

# CAFÉ CHURCH

## SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> 2018



**The Parable of the Sower  
(Luke 8: 1-15)**

# HARVEST THANKSGIVING

## MENU

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## STARTER:



## INTRODUCTION:

### OPENING RESPONSES:

Praying together - sharing together

**ALL: this is good news.**

Learning together - working together

**ALL: this is good news.**

Laughing together - weeping together

**ALL: this is good news.**

This is good news –

**ALL: for our community.**

This is good news

**ALL: for God's world.**

### HYMN:

We plough the fields and scatter  
The good seed on the land,  
But it is fed and watered  
By God's almighty hand:  
He sends the snow in winter,  
The warmth to swell the grain,  
The breezes and the sunshine,  
And soft, refreshing rain.

*Refrain: All good gifts around us  
Are sent from heaven above  
Then thank the Lord,  
O thank the Lord,  
For all his love.*

He only is the maker  
Of all things near and far;  
He paints the wayside flower,  
He lights the evening star;  
The winds and waves obey him,  
By him the birds are fed;  
Much more to us, his children,  
He gives our daily bread. *Refrain:*

We thank thee then, O Father,  
For all things bright and good,  
The seed time and the harvest,  
Our life, our health, our food.  
Accept the gifts we offer  
For all thy love imparts,  
And what thou most desirest,  
Our humble, thankful hearts. *Refrain:*

## **PRAYERS OF APPROACH:**

**(please join in the responses in bold type)**

God our maker - God of springtime and Harvest  
**we are here.**

Jesus the storyteller - Jesus our friend  
**we are here.**

Holy Spirit our breath - God alive within us  
**we are here.**

We are here at your invitation to meet with you. (silence)

As we think about Harvest in our lives, our communities and around the world, we come to you, seeking hope, strength and forgiveness.

For our tendency to work alone when it would be more constructive to work with others,  
God of the Harvest - **forgive us.**

For closing our minds to stories and situations we need to understand and act on,  
God of the Harvest - **forgive us.**

For our reluctance to let your Holy Spirit challenge us and remake us,  
God of the Harvest - **forgive us.**  
[silence]

Jesus said – Listen, this is Good News:  
those who hear my message and let it grow in their hearts and minds,  
keep on living and loving until they bear good fruit.  
**Amen.**

## MAIN COURSE: BETTER TOGETHER

### THE GREAT TRINITY BAKE-OFF!

Which menu would you prefer? Why?



**DRAMATISED READING:** Luke 8: 1-15  
“The Parable of the Sower”

### REFLECTION:

**MUSIC:** “Look at the World” – John Rutter

**READING:** Aster’s Story

### TABLE DISCUSSION: Solar solutions

What else can solar power be used for?

Why is solar power beneficial?





Aster lives in Ethiopia

Aster and her children use the solar lamp



## **HYMN:**

The Church is wherever God's people are praising,  
knowing they're wanted and loved by their Lord.  
The Church is wherever Christ's followers are trying  
to live and to share out the good news of God.

The Church is wherever God's people are loving,  
where all are forgiven and start once again,  
where all are accepted, whatever their background,  
whatever their past and whatever their pain.

The Church is wherever God's people are seeking  
to reach out and touch folk wherever they are –  
conveying the Gospel, its joy and its comfort,  
to challenge, refresh, and excite and inspire.

The Church is wherever God's people are praising,  
knowing we're wanted and loved by our Lord.  
The Church is where we as Christ's followers are trying  
to live and to share out the good news of God.

## **DESSERT:**

### **PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION**

To the words: "God of the Harvest" please respond with:  
**"hear our prayer."**

**The Lord's Prayer**

### **OFFERTORY and PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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

For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony,  
linking sense to sound and sight;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

For thy church, that evermore  
lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore  
her pure sacrifice of love;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

## Closing prayer (said together)

God, who made the earth,  
root us deeply in your love  
and grow your wisdom and justice in us.

Jesus who told great stories,  
sow your good news in our hearts,  
and help us to live it together, joyfully.

Holy Spirit of adventure,  
challenge us and comfort us all our days  
and bring us at last safe home to Harvest.  
Amen.

*There will be a retiring collection for the  
Christian Aid "Kerala Appeal"*

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## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY:

### **Monday September 17<sup>th</sup> – 6.00pm**

Uniformed Organisations Harvest Service

Please support our young people as they come together to give thanks for the Harvest.

### **Friday September 21<sup>st</sup> – 12.00**

Trinity Diners – Harvest Lunch – there are places available but please book with Jennie today.

### **Sunday September 23rd**

**10.30am – Rev. Ann Caffyn – Holy Communion**

**4.00pm – Churches Together - Songs of Praise –**  
hosted by Trinity Church.

The service will be followed by refreshments.

Your support would be very much appreciated.

