

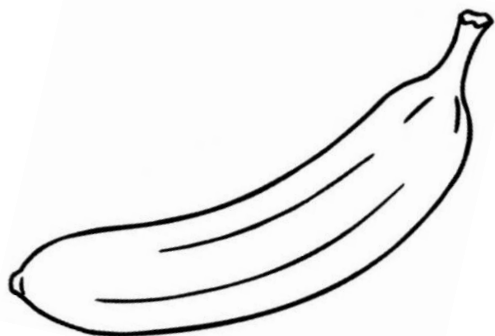
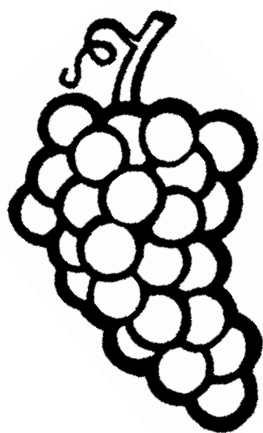
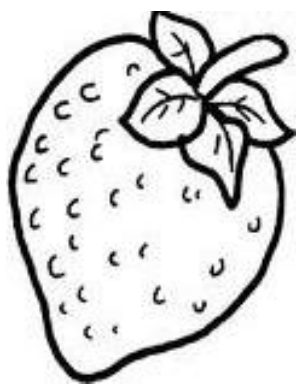
Experience Harvest



St Lawrence's Church, Denton

9th October 2011

16th Sunday after Trinity



Welcome and introduction



Faithful God here in this place,
this morning,
we have come to bring our worship
to bring our minds seeking your truth
to bring our troubles and our happiness.
Meet us here now and be with us as
we listen to your word.
Amen.

Hymn

144 Come ye thankful people, come



Saying Sorry

Lord Jesus Christ we confess we have failed you as did your first disciples.

We ask for your mercy and your help.

Our selfishness betrays you:

Lord, forgive us.

We fail to share the pain of your suffering:

Lord, forgive us.

We run away from those who abuse you:

Lord, forgive us.

We are afraid of being known to belong to you:

Lord, forgive us and help us to rely on
your strength.



God's forgiveness is declared

Reading

Matthew 22:1-14



Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: “The

kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’ But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the



street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless. Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ “For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

Galatians 5:22-26

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn

197 For the fruits of his creation
(Tune - All through the night)



Talk Part 1

Experience Harvest introduction
Harvest of the Grain - Generosity
Harvest of the Flock – Humility



Song - Jo & Nigel Hemming

Our God is a great big God,
Our God is a great big God,
Our God is a great big God,
And he holds us in his hands.

He's higher than a sky scraper
and he's deeper than a
submarine.

He's wider than the universe
and beyond my wildest
dreams.
And he's known me, and he's
loved me
since before the world began.
How wonderful to be a part of
God's amazing plan!

Talk Part 2

Harvest of the Earth - Joy

Harvest of the Ocean – Peace

Song Our God is a great big God

Talk Part 3

Harvest of the Garden – Patience

Harvest Thanksgiving - Faithfulness

Affirmation of faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on 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.**

Hymn

435 Let us with a gladsome mind

Prayers

Lord of life and love

Grant us the joy of your kingdom



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 forever. Amen**

Hymn



801 We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the ground

Blessing



Final Responses

Go in the light and peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God

Thank you for being here. Please stay for refreshments which are served in the parish hall.



Our main Sunday Service is at 10:45am each week.

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Notices for the week starting 9th October 2011

Today	Harvest Lunch Take down Experience Harvest	12:30 pm 15:30 pm
Monday	Assembly at Greswell School	9:00 am
Tuesday	Worship Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
Wednesday	Harvest Service at Linden Road School	9:00 am
Thursday	Denton Churches Together Meeting at Hope URC	7:30 pm
Saturday	Harvest Supper & Quiz at Christ Church Denton	7:30 pm
Next Sunday 16th October	Holy Communion	10:45 am

- ☺ The total in the **Pink Envelopes** for the renovation fund last week was **£103.25**. In addition the **Shoe Box Item Sale** raised **£120**. Many thanks for this.
- ☺ **Snow Queen Tickets** – have arrived please pay Vera Hadfield as soon as possible - £8 per ticket
- ☺ Many thanks for your **Harvest Gifts** donated today and for those donated during the week from Greswell School. The gifts will be given to The Wellspring, the charity working amongst the homeless in Stockport to whom we have given in the past.
- ☺ **Food based events** – we seem to be very good at eating. Please give names as follows
- 15th October Christ Church Harvest Supper & Quiz £5 to Sheila Cant
 - 23rd October Fellowship Breakfast £4 to Pam Gladwin



Experience Harvest Open Week – We have had a fantastic response to the Open Week from everyone who has visited.

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who has helped to make this such a success.

- those who prepared the stations and the church,
- those who acquired the refreshments and especially to the Oven Fresh Bakers shop who made 500 small sweet muffins to give to the visiting children,
- to those who staffed a station and experienced the wonder and awe of the children first hand,
- to those who welcomed people in to church and guided them around.

In addition to our own web site we have received much publicity and praise from other areas. We are featured on the **Manchester Diocesan web site** being one of the first Churches in the area to present Experience Harvest.

We have an article in this week's **Advertiser newspaper**.

Linden Road school newsletter features their children's visit and said it was amazing.

Greswell School emailed to say the feedback from teachers and pupils has been extremely positive. "They have been so enthusiastic about what they have learned. Please pass on our thanks and warm regards to everyone involved. It must have taken a lot of time and effort to organise and we are very grateful to you all".

Collect

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SERVICES for the next 4 weeks

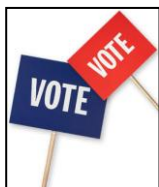
Date	Service	Led By	Time
Thursday 20/10	Morning Prayer	Sheila Cant	09:00
Sunday 23/10	Holy Communion and Shoe Box Sunday	Rev. Roger Dixon	10:45
Sunday 30/10	Holy Communion	Rev. Keith Stewart	10:45
Thursday 03/11	Holy Communion	Rev Roger Dixon	09:00
Sunday 06/11	Holy Communion	Rev Roger Dixon	10:45
Sunday 13/11	Holy Communion	Rev Tim Ryley	09:00
	Remembrance Service		10:45

Forthcoming Events

19 th October	Holy Communion at Pendle House	2:00 pm
23 rd October	Fellowship breakfast	9:00 am
23 rd October	Shoe Box Sunday service	10:45 am
29 th October	Joint Churches PCC get together ~ Holy Trinity Gee Cross	10:00 am

We are now focusing on the BIG project for next year – level floors, new heating and possible re-ordering of the south transept.

Please continue to feed in your comments on the post-it-notes in the baptistery. **It is very important that we gather all individual views on this project.**



We have begun the process of applying for grants for the BIG project. The NatWest Community Force grant is like the X Factor – you need to vote for projects.

Voting is open until 23rd October 2011 – ask all your friends, relatives, neighbours, work colleagues, Facebook friends to vote.

Visit our web site home page www.stlawrencedenton.org.uk

Click on the **Please Vote for our Community Project** link.

Have a read about our project and look at the pictures.

Follow the instructions on the page about how to vote.

If using the internet is not for you then you can contact the Community Force helpline on **0800 2100 246** and vote for **Project 4252 St Lawrence Church Denton in the East Manchester Area.**

Thank You for voting for us. If we have the most votes we could be awarded a grant of £6000.