



FIVE ASH DOWN CHAPEL
HARVEST THANKSGIVING

HARVEST TIME

Living in the U.K. the one topic of conversation you can be sure of hearing is the weather, either it's too hot, too cold, too wet, or too dry!

After a mild winter and early spring when seeds could be planted, we experienced excessive heat for a considerable time in the summer and now following a hosepipe ban we are getting much needed rain in the autumn. Despite the great variances and extremes, we are now reaping a harvest, some crops have low yields due to lack of rain but still we have crops to gather. Who can we thank for this? The farmers and horticultural industry over recent years have developed new techniques which together with modern machinery has greatly increased volumes of produce but without the rain from Heaven, for which we thank God, the land would be barren.

We must ever remember the promise God gave to Noah about 4500 years ago in Genesis 8 v 22 "While the earth remaineth seedtime and harvest and cold and heat and summer and winter and day and night shall not cease".

While typing this circular the news came through that the Queen's Doctors were concerned as to her Majesty's health. We were then subsequently advised that she had passed away. We are thankful for her long God-fearing life and trust that her family will be upheld and comforted at this difficult time. With the passing of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11 we should all ask ourselves are we ready for that day when we must face our Maker.

You are invited to join with us on Sunday 9th October to give thanks to God for another harvest as we sing the well known harvest Hymn 'Come ye thankful people come'.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord. Psalms 92 v 1.

Elwyn Sweetman (Secretary)

We are sorry that our Pastor George Rabey was unable to write this circular due to ill health. We continue to remember him in our prayers and trust that he will soon be back with us again.

1 Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

2 All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto His praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take His harvest home;
from His field shall in that day
all offenses purge away,
give His angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in His garner evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come,
to Thy final harvest home;
gather thou Thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide;
come, with all Thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

Five Ash Down Chapel
Harvest Thanksgiving Services
Sunday 9th October at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Speaker - Mr Jonathan Knight



Weekly Programme

Sunday services are at 11 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.
Thursdays 7.30 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study
(phone Secretary for venue)

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