

Welcome to Penicuik: St Mungo's Parish Church online



HARVEST THANKSGIVING **Sunday 17th October 2021**

This act of worship has been prepared to allow us to spend some time with God, knowing that others are sharing in it.

We thank all the team involved in creating and distributing this service, and praise God for his unchanging character and unfailing love.

This order of service is for you to use as you are able: some of you may wish simply to read it, whether silently or aloud. Others may wish to listen, and even join in with the singing: just click on the links.

If you want to join in the whole service, follow <https://youtu.be/uqH6fG16do> which is also on our website: www.stmungos.freeuk.com . And if you would like to listen to just the sermon and a prayer, dial **01968 700121**. There will be about 20 seconds' silence, after which the recording should start.

INTROIT: Freely we have received

Watch video <https://youtu.be/upv9S5h-jvo>

Freely we have received,
so freely we're going to give.
All we have comes from your generosity,
so we're going to live: freely.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Today, we take time to remember and be thankful for all that God has provided in this year.

Today, we take time to remember the needs of our world: for Eastern Europe and the work of Blythswood Care; for Malawi after the floods and the work of Christian Aid; for a fair distribution of vaccines and the work of VaccinAid; and for the needs of our local food banks and of our church.

Today, we're invited to respond in worship:

**All: We offer ourselves as a sacrifice of praise,
bringing the work of our hands and the fruit of our labours,
in love for our neighbours, near and far.
May our gratitude to God grow our generosity today.**

Let's worship God.

HYMN: All creatures of our God and king

Watch video <https://youtu.be/U7q1pZmGvbw>

All creatures of our God and king,
lift up your voice and with us sing

O praise him, alleluia!

Bright burning sun with golden beam,
soft shining moon with silver gleam,

*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Swift rushing wind so wild and strong,
white clouds that sail in heaven along,

O praise him, alleluia!

New rising dawn in praise rejoice,
you lights of evening find a voice;

O praise him...

People and nations, take your part,
love and forgive with all your heart;

O praise him, alleluia!

All who long pain and sorrow bear,
trust God and cast on him your care;

O praise him...

Let all things their creator bless
and worship him in lowliness,

O praise him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One,

O praise him...

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PRAYER

God our Father, in love you are always giving to us;
you gave life in creation and hope to your people Israel;
you have given us all things in Jesus
and your presence among us
through the gift of your Holy Spirit.

Open our hearts to enjoy all you have given
and our hands to share generously of what is yours;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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VIDEO: Blythwood Care Shoe Box Appeal 2021

Watch video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YtGIZ7jUxKM>

BIBLE READINGS

Readers: Janis and David Hogg

Deuteronomy 28.1-6 (NET)

“If you indeed obey the Lord your God and are careful to observe all his commandments I am giving you today, the Lord your God will elevate you above all the nations of the earth. All these blessings will come to you in abundance if you obey the Lord your God: You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the field. Your children will be blessed, as well as the produce of your soil, the offspring of your livestock, the calves of your herds, and the lambs of your flocks. Your basket and your mixing bowl will be blessed. You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out.”

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2 Corinthians 9.1-15 (TPT)

Actually, there’s no need to write to you about this contribution for the holy believers in Jerusalem, for I already know that you are on board and eager to help. I keep boasting to the churches of Macedonia about your passion to give, telling them that the believers of Corinth have been preparing to give for a year. Your enthusiasm is contagious—it has stirred many of them to do likewise. Still, I thought it would be best to send these brothers to receive the offering that you’ve prepared, so that our boasting about how you were ready to give would not be found hollow. For if, after boasting of our confidence in you, some of the Macedonians were to come with me and find that you were not prepared, we would be embarrassed—to say nothing of you. That’s why I’ve requested that the brothers come before I do and make arrangements in advance for the substantial offering you pledged. Then it will be seen as a matter of generosity and not under pressure, as something you felt forced to do. Here’s my point. A stingy sower will reap a meagre harvest, but the one who sows from a generous spirit will reap an abundant harvest. Let giving flow from your heart, not from a sense of religious duty. Let it spring up freely from the joy of giving—all because God loves hilarious generosity! Yes, God is more than ready to overwhelm you with every form of grace, so that you will have more than enough of everything—every moment and in every way. He will make you overflow with abundance in every good thing you do. Just as the Scriptures say about the one who trusts in him:

Because he has sown extravagantly and given to the poor,
his kindness and generous deeds will never be forgotten.

