

Brymore
experience to last a lifetime

UPPER SCHOOL

HARVEST FESTIVAL



at St. Mary's Church, Cannington
10.00am
Saturday 19th October 2024

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'Giving unto others'

Welcome: Reverend Alison Waters

Introduction: Head Boy, Deputy Head Boys, Assistant Head Boys

Head Boy, Deputy and Assistant Head Boys' Welcome

Harvest: A celebration of sharing

When things are going well, it is easy to accept our food, our security and our freedom as being a matter of course. It is only when we feel that we are in danger of losing those necessities that we express our thanksgiving at their continuation.

Societies that rely on a good harvest to ensure they do not go hungry, celebrate when a crop is gathered in. They offer thanks to God for supplying their need and they rejoice that they are secure for another year. This is something that has happened for thousands of years and still goes on today.

Sometimes it is difficult to enter into the celebration when we take for granted being fed every day, but we need to remember that we have not always been so lucky as to have food in plenty, and that there are societies where hunger and starvation remain a part of a way of life.

That is why, in this country, Harvest is a time for sharing the good things with those who have less than the rest of us. Being at Brymore means more than just receiving an education; it is about being a part of something bigger than just yourself.

Whether that is being part of a team or supporting the community and those less fortunate than us - this morning, we reflect on the opportunities that our Brymore family provides us, and we express our gratitude for all of those that support us along our Brymore journey and beyond.

We express our willingness to support others, and we celebrate our ability to share our legacy for years to come.

Please stand if you are able

Hymn: Morning has broken,
Like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken,
Like the first bird

Praise for the singing,
Praise for the morning,
Praise for them springing,
Fresh from the lord

Sweet the rain's new fall,
Sunlit from heaven
Like the first dewfall,
On the first grass

Praise for the sweetness,
On the wet garden
Sprung in completeness,
Where his feet pass

Mine is the sunlight,
Mine is the morning
Here in the bright light,
Of this fair day

Praise with elation,
Praise every morning
God's re-creation,
Of the new day

Poem: *Colour by Adeline White*

Bible readings: Psalm 65, Verses 9-13

Prayer: Dear Lord,

Please help us to provide for others as well as ourselves.
Help us to cultivate the land, sow the seeds, and bring in the crops safely so
that we might be able to give to those in need, as well as feed our families.
Help us to make our world a better place for all people.

All: Amen

Please stand if you are able

Hymn:

Chorus:

Lord of the Harvest, Lord of the field,
Give thanks now to God, in nature revealed.

Give thanks for the sun, the wind and the rain
And thanks for the crops that feed us again.
The corn safely cut is gathered inside
We thank you, oh Lord that you can provide.

Chorus

The trees ripe with fruits stand proud in the sun,
We gather them now that summer has gone.
For yours is the wonder, yours is the power,
Yours is the glory of fruit and of flower.

Chorus

So in all our plenty, help us to see,
The needs all around whatever they be.
With food for the body, strength for the soul,
It's healing and caring, making them whole.

Chorus

All remain standing for the presentation of the gifts:

- 1st Boy: We bring these flowers as a reminder of all the colour and brightness of our lives.
- All: We thank your God for beauty in creation**
- 2nd Boy: We bring these fruits and vegetables as a symbol of all our work in the gardens and fields this year; we thank God for their flavour and sweetness.
- All: We thank you God for the rewards of hard work**
- 3rd Boy: We bring this corn to remind us that God has provided food for both us and our animals.
- All: Thank you Lord for your provision for all creatures**
- 4th Boy: We bring this milk and water to remember, with thanks, the work of farmers and processors and to show our gratitude for the variety of drinks we enjoy.
- All: We thank you Lord for refreshment**
- 5th Boy: We bring these foods to remind us that some of our diet comes from other countries; we thank those farmers and growers.
- All: We thank you Lord for variety in our food**
- 6th Boy: We bring this rice to symbolise the poverty, in which many people live, with no variety of diet and often poor harvests.
- All: Forgive us lord for our selfishness and help us to be ready to share with those in need.**
- All: Amen**

Blessing by Reverend Alison Waters

- Poems:** *Autumn*
Harvest by John Osborne
- Bible reading:** Second Corinthians: Chapter 9, Verse 6
- Reading:** 'A planting guide to life'
- Bible readings:** Proverbs 3, Verses 5-7 & 10
Galatians 6, Verses 9 & 10

Please stand if you are able

Hymn:

Chorus:

He's got the whole world in his hands,
He's got the whole farming world in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got the farming world in his hands

He's got the tractors and the trailers in his hands
He's got the mowing and the bailing in his hands
He's got the harvest and the storing in his hands
He's got the farming world in his hands.

Chorus

He's got the digging and the sowing in his hands
He's got the tilling and the growing in his hands
He's got the seasons and the weather in his hands
He's got the gardening world in his hands.

Chorus

He's got the picking and the juicing in his hands
He's got the bottling and the stewing in his hands
He's got the packing and transporting in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands.

Chorus

Final Prayers:

Dear God,

Each season brings something new for us to see and enjoy
With sunny days and rainy days, our crops grow larger.

Fruit and vegetables ripen, ready for us to harvest.

Thank you for all the food we have to eat,
Let us remember people who may not have enough.

Help us to be kind to others in our thoughts, words, and deeds.

All: Amen

Benediction: Reverend Alison Waters

There will be collection bowls by the door as you leave the Church, and the collection today will be in aid of both The Salvation Army and St Mary's Church.

Thank you to Reverend Alison for officiating the service and the Church wardens for the use of St Mary's Church today.

Closing words from the Headteacher, Mr McHale

Congregation departs to Year 11 student playing the piano.