



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 27th September 2026

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Led by The Revd Ian Green and The Revd Erna Stevenson

Organist: Richard Brazier

If you are able, please stand for those parts of the service marked with an asterisk ()*

* **Hymn 124: We plough the fields and scatter**

During which the Bible is placed on the Communion Table



* **Opening Responses**

Leader: Generous and life-sustaining God
on this day we thank you for:

**All: A world rich in beauty, productive and nourishing,
a world worthy of our care,
stewardship and respect.**

Leader: Generous and life-sustaining God
on this day we thank you for:

**All: Our food, wholesome and plentiful.
Our water, clean and drinkable.
Our medicines, safe and available.
Our homes, warm and comfortable.**

Leader: Generous and life-sustaining God
on this day we thank you for:

**All: All your gifts to us
and in our thanksgiving
accept our praise
and prompt us to be generous to others.**

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Opening Prayers of Praise and Confession and Lord's Prayer Notices

Eco Church Focus

Janet reflects on this year's Eco Church activities
and introduces the *Picture Presentation of Local Nature*
first shown at the Synod Green Day this summer
Liz leads a Prayer for Eco Church



* **Hymn:** All things bright and beautiful *during which our gifts for New Hope will be received*

***All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.***

**Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.** *Chorus*

**The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky;** *Chorus*



**The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one;** *Chorus*

**He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.** *Chorus*

Cecil Alexander CCL257120

Bible Reading:

Matthew 14.13-21 N.T.p13

Reader:

In this is the word of the Lord

All:

Thanks be to God

Today's reader is Sara Autton

* **Hymn:** When I needed a neighbour

I When I needed a neighbour were you there, were you there?

When I needed a neighbour were you there?

Chorus: And the creed and the colour

and the name won't matter, Were you there?

2 I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were you there?

I was hungry and thirsty, were you there? *Chorus*

3 I was cold, I was naked, were you there, were you there?

I was cold, I was naked, were you there? *Chorus*

4 When I needed a shelter were you there, were you there?

When I needed a shelter were you there? *Chorus*

5 When I needed a healer were you there, were you there?

When I needed a healer were you there? *Chorus*

6 Wherever you travel I'll be there, I'll be there,

Wherever you travel I'll be there.

And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,

I'll be there.

Sydney Carter CCL257120

Responsive Psalm *based on Psalm 65 (we say together the words in bold type)*

Leader: O God, it is right for us to praise you!

You care for the land and water it:

All: and make it rich and fertile.

Leader: You fill the running streams with water:

All: and irrigate the land.
 Leader: You soften the ground with showers:
All: and make the young crops grow.
 Leader: You crown the year with goodness:
All: and give us a plentiful harvest.
 Leader: The pastures are filled with flocks:
All: the hillsides are clothed with joy.
 Leader: The fields are covered with grain:
All: they shout for joy and sing. Amen

Talk: Church Mice Story with Ian

Prayers for others

* Presentation of the Offering

Each week we make our gifts in a variety of ways, by placing cash or envelopes in the baskets as we enter or exit church or through direct bank giving. All these offerings are dedicated now as we sing:

**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.** *Thomas Ken (1637-1711)*

* Hymn 117: O Lord my God

Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen *All Standing*

Morning Coffee will be served in the Church Hall after the service,

