

# FIVE ASH DOWN CHAPEL HARVEST THANKSGIVING



Again this year we have experienced drastic changes in the weather, a typical spring, extremely hot June, mixed weather in July & August with above average rainfall. Now in September we are once again experiencing very hot conditions. As we look around the world we hear of terrible floods in areas where little rain is expected, devastating wild fires in many countries. The Scientists tell us this is due to global warming and unless we drastically reduce carbon emissions things will only get worse.

God has, however, promised that while the earth remains seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer and day and night shall not cease. Genesis 8 v 22.

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**Wheat and Tares**

Some years ago, when many of the fields had been harvested it was observed that two men were walking through the standing wheat of another field and removing the wild oats prior to harvesting. When seeing this we were reminded of the parable in Matthew 13 v 24 - 30 when Jesus

told about a farmer who had an enemy who sowed tares (weeds) in his wheatfield. The farmer was asked if the tares should be removed but he said, "let them grow together until harvest". At harvest time the tares were gathered in bundles and burnt while the wheat was gathered into the barn. Which of these categories do we come into? Are we relying on and trusting the Lord Jesus Christ for our Salvation and a place with Him one day in Heaven or are we content to rely on our own good works which will only result in our eternal separation from Him? With harvest in mind, we welcome you to our Harvest Service on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October - details on back page.

Elwyn Sweetman (Secretary)

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.

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.



**Five Ash Down Chapel  
Harvest Thanksgiving Services  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.  
Speaker - Mr Paul Daniels**



## **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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