



Hello!

It's good to be writing a Village circular again! This year, because of Covid, we did not send out an invitation to our anniversary services. Now it is autumn so we want to invite you to our Harvest services which are planned for Sunday 24th October. Please come if you can - or to any of our services. You would be so very welcome!

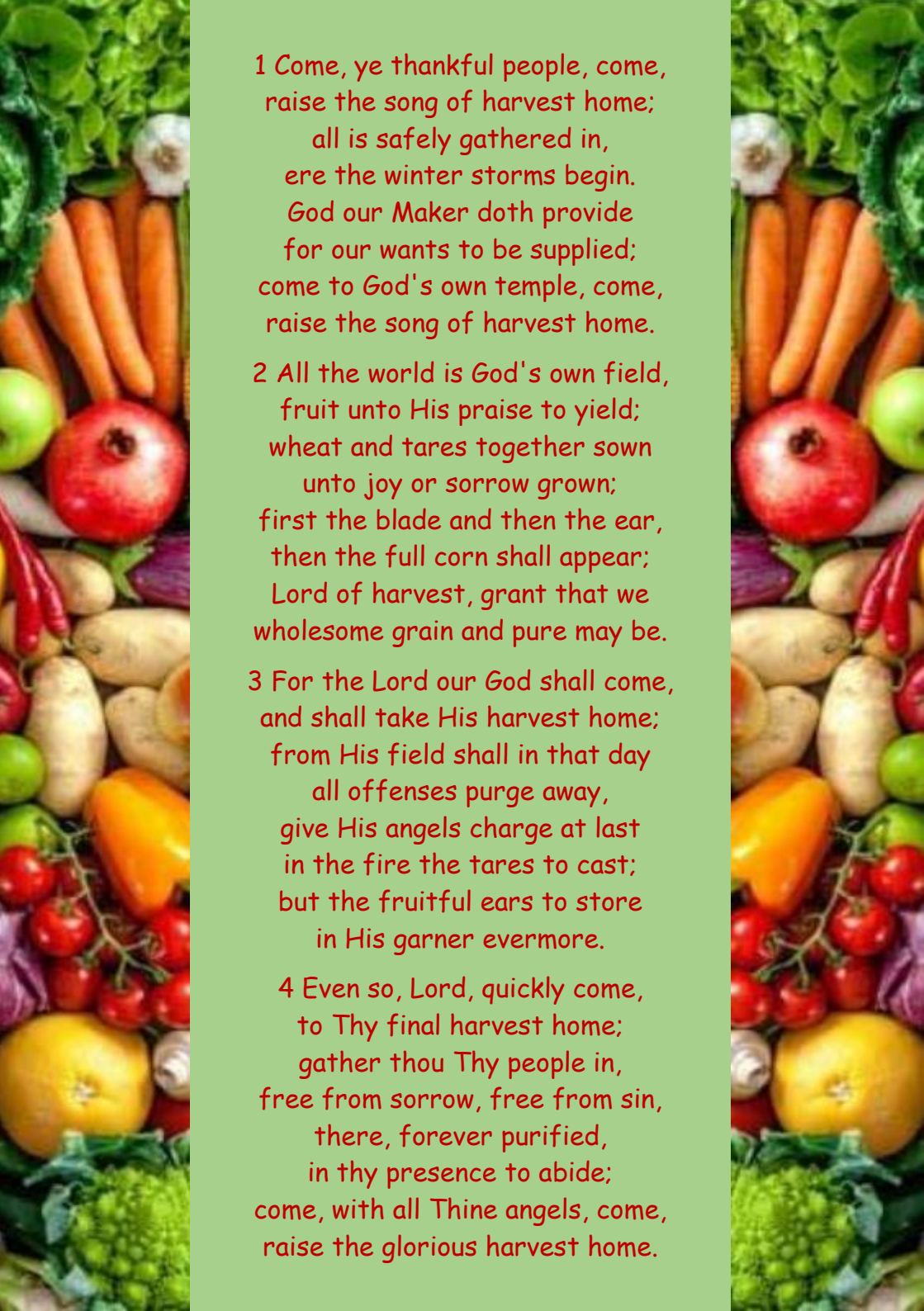
At our Anniversary service we gave thanks to God that it is now 237 years since the Chapel was established in Five Ash Down. Two centuries is a long time yet very little compared with the 2021 years since the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, came to be our Saviour. I am so glad that God decided to give us a constant reminder that the coming of His Son was such a significant event that our entire dating system would have a fresh start. The angels told the shepherds that the coming of the Lord Jesus was 'good tidings of great joy' - indeed it was and is! Our sins can be forgiven and an eternity of great happiness after this life certainly lies ahead for everyone who accepts the Lord Jesus as their Saviour!

Many people have no idea why God sent His Son into the world but the reason is clearly explained in the Bible. Because God, our Creator, is holy, sin must always be dealt with. We have all sinned and our sin must be punished - but God loved us so much that He decided that He, our God, would deal with our sin Himself by sending His Son into the world to bear the punishment we would otherwise have to suffer. This is why the Lord Jesus Christ died the terribly painful death of crucifixion. He was suffering for everyone who would believe that He bore the penalty for their sin (those who would believe in Him and want to live for Him). No wonder He is very precious to us!

One of our harvest festival hymns this year is printed opposite. The words faithfully remind us of the very serious truths God has revealed in the Scriptures about the coming final harvest and His wonderful provision for us to be reconciled to Him.

Please get in touch if you would accept a free booklet explaining the central message in the Bible and do keep safe and join us whenever you can!

Sincerely, George Rabey (Pastor)



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 24th October at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.**



Weekly Programme

Sunday services are at 11 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

**Good News Group Sundays 11 a.m. to 12 noon
(Children 3 years and over)**

Thursdays 7.30 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study

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