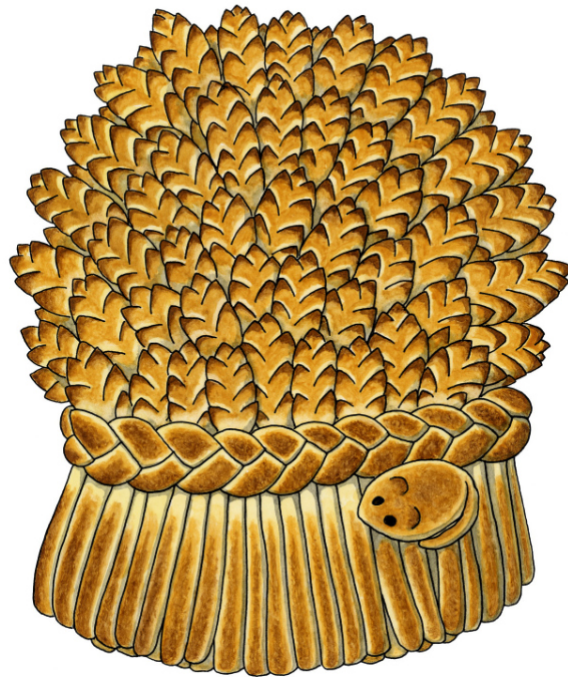


**Parish of Central Windsor**

**5.30pm  
5<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**HARVEST  
THANKSGIVING**



**Choral Evensong**

**according to  
The Book of Common Prayer**

**A warm welcome to  
All Saints' Church  
for our service this evening**

Organ music before the service: Unter der Linden grüne (Sweelinck)

Please stand for:  
THE OPENING HYMN

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,

***Refrain:***

***Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.***

For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light,

***Refrain:***

For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and brain's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight,

***Refrain:***

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild,

***Refrain:***

For each perfect gift of thine  
to our race so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,

***Refrain:***

*Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917)*

*The Opening Sentence and Introduction are said:*

Dearly beloved....

*A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation,*

Almighty and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

*The Absolution or Remission of sins to be pronounced by the Priest*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer is said*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that 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.

*The Preces and Responses are sung*

V. O Lord, open thou our lips

R. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

V. O God, make speed to save us.

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

V. Praise ye the Lord.

R. The Lord's Name be praised.

*The appointed Psalm is sung*

**PSALM 67**

**GOD** be merciful unto us, and bless us : and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us:

<sup>2</sup>That thy way may be known upon earth : thy saving health among all nations.

<sup>3</sup>Let the people praise thee, O God : yea, let all the people praise thee.

<sup>4</sup>O let the nations rejoice and be glad : for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

<sup>5</sup>Let the people praise thee, O God : let all the people praise thee.

<sup>6</sup>Then shall the earth bring forth her increase : and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

<sup>7</sup>God shall bless us : and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:

and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now,

and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

*A Lesson of the Old Testament is read*

The First Lesson is taken from the Book of Deuteronomy

**Deuteronomy 8.7-18**

<sup>8</sup><sup>7</sup>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, <sup>8</sup>a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

<sup>11</sup>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.

<sup>12</sup>When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them <sup>13</sup>and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup>then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, <sup>15</sup>who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, <sup>16</sup>and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. <sup>17</sup>Do not say to yourself, ‘My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.’ <sup>18</sup>But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today

Here endeth the Lesson: **Thanks be to God**

## **The Magnificat** (Stanford in B flat) *is sung by the choir*

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath  
rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in  
the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the  
humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent  
empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:  
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed,  
for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

## *A Lesson of the New Testament is read*

The Second Lesson is taken from the Second Letter of Paul to the Church at  
Corinth

### **2 Corinthians 9.6-end**

<sup>6</sup>The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows  
bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have made  
up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful  
giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that  
by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good  
work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written,

‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.’

<sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and  
multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your  
righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity,  
which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; <sup>12</sup>for the rendering of this

ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup>Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, <sup>14</sup>while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. <sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Here endeth the Lesson: Thanks be to God

### The Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:  
according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation;  
Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

### *The Apostles' Creed is said*

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried:  
He descended into hell;  
The third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence  
he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
The holy Catholick Church;  
The Communion of Saints;  
The Forgiveness of sins;  
The Resurrection of the body,  
And the Life everlasting. Amen.

**V. Lord be with you.**

**R. And with thy spirit.**

**V. Let us pray. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**R. Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**V. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
Amen.**

**V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.**

**R. And grant us thy salvation.**

**V. O Lord, save the King.**

**R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

**V. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.**

**R. And make thy chosen people joyful.**

**V. O Lord, save thy people.**

**R. And bless thine inheritance.**

**V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.**

**R. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou,  
O God.**

**V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.**

**R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**



## The Collect for Harvest Thanksgiving

O eternal God,  
who crownest the year with thy goodness  
and dost give us the fruits of the earth in their season:  
give us grace that we may use them to thy glory,  
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever  
Amen

## *The Second Collect at Evening Prayer*

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

## *The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils*

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Antem:* O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving (Harris)

Prayers of Intercession are said, ending with

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,  
be with us all evermore.  
Amen.**

## *Hymn before sermon*

Let us, with a gladsome mind,  
praise the Lord, for he is kind:

***Refrain:***

***for his mercies aye endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.***

Let us blaze his name abroad,  
for of gods he is the God:

***Refrain:***

He with all commanding might  
filled the new-made world with light:

***Refrain:***

He the golden-tressèd sun  
caused all day his course to run:

***Refrain:***

And the hornèd moon by night,  
mid her spangled sisters bright:

***Refrain:***

All things living he doth feed,  
his full hand supplies their need:

***Refrain:***

Let us, with a gladsome mind,  
praise the Lord, for he is kind:

***Refrain:***

*John Milton (1608-1674)*

## SERMON

## *Hymn after sermon*

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing:  
alleluya, alleluya!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
***O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluya, alleluya, alleluya!***

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him, Alleluya!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
***O praise him:***

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluya, alleluya!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
that givest man both warmth and light,  
***O praise him:***

Dear mother earth, who day by day  
unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise him, Alleluya!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
let them his glory also show:  
***O praise him:***

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, Alleluya!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:  
***O praise him:***

*St Francis of Assisi (c1181-1226)  
Paraphraser: William Henry Draper (1855-1933)*

FINAL BLESSING

Voluntary: Est-ce Mars (Sweelinck))

You are welcome to take this service sheet away with you for private reflection or to give to a friend.

If you are visiting today or attending for the first time, we hope that you have felt “at home” here, that you will be refreshed by today’s service of worship and that you will return in the future.

We shall be delighted if you decide to make our church community your spiritual home.



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**[churchofengland.org/faith-life/what-we-believe](https://churchofengland.org/faith-life/what-we-believe)**

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