

# Outlook

Psalm 25:1

***"The earth is  
the Lord's, and  
everything in it,  
the world,  
and all who live  
in it."***

Today we celebrate the harvest. The Apostle Paul wrote that, *"Since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made."* (Rom 1:20). Everything we ever touch, taste, see or hear has come from God Almighty; and all these things also point to who he is - the good creator. It's important therefore to take this opportunity to pause, and to thank God for the harvest we enjoy - and also to take stock of who God has said he is.

As you'll see in our Bible readings today, after the harvest was brought in God instructed the Israelites to spend a week living in tents (known as 'tabernacles') to remember their time in the wilderness and how he provided for them when humanly speaking there was no realistic way of food or water being found for a million people. May God bless you today as we thank him for his harvest!

## The Collect for Harvest

*Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.*



## Psalm 65

8 The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;

where morning dawns, where evening fades,

you call forth songs of joy.

9 You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly.

The streams of God are filled with water

to provide the people with corn, for so you have ordained it.

10 You drench its furrows and level its ridges;

you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

11 You crown the year with your bounty,

and your carts overflow with abundance.

12 The grasslands of the wilderness overflow;

the hills are clothed with gladness.

13 The meadows are covered with flocks

and the valleys are mantled with corn;

they shout for joy and sing.

***All Say: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.***

## Leviticus 23:33, 39-43

33 The Lord said to Moses, <sup>34</sup> "Say to the Israelites: 'On the fifteenth day of the seventh month the Lord's Festival of Tabernacles begins, and it lasts for seven days.

<sup>39</sup> "'So beginning with the fifteenth day of the seventh month, after you have gathered the crops of the land, celebrate the festival to the Lord for seven days; the first day is a day of sabbath rest, and the eighth day also is a day of sabbath rest. <sup>40</sup> On the first day you are to take branches from luxuriant trees—from palms, willows

and other leafy trees—and rejoice before the Lord your God for seven days. <sup>41</sup> Celebrate this as a festival to the Lord for seven days each year. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come; celebrate it in the seventh month. <sup>42</sup> Live in temporary shelters for seven days: All native-born Israelites are to live in such shelters <sup>43</sup> so your descendants will know that I had the Israelites live in temporary shelters when I brought them out of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.'"

## John 7:37-44

**37** On the last and greatest day of the Feast [of Tabernacles], Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink.'

**38** Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.'

**39** By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

**40** On hearing his words, some of the people said, 'Surely this man is the Prophet.'

**41** Others said, 'He is the Messiah.'

Still others asked, 'How can the Messiah come from Galilee? **42** Does not Scripture say that the Messiah will come from David's descendants and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?' **43** Thus the people were divided because of Jesus.

**44** Some wanted to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him.

*"after you have gathered the crops of the land..."*

Leviticus 23:39&42

*...live in temporary shelters for 7 days"*

## When You Pray...



Here are some suggestions to help you in your **prayers** & **devotions** at home:

- ▶ Thank God for the many blessings at Stay & Play. Ask him to greatly bless Naomi & the team as they serve the community each Tuesday morning.
- ▶ Dave S; Wendy I; Revd Oliver; Julie G & others have been unwell. Please pray for them!
- ▶ Visit [bcp2020.co.uk](http://bcp2020.co.uk) to find Morning Prayer & many other resources using the Book of Common Prayer in modern language.
- ▶