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Reading food bank.

**ReadiFood**  
Reading's Food Bank



Please stay for refreshments after the service.

## Parish Harvest Festival

**St James the Less, Pangbourne**  
**10<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 10am**

*Donations in aid of:*

**ReadiFood**  
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*Gathering and Greeting*

Minister: We meet in the name of the one who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit

All: **Amen**

Minister: Grace mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All: **and also with you**

**Welcome and introduction to the service**

**Hymn 144 Come ye Thankful People Come**

*Saying Sorry*

Minister: God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully.

Father, in your mercy:

All: **forgive us and help us.**

Minister: We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.

Father, in your mercy:

All: **forgive us and help us.**

Minister: We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry.

Father, in your mercy:

All: **forgive us and help us.**

Minister: We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made.

Father, in your mercy:

All: **forgive us and help us**

*Absolution*

Minister: May the God of love and Power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord

All: **Amen**

**Song: Harvest Samba**

Cabbages and greens, Broccoli and beans,  
Cauliflower and roasted potatoes, taste so good to me!  
Apricots and plums, ripened in the sun,  
Oranges and yellow bananas, Good for everyone!

*It's another harvest festival, when we bring our fruit  
and vegetables,  
Cause we want to share the best of all  
the good things that we've been given.  
It's another opportunity, to be grateful for the food we eat,  
with a samba celebration to say "Thank you" to God the Father.*

Golden corn and wheat, oats and sugar beet,  
Fluffy rice and tasty spaghetti, wonderful to eat!  
Coffee, cocoa, tea, growing naturally,  
Herbal plants and all kinds of spices - Very nice indeed!

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Thank you for the harvest  
Thank you for your goodness  
For all of the fruit and vegetables  
and the wonderful things that grow. (x2)

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we've been given.*

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a samba celebration to say "Thank you" to God the Father. God  
the Father.*

**Hymn: 801 We plough the fields and scatter**

*(During this hymn the harvest gifts for the Reading food-bank will be brought forward.)*

**Prayer of blessing on food and gifts offered.**

Minister: Good shepherd of all people,  
We pray your blessing on this food offered today.  
May all who receive it through Reading Foodbank  
know your blessing, your strengthening and your peace.  
May they know your presence through difficult days,  
your steadfast love and hope, and the guarantee of  
their place at your feast. Bless all who have given and  
give us courage to hold fast to all that is good and  
remain faithful to you. **Amen.**

**Notices**

*Dismissal and Blessing*

All: **Almighty God, our heavenly Creator, you give us so  
much, as we go out today, give us loving hearts and prac-  
tical minds, that in the world wide task of caring no one  
may starve while we eat so well.**

**We ask this in Jesus' name**

All: **Amen**

Minister: The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep  
your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord and the blessing of  
God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be  
with you and remain with you always

All: **Amen**

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All: **In the name of Christ, Amen.**

*Gloria (said)*

All: **Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Special Prayer for the Day (Collect)*

Minister: 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, who is alive and reigns with you, in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen**

**Children's Talk: Where does our food come from?**



**Song:** *Lord of the harvest, Lord of the field,  
Give thanks now to God in nature revealed.*

Give thanks for the sun, the wind and the rain  
And thanks for the crops that feed us again.  
The corn safely cut is gathered inside  
We thank you O Lord, that you can provide.

*Lord of the harvest, Lord of the field,  
Give thanks now to God in nature revealed.*

The trees ripe with fruit stand proud in the sun,  
We gather them now that summer is gone.  
For yours is the wonder, yours is the power  
Yours is the glory of fruit and of flower.

*Lord of the harvest, Lord of the field,  
Give thanks now to God in nature revealed.*

So in all our plenty, help us to see,  
the needs of all around whatever they be.  
With food for the body, strength for the soul,  
It's healing and caring, making them whole.

*Lord of the harvest, Lord of the field,  
Give thanks now to God in nature revealed.*

#### *Readings*

**Epistle:** **Hebrews 4.12-end**

**Gospel:** **Mark 10.2-16**

**Sermon:** **"Poverty and Riches"**

#### *Creed*

**Minister:** Let us affirm the faith of the church.  
**All:** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### **Prayers of intercession.**

Response: Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

#### *The Peace*

Minister: The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, pa-  
tience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness  
and self-control  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
and also with you

Minister: Let us offer one another a sign of peace