

**Harvest Festival
at Christ Church Totland Bay**



Look at the world

Sunday October 4th at 11am

Prayers of Preparation

Lord God, maker and redeemer of all,
As we come before you this day,
Comfort us with your presence,
Make us attentive to your voice,
And sustain us with the hope of your Kingdom;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(All) **Amen**

This is the day the Lord has made.

(All) **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving

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:
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:
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:
your mercy endures for ever.

Presentation of Harvest Gifts

Reading: We plough the fields

A Time of 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 our sin, and the sins of our society,
in the misuse of God's creation.

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

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

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

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people where the majority are full and satisfied,
but ignore the cry of the hungry.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

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

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone,
as if there were no God and no heaven.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We reflect now on the final part of our confession as we listen to our reading.

The Word of God

Luke 12: 16 – 30

This is the word of the Lord
(All) Thanks be to God

The Choir sing ‘Look at the World’ by John Rutter

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God:

**We believe in God the Father,
From whom every family in heaven and earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
Who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
Who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Intercessions

*Let us offer our prayers to God for the life of the world
and for all God's people in their daily life and work.*

God, the beginning and end of all things,
in your providence and care
you watch unceasingly over all creation;
we offer our prayers
that in us and in all your people your will may be done,
according to your wise and loving purpose in Christ our Lord.
Lord of all life:

Hear our prayer

We pray for all through whom we receive sustenance and life;
for farmers and agricultural workers,
for packers, distributors and company boards;
as you have so ordered our life that we depend upon each other,
enable us by your grace
to seek the well-being of others before our own.
Lord of all creation:

hear our prayer

We pray for all engaged in research
to safeguard crops against disease,
and to produce abundant life among those who hunger
and whose lives are at risk.
Prosper the work of their hands
and the searching of their minds,
that their labour may be for the welfare of all.
Lord of all wisdom:

hear our prayer.

We pray for governments and aid agencies,
and those areas of the world where there is disaster, drought and
starvation.

By the grace of your Spirit,
touch our hearts
and the hearts of all who live in comfortable plenty,
and make us wise stewards of your gifts.

Lord of all justice:

hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are ill,
remembering those in hospital and nursing homes
and all who are known to us.

We pray for all who care for them.

Give skill and understanding to all who work for their well-being.

Lord of all compassion:

hear our prayer.

We remember those who have died,
whom we entrust to your eternal love
in the hope of resurrection to new life.

Lord of all peace:

hear our prayer.

We offer ourselves to your service,
asking that by the Spirit at work in us
others may receive a rich harvest
of love and joy and peace.

Lord of all faithfulness:

hear our prayer.

God of grace,
as you are ever at work in your creation,
so fulfil your wise and loving purpose in us
and in all for whom we pray,
that with them and in all that you have made,
your glory may be revealed
and the whole earth give praise to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**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**

A Harvest Collect

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. **Amen**

A Harvest Blessing

God the Father, who created the world,
give us grace to be wise stewards of his creation.

Amen.

God the Son, who redeemed the world,
inspire us to go out as labourers into his harvest.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole of creation,
help us to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace.

Amen.

Our Harvest gifts will go to the Isle of Wight Foodbank,.

<https://isleofwight.foodbank.org.uk/>

The Freshwater branch is based at Colwell Baptist Church
and is open on Friday mornings from 10am—12 noon.

Foodbank vouchers are available from:

- Helen at the Totland Parish Office
- Adam, Community Connector, tel: 07498 496719
- Melanie, Just Ask Officer, tel:07548 488114

Adam and Melanie both attend the Our Place Community
Café on Tuesday mornings and offer support at the
Freshwater Foodbank on Friday mornings.