

# **HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**3.30pm & 6.30pm**



**The Strict Baptist Chapel  
St David's Bridge Cranbrook**

**Preacher: Mr. James Gudgeon**

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Collection for our Free Bible Fund

# Afternoon Service

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**Welcome and Harvest Report – Pastor**

**Opening Prayer – James Gudgeon**

**Hymns - Pastor**

**1**      *Tune: Niagara 877 CTB*

**Thanksgiving for the harvest.**

- 1    Great God, as seasons disappear,  
    And changes mark the rolling year,  
    Thy favour still has crowned our days,  
    And we would celebrate Thy praise.
  
- 2    The harvest song would we repeat,  
    Thou givest us the finest wheat;  
    The joys of harvest we have known;  
    The praise, O Lord is all Thine own.
  
- 3    Our tables spread, our garner stored,  
    O give us hearts to bless Thee, Lord:  
    Forbid it, Source of light and love,  
    That hearts and lives should barren prove.
  
- 4    Another harvest comes apace:  
    Ripen our spirits by Thy grace,  
    That we may calmly meet the blow  
    The sickle gives to lay us low.
  
- 5    That so, when angel reapers come  
    To gather sheaves to Thy blest home,  
    Our spirits may be borne on high  
    To Thy safe garner in the sky.

~ Reading & Prayer ~

2

*Tune: Evening Hymn 709 CTB*

**Praying for living bread.**

*Based on Psalm  
28 verse 9*

*"Save thy  
people, and  
bless thine  
inheritance:  
feed them also,  
and lift them up  
for ever."*

- 1 Again, dear Lord, we would be fed;  
We come to seek for living bread,  
And feast on love divine;  
Dear Father, let thy presence be  
Enjoyed by all thy family,  
And make each face to shine.
- 2 In thee all blessings richly meet;  
Come, then, and give our souls a treat,  
And let us feast indeed;  
O let us banquet with the King,  
And love, and pray, and praise, and sing,  
As sons from bondage freed.
- 3 May faith be strong, and pierce the skies,  
And we with pleasure realise  
The glory now prepared;  
Commune with Jesus as our Friend;  
Upon him live; his love commend;  
And carnal things discard.
- 4 If this be granted, we'll adore  
The hand that gives, yet keeps in store  
A boundless stock of grace;  
In every time of need we'll cry,  
And thou shalt all our needs supply,  
And that with smiling face.

~ Sermon ~

3

*Tune: Cambridge 16 CTB*

**Praise for spiritual and temporal mercies.**

- 1 O bless the Lord, my soul!  
Let all within me join,  
And aid my tongue to bless his name,  
Whose favours are divine.
- 2 O bless the Lord, my soul!  
Nor let his mercies lie  
Forgotten in unthankfulness,  
And without praises die.
- 3 'Tis he forgives thy sins;  
'Tis he relieves thy pain;  
'Tis he that heals thy sicknesses,  
And makes thee young again.
- 4 He crowns thy life with love,  
When ransomed from the grave;  
He that redeemed my soul from hell  
Has sovereign power to save.
- 5 He fills the poor with good;  
He gives the sufferers rest;  
The Lord has judgments for the proud,  
And justice for the oppressed.
- 6 His wondrous works and ways  
He made by Moses known;  
But sent the world his truth and grace,  
By his beloved Son.

*Based on  
Psalm 103*

*"Bless the LORD,  
O my soul: and  
all that is within  
me, bless his  
holy name."*

*420 GHB (S.M.) Isaac Watts*

~ **Benediction** ~

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*A meal will be served in the chapel between the services. All welcome to stay.*

# Evening Service

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Welcome and Harvest Report – Pastor

Opening Prayer – James Gudgeon

Hymns - Pastor

## 4

*Tune: Monkland 482 CTB*

**Praise to God for giving us a harvest.**

*Based on  
Psalm 136  
verse 1*

*“O give thanks  
unto the LORD;  
for he is good:  
for his mercy  
endureth for  
ever.”*

