

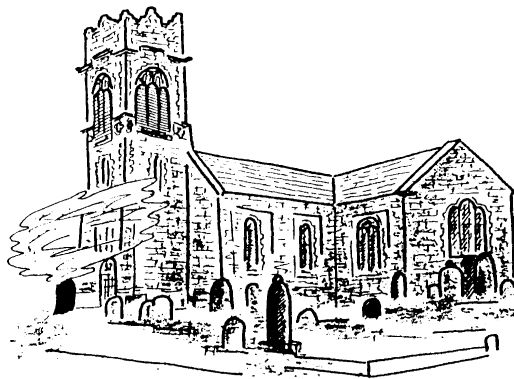
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# ROSSORRY

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## PARISH CHURCH



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## SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR HARVEST

Friday 7th October 2022

8.00 PM





... to our Service of Harvest Thanksgiving

You are most welcome indeed to our Service of Thanksgiving this evening. We pray that as we gather in Jesus' name, to worship him, and give him thanks, we may know his presence with us, and the greatness of his love for each one of us.

We welcome our guest Preacher, this evening and welcome him to Rossorry—**The Rev. Abraham Storey, O.L.M.**, currently providing service and pastoral cover at the Parish of Mageraculmoney (during the absence of the Rector)

We are so used to being able to pop into town and choose from a number of large supermarkets, and pick up any kind of food we want, or click and have it delivered.

But we often forget the amount of work that goes into producing the abundance of food we have to eat.

This year, farming life has not been easy, but we should be thankful for the work of the farming community.

And so this Harvest,  
**come and join with us**  
as we say thank you to God for all of his goodness,  
and as we remember those who work to provide our food for  
us.

## SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR HARVEST

### HYMN 42

Good is the Lord, the heavenly King,  
who makes the earth His care;  
visits the pastures every spring,  
and bids the grain appear.

Good is the Lord, whose liberal hand  
is daily opened wide,  
to scatter plenty through the land,  
that all may be supplied.

Good is the Lord, it is his love  
which makes the earth to yield;  
his clouds drop fatness from above,  
he whitens every field.

Good is the Lord, his love should raise  
a joyful harvest song:  
say 'He is good!' and let his praise  
be heard from every tongue.

Good is the Lord, he gives us bread;  
he gives his people more,  
by him their souls with grace are fed,  
a rich, a boundless store.

*Isaac Watts (1674-1749)*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Beloved in Christ,  
we come together to offer to Almighty God  
our worship and praise and thanksgiving,  
to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness,  
to hear his holy word proclaimed,  
to bring before him our needs and the needs of the world,  
and to pray that in the power of his Spirit  
we may serve him and know the greatness of his love.  
Let us confess our sins to God our Father.  
*Kneel. Silence is kept.*

**Heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault;  
by what we have done  
and by what we have failed to do.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The priest pronounces the absolution.*  
Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy on you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

*Stand*

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth will proclaim your praise.**

God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Praise the Lord.  
**The Lord's name be praised.**

**CANTICLE:****MAGNIFICAT**

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
- 2 who has looked with favour on his lowly servant;  
from this day all generations will call me blessed;
- 3 the Almighty has done great things for me  
and holy is his name.
- 4 God has mercy on those who fear him,  
from generation to generation.
- 5 The Lord has shown strength with his arm  
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
- 6 casting down the mighty | from their | thrones  
and lifting up the lowly.
- 7 God has filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away empty.
- 8 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel  
to remember the promise of mercy,
- 9 The promise made to our forebears,  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and shall be for ever. Amen

**FIRST READING****Deuteronomy 26: 1-11**

*The first reading is from the Book of Deuteronomy, Chapter 26,  
reading from verse 1.*

When you have entered the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, <sup>2</sup> take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land that the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name <sup>3</sup> and say to the priest in office at the time, 'I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the land the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' <sup>4</sup> The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the LORD your God.

Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: 'My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. <sup>6</sup> But the Egyptians ill-treated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labour. <sup>7</sup> Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our ancestors, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. <sup>8</sup> So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. <sup>9</sup> He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; <sup>10</sup> and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, LORD, have given me.' Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him. <sup>11</sup> Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 100**

**Sung as:- Jubilate**

- 1 O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth;  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his face with songs of joy.
- 2 Know that the Lord he is God;  
it is he who has made us and we are his  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Come into his gates with thanksgiving  
and into his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and bless his holy name.
- 4 For the Lord is good  
his loving mercy is for ever,  
his faithfulness throughout all generations.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

*(Acclamations sung)*

**SECOND READING**

**LUKE 12: 15-31**

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Saint Luke,  
chapter 12, beginning to read at verse 15.*

**Glory to you , Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>15</sup> Then he said to them, ‘Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.’

