

Harvest Thanksgiving 2020

A traditional Harvest service is available to follow any time on the Bradwell Church website <https://bradwellchurch.com/services-online/>

You are invited to join in this devotional Treasure Hunt, reflect at home and share your reflections *If you are at home, and can get outside, you can try this in a garden or park. If you are cannot, you can ask these same questions about a vegetable or piece of fruit, a stick or a stone, or if you cannot find anything to hold, the pictures in a book, or on a website, or in your heart.*

Please be sensible.

Don't collect anything that isn't plentiful.

If you have children, supervise them,

and don't touch and especially don't taste anything unless you are certain you have identified it correctly and it is safe.

You do **not** need to **collect** everything you find! With some of the questions it would be quite hard! You might choose to write or sketch your finds, to take a photograph, or just to pause and notice.

Please share your finds and your reflections:

...On our **facebook** page <https://www.facebook.com/BradwellChurchMK/> there will be a short blessing from Neil and then please post underneath it. *Please do not share any personal info or photographs of other people.*

...On **Zoom** on Sunday morning 11th October at 11am, when there will be more traditional Harvest hymns and instead of a sermon we will be sharing our reflections on 848 9097 4667 passcode 610 320.

...You could also drop in to our Zoom Wednesday coffee time on 7 October between 2 and 4pm at 822 5982 1345 passcode 837 921.

Our Harvest celebrations will end at 3pm on Sunday 11th in Bradwell churchyard for our postponed outdoor Harvest Thanksgiving. To join this, please email revneilpopham.mk@gmail.com for further details.

When we had a longer walk to church,
we would take it in turns to say the first thing we noticed
and praise God for it
so it might go

Glory to God for the gate
Glory to God for the wind on my face
Glory to God for the pavement
Glory to God for the shape of the grass.

Because we did it at speed it encouraged us to notice the tiny things
and be grateful.

Try that if you want!

But today I am encouraging you

to slow down

to notice

details

and to widen out and notice the big things too!

You can do this on your own or with someone else but please remember the
rule of six.

You will be invited to collect one of something that is plentiful.

To meditate with it when you get home

and to share your finds and reflections.

May my words and thoughts please you.

LORD, you are my Rock—the one who rescues me (Psalm 19:14)

In thankfulness and wonder we explore the world God has given us
we praise our God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer

Rainbow

Can you find something in each of these colours?

Red Orange Yellow Green Blue Indigo Violet

How many different shades of brown can you see?

What's the biggest thing you can see?

And the smallest?

What's the oldest thing you can see?

And the newest?

Can you use your five senses?

What can you see?

What can you feel?

What can you hear?

What can you smell?

Is there anything you can safely taste? **Please do not taste anything unless you are CERTAIN you have identified it correctly.**

Collect one of something that is plentiful

When you get home, sit down quietly with your object and study it for ten minutes (use a timer?)

Look at it really closely. Feel it. Smell it! Where did it come from? Where is it going? What made it like it is? How does it fit in with other things you saw?

Rest with this amazing treasure in the love of your Creator one who created it, and you.

Then you might like to draw your treasure, and your meditations

You might like to write a praise song, or more verses for the Cantic of the Sun

https://web.archive.org/web/20101122082357/http://franciscanfriarstor.com/archive/stfrancis/stf_cantic_of_the_sun.htm

or something new.

You might have another creative idea!

Or be sent in completely another direction.....

You are invited to share your finds and reflections on facebook or in a group of people on Zoom, please see the first page for details.