

The Benefice of Upper Wensleydale



Trinity 13

'Church in the Home'

Edition 25

Sunday Sept 6th – Saturday Sept 12th 2020

HARVEST



Psalm 65 v6-12

God formed the mountains by his mighty strength.

He quiets the raging oceans and all the world's noise.

In the farthest corners of the earth the glorious acts of God create wonder.

The dawn and sunset shout for joy!

He waters the earth to make it fertile.

The rivers of God will not run dry! He prepares the earth for his people and sends them rich harvests of grain. He waters the furrows with abundant rain.

Showers soften the earth, melting the clods and causing seeds to sprout across the land,

then he crowns it all with green, lush pastures in the wilderness and hillsides blossom with joy.

The pastures are filled with flocks of sheep, and the valleys are carpeted with grain.

All the world shouts with joy and sings.



How Great thou Art

Stuart Hine



O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder, Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made; I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus:

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art. Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,

And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees. When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think, that God,
His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on a Cross, my burdens gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, And then proclaim:
"My God, how great Thou art!"

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art. Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

We plough the fields and scatter — Claudius & Campbell

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.

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.

All good gifts ...

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.



Sunday Sept 6th Bible Reading:

Psalm 65

Click on this site, type in the reading you want and then listen to David Suchet read it to you. https://www.biblegateway.com/audio/suchet/nivuk/Gen.1



The words from Psalm 65 tell us that creation itself shouts out in joy and praise to the wonder of the beauty of the world. It's a wonderful world but it's also a world of change and in lockdown this year we have all experienced significant change. It's also been a time of challenge and I'm sure that we still have times of challenge ahead of us.

Change has taken place as pollution levels have diminished, noise levels have reduced and as a result of that nature has responded. There has been an increase in the number and variety of birds visiting our gardens and countryside, there has been an increase in the variety of wildlife stepping out into the world once again and an increase in flora and fauna. The world *changes* and harvest time reminds of this as we move through the cycle of seasons. Something is here today but tomorrow it is gone. We are surrounded by constant change.

It has been a year of change for us all but one thing is for sure ... it will not stay like this. The one thing that will remain however, is God's love and God's faithfulness to each and every one of us. What we are experiencing right now will pass.

Noah faced many challenges and experienced great change with the flood. At the end of Genesis chapter 8 God speaks the following words to him: 'As long as the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.' Gen 8:22

And so we thank God for the way that he sustains us. We thank God for his goodness and his provision. We thank God for the wonder of life and for all those who work the land; for their skill and determination in all weathers to provide us with the food we need to eat.

God blesses us with a physical harvest but we can bless him with a harvest of our lives. We can bless Him by living our lives for him, with him and in the knowledge of him; getting to know him more and more as each day goes by and we can bring our own harvest as we introduce others to the joy there is in living our lives with God.

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8:30am Communion

at St Oswald's

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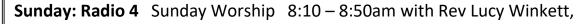


An online Family Celebration with contributions from across the Benefice and the Dale – 10:30am Premiere on our Facebook page and website

TV Radio

Worship on the BBC:

Tune into some of the services on TV and Radio.



Radio 3 Choral Evensong 3:00 – 4pm From St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh



BBC 1 1:15-1:50 Songs of praise with

Claire McCollum from Cornwall

Wed: Radio 3 Choral Evensong 3.30-4.30pm From Neresheim Abbey, Germany