<sup>16</sup> And he told them this parable: ‘The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup> He thought to himself, “What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.”

<sup>18</sup> ‘Then he said, “This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup> And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’”

<sup>20</sup> ‘But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?”

<sup>21</sup> ‘This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich towards God.’

<sup>22</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup> For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. <sup>24</sup> Consider the ravens: they do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! <sup>25</sup> Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? <sup>26</sup> Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

<sup>27</sup> ‘Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. <sup>28</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you – you of little faith! <sup>29</sup> And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. <sup>30</sup> For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup> But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*(Acclamations sung)*

## CANTICLE

NUNC DIMITTIS *The Song of Simeon Luke 2: 29-32*

*Traditional*

- 1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:  
according to thy word.
- 2 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
- 3 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

**Sermon**            **Rev. Abraham Storey**  
**(Magheraculmoney)**



## THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 again 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.**



## CHOIR ANTHEM

**'Let all creation sing'**

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*Kneel*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who 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.**

Show us your mercy, O Lord,  
**and grant us your salvation.**  
O Lord, save the Queen  
**and grant her government wisdom.**

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness  
**and let your servants shout for joy.**

O Lord, save your people  
**and bless those whom you have chosen.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord,  
**and let your glory be over all the earth.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us  
**and renew us by your Holy Spirit.**

## THE COLLECT

Eternal God,  
you crown the year with your goodness  
and 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 our Lord. **Amen.**

## INTERCESSIONS:

(The refrain *Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison* will be sung before the first and after each intercession)

*Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison*

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the harvest and for all that our land provides. We pray on this Harvest Festival Weekend that our Church, may it continue to speak out for social and economic justice across the world, especially in those areas where people's needs far outweigh our own. We pray for all members of the church, Bishops Clergy and all lay workers and all the members of the congregation so that as a church we may work for the greater harvest that you have commanded us to be a part of. We pray that we might bring change so that no community may experience hunger, malnutrition or anxiety because of the lack of food.

*Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison*

We pray for our nation, for those in authority and leadership, that they may follow principles of equity and fairness, and that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit to govern wisely and with due regard for the needs of their neighbours. We pray that this Harvest our community and nation may become the loving community which you desire.

*Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison*

We pray for those who work on our land, for farmers, growers and food producers. We pray that they may merit just reward for their efforts whilst striving to protect our countryside and environment from waste, destruction and neglect. We pray for those who affect our environment that it may be protected for all generations.

*Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison*

We pray for the work of Mission Agencies and other organisations both at home and overseas who are looking to build a better future for others. We pray especially for those parts of the world which are ravaged by natural, human and environmental disasters. We continue to pray for all the Dioceses of the Anglican communion and all their work. We remember that the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.

*Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison*

We pray for all who are sick, especially those known to us, that they may know the holy and healing touch of Christ upon their lives. And through your Holy Spirit, may they know peace of mind, body and soul. We remember the example of all the faithful departed, safe in your care. We pray for those that mourn, especially today we remember the Ingram family on their recent loss.

*Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison*

*Silence*

**The Grace** *(sung)*

We conclude our prayers by singing together the Grace

*The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
And the love of God,  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
Be with us for ever more. Amen*

## **OFFERTORY HYMN 47**

( COLLECTION TODAY IN AID OF CHURCH MISSION AGENCIES SUPPORTED BY THIS PARISH.)

**1.** 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.

*All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above:  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord  
for all his love.*

**2.** 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.

**3.** We thank you, 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 your love imparts,  
and that which you most welcome,  
our humble, thankful hearts.

Words: *Matthias Claudius (1740-1815)*  
Music: *J.A.P. Schulz (1747-1800)*

## GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## THE BLESSING

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.

(sung *Amen*)

## HYMN 39

**1.** For the fruits of his creation,  
thanks be to God!  
For his gifts to every nation,  
thanks be to God!  
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping;  
Future needs in earth's safe keeping,  
thanks be to God!

**2.** In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done;  
in our world-wide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

**3.** For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God!  
For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God!  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us;  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God!

Words: *F. Pratt Green* (b.1903)  
Music: *Francis Jackson* (B.1917)

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ. Amen**