This generous God who supplies abundant seed for the farmer, which becomes bread for our meals, is even more extravagant toward you. First he supplies every need, plus more. Then he multiplies the seed as you sow it, so that the harvest of your generosity will grow. You will be abundantly enriched in every way as you give generously on every occasion, for when we take your gifts to those in need, it causes many to give thanks to God.

The priestly ministry you are providing through your offering not only supplies what is lacking for God's people, it inspires an outpouring of praises and thanksgiving to God himself. For as your extremely generous offering meets the approval of those in Jerusalem, it will cause them to give glory to God—all because of your loyal support and allegiance to the gospel of Christ, as well as your generous-hearted partnership with them toward those in need. Because of this extraordinary grace, which God has lavished on you, they will affectionately remember you in their prayers. Praise God for his astonishing gift, which is far too great for words!

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SHORT ADDRESS

VIDEO: Christian Aid: Janet Ben and the Makande Women's Group

Watch video <https://youtu.be/zgqwEbAtZD0>

HYMN: We see the fruitful harvest (Tune: 'Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus')

Watch video <https://christianaid.resourcespace.com/pages/view.php?ref=4883&k=8cf8db71be>

We see the fruitful harvest
our gracious God provides,
and how, in his abundance,
our needs are satisfied.

He sends the yearly seasons,
and feeds with joy and care;
pure light and living water
poured out for all to share.

*Lord of all the harvest,
creation brings you praise,
so we will join the joyful song
of everything you've made.*

This world of revelation
unfolds before our eyes,
the birds sing out God's glories,
his wisdom fills the skies.

The seeds are sown to teach us
of death that leads to life.

The fruitful trees remind us
to live each day in Christ.

Lord of all the harvest...

There is another harvest,
the workers are so few.
We'll tend the seeds he's planted
and see his word bear fruit.
Creation groans in longing
for earth to be restored,
that day of celebration:
the harvest of the Lord.

Lord of all the harvest...

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VIDEO: Give the World a Shot: VaccinAid.org

Watch video <https://youtu.be/06jHbq5g03g>

PRAYERS FOR OTHER PEOPLE AND OURSELVES

In our prayers today, there is a response. Please feel free to join with it.

Let us pray.

O God, you have blessed us abundantly.

We thank you for the provision of food, our daily bread.

We bring to you the people across the world,
and here in our community, who are hungry.

We also bring to you communities across the world
as yet unprotected by vaccines.

May we, and all your people, learn to share,
so that the gifts you give
are distributed with justice and fairness.

Leader: You give us each day our daily bread:

**All: make us thankful for your gifts,
 make us generous to share.**

We thank you for everyone who works in farming,
in food production and distribution, in shops and restaurants.

Bring prosperity and security to their businesses.

Help us to work in partnership with your creation,
in ways which benefit all you have made.

Leader: You give us each day our daily bread:

**All: make us thankful for your gifts,
 make us generous to share.**

Lord Jesus, you are the bread of life.
We share the bread around your table,
and you sustain us every day as we feed on you.
Help us to share both our physical resources
and the truth of who you are
with the world around us.

Leader: You give us each day our daily bread:

**All: make us thankful for your gifts,
 make us generous to share.**

All our prayers we ask in Jesus' name, using the prayer he taught his followers:

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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HYMN: God, the Maker of the Heavens (*Tune: 'What a friend we have in Jesus'*)

Watch video <https://youtu.be/dVNHji3POkw>

God, the maker of the heavens,
and the planet that we share,
show us how to live, like Jesus,
lives of gratitude and care.

Make us mindful of the footprints
from the lives that we pursue.

Make us partners in your mission:
you are making all things new.

God, the gardener of Eden,
teach us how to tend this earth,
learning from the changing seasons,
times of fallow and new birth.

Lord have mercy when we're careless,
rich resources we misuse.

Use our hands to heal creation:
you are making all things new.

God of labour and vocation,
Lord of science, trade and art,
take our efforts and our passions
make them mirrors of your heart.
Every habitat and creature
loved and valued, God, by you.
May our lives reveal your Kingdom:
you are making all things new.

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SENDING PRAYER

O God, your Kingdom is like a tiny seed.
When we look at your church, and our own lives,
we see smallness, weakness, insignificance.
You see potential, growth, significance.
Give us eyes of faith and willing hands to see your Kingdom grow in us.
In Christ's name and the power of the Spirit
we commit our lives to you again. **Amen**

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**Next week:
Safeguarding Sunday**