

Sunday 20th September, 2026
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
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Welcome & Intimations

- Please ensure all mobile phones are switched off or in silent mode during the Service.
- Please place your offering in the Offering Plates as these are uplifted during the Service.
- Tea and Coffee will be available after Church today in the Cameron Hall.
- There will be a **Vestry Hour at 10am Wednesday 23rd September 2026**, followed by our midweek Service at 11.10am.
- The Kirk Session will meet on Tuesday 6th October, 2026 at 7.30 pm in the Cambridge Chapel.

Lodging House Mission – Harvest Donation Requests 2026

We are so grateful to you for supporting LHM year after year, it means a lot to us. We've put together a short list of the things we need most. If you're able, please pick from these - we've thought it through so it reflects what we actually use. We've also included a few everyday essentials we usually have to buy; donating these would save us money that we can redirect to other areas of our work. Your help allows us cook hot, nutritious lunches and provide emergency food parcels for those who are struggling. If a cash donation is easier, we'll use it to buy fresh fruit, veg and other perishables we need, keeping meals healthy and cutting waste. Thank you from The LHM Team

Cereal	Tinned Fruit	Tinned Goods
Corn Flakes/Crunchy Nut	Pears	Baked Beans
Weetabix	Pineapples	Chopped tomatoes
Rice Crispies	Mandarins	Coconut Milk
Sugar Puffs	Fruit Cocktail	Condensed Milk
Frosties	Other	Potatoes
Coco Pops	Diluting/fresh juice	Custard
Cheerios	Coffee	Rice Pudding
Porridge	Biscuits	Butter Beans
Dried Goods	Crisps	Cannellini Beans
Cous Cous	Tea Bags	Chickpeas
Bulgur wheat	Long life milk	Tinned lentils
Paprika, Cumin	Rapeseed Oil	Other
Lentils	Plain Flour	Brown Sauce
Mixed herbs	Corn Flour	Tomato Sauce
Garlic powder	Mustard	Vinegar
Onion powder	Butter	Soya Sauce
Chilli powder	Bottle lemon/lime juice	Worcestershire Sauce
Crushed chillies	Dry yeast	Olive oil
Ground coriander	Baking Powder	Vegetable oil

Black pepper	Red wine vinegar	Gravy Granules
Salt	Apple Cider Vinegar	Veg Stock cubes/ bullion
Pasta	Vanilla Extract	Jelly
Long grain rice	Essentials	Sugar
Bay Leaves	Washing up liquid	Tomato Paste
Lasagna Sheets	Washing Powder	Passata
Coriander	Toilet Tissue	

Food Parcel Items

pot noodles/packet noodles	Tinned ham, corn beef, tuna,	Tinned spaghetti, spaghetti hoops	Tinned meatball, macaroni tinned dinners eg:curries
instant mash	Microwave rice pouches, pasta pouches	Biscuits, cereal bars	tinned soups packet soups

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 229 We plough the fields and scatter

1 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.*

2 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.
Chorus

3 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 your love imparts,
with what we know you long for
our humble, thankful hearts.

Chorus

Matthias Claudius (1740-1815) tr Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878)

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 137 All things bright and beautiful,

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

- 1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colours,
he made their tiny wings:

Refrain

- 2 The purple headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky:

Refrain

- 3 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
he made them every one:

Refrain

- 4 He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God almighty,
who has made all things well:

Refrain

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Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, ⁷ we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an

outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Revelation 14:14-18

¹⁴ Then I looked, and there was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like the Son of Man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand! ¹⁵ Another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to the one who sat on the cloud, 'Use your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is fully ripe.' ¹⁶ So the one who sat on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped. ¹⁷ Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. ¹⁸ Then another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over fire, and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, 'Use your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe.'

Anthem

St. Matthew 13:24-33

²⁴ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" ²⁸ He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" ²⁹ But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" ³¹ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' ³³ He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with ^[a] three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

Hymn 151 All you works of God, vv.1-4

*All you works of God,
every mountain, star, and tree,
bless the One who shapes your beauty,
who has caused you all to be
one great song of love and grace,
ever ancient, ever new.*

Raise your voices, all you works of God !

1 Sun and moon : *bless your Maker !*
 Stars of heaven : *chant your praise !*
 Showers and dew : *raise up your joyful song !*

2 Winds of God : *bless your Maker !*
 Cold and winter : *chant your praise !*
 Snowstorms and ice : *raise up your joyful song !*

3 Night and day : *bless your Maker !*
 Light and darkness : *chant your praise !*
 Lightnings and clouds : *raise up your joyful song !*

4 All the earth : *bless your Maker !*
Hills and mountains : *chant your praise !*
Green things that grow : *raise up your joyful song !*

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Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. **AMEN.**

Hymn 100 O Lord, thou art my God and King; (Psalm 145)

1 O Lord, thou art my God and King;
Thee will I magnify and praise:
I will thee bless, and gladly sing
Unto thy holy name always.

2 Each day I rise I will thee bless,
And praise thy name time without end:
Much to be praised, and great God is;
His greatness none can comprehend.

3 Race shall thy works praise unto race,
The mighty acts show done by thee;
I will speak of the glorious grace
And honour of thy majesty.

4 Thy wondrous works I will record:
By men the might shall be extolled
Of all thy awesome acts, O Lord:
And I thy greatness will unfold.

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Benediction

Choral Amen