- 1 Praise, O praise our God and King;  
Hymns of adoration sing;  
For His mercies still endure  
Ever faithful, ever sure.
- 2 Praise Him that He gave the rain  
To mature the swelling grain;  
For His mercies still endure  
Ever faithful, ever sure.
- 3 And hath bid the fruitful field  
Crops of precious increase yield;  
For His mercies still endure  
Ever faithful, ever sure.
- 4 Praise Him for our harvest store,  
He hath filled the garner floor;  
For His mercies still endure  
Ever faithful, ever sure.
- 5 And for richer food than this,  
Pledge of everlasting bliss;  
For His mercies still endure  
Ever faithful, ever sure.
- 6 Glory to our bounteous King;  
Glory let creation sing;  
Glory to the Father, Son,  
And blest Spirit, Three in One.

~ Reading & Prayer ~

5

*Tune: Haslingden 544 CTB*

**Prayer that we are not sent away empty, but given living bread.**

- 1 Jesus, we come to meet  
With thee, our Lord and King,  
To bow before thy feet,  
And here thy praises sing:  
Compassion on us have, we pray,  
And empty send us not away.
- 2 May every worldly care  
Be banished from our mind;  
May we with profit hear;  
And peace and comfort find:  
Refresh us from thy word, we pray,  
And empty send us not away.
- 3 Our strength will soon decrease,  
Unless our souls be fed;  
We feel our health and peace  
Depend on living bread.  
Thy gracious hand now, Lord, display,  
And empty send us not away.
- 4 May all true mourners feel  
Their grief exchanged for joy;  
Thy love to them reveal,  
And all their fears destroy:  
That when they leave thy house this day,  
They may not empty go away.
- 5 May all thy children prove  
The riches of thy grace;  
Each taste redeeming love,  
And see thy smiling face:  
So shall we all with pleasure say,  
We are not empty sent away.

*Based on  
Matthew 15  
Verse 32*

*“Then Jesus  
called his  
disciples unto  
him, and said,*

*I have  
compassion on  
the multitude,  
because they  
continue with me  
now three days,  
and have nothing  
to eat: and I will  
not send them  
away fasting, lest  
they faint in the  
way.”*

~ Sermon ~

6

*Tune: Duke Street 326 CTB*

**Mercies seen in all the Lord has done.**

*Another hymn  
based on  
Psalm 136*

*"Thanks and  
praise unto God  
for all his  
mercies.*

*For his mercy  
endureth for  
ever."*

- 1 Give to our God immortal praise;  
Mercy and truth are all His ways;  
Wonders of grace to God belong,  
Repeat His mercies in your song.
- 2 Give to the LORD of lords renown,  
The King of kings with glory crown;  
His mercies ever shall endure,  
When lords and kings are known no more.
- 3 He built the earth, He spread the sky,  
And fixed the starry lights on high;  
Wonders of grace to God belong,  
Repeat His mercies in your song.
- 4 He fills the sun with morning light,  
He bids the moon direct the night;  
His mercies ever shall endure,  
When suns and moons shall shine no more.
- 5 He sent His Son with power to save  
From guilt, and darkness, and the grave;  
Wonders of grace to God belong,  
Repeat His mercies in your song.
- 6 Through this vain world He guides our feet  
And leads us to His heavenly seat;  
His mercies ever shall endure,  
When this vain world shall be no more.

*7 Old Christian Hymns (L.M.) Isaac Watts*

~ Benediction ~

# 7

## Doxology

506A GHB

Tune: Old Hundredth 382 CTB

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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### Between the Services

## Graces

*Remain seated to sing*

Before Meal

Tune: Rimington 395 CTB

Be present at our table, Lord;  
Be here and everywhere adored;  
These mercies bless, and grant that we  
May feast in Paradise with Thee.

After Meal

Tune: Wareham 431 CTB

We thank Thee, Lord, for this our food,  
But more because of Jesus' blood;  
Let manna to our souls be given,  
The bread of life sent down from heaven.

In Paradise, within the gates,  
A nobler entertainment waits,  
Fruits new and old laid up in store,  
Where we shall feast, and want no more.

*Graces from 343 & 344 YPH*