayers

*At the end of our prayers we say*

## The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, which 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. 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.**



## Hymn

We plough the fields

## The Blessing

Freely you have received,  
freely give.

Go in peace to love and  
serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ.  
Amen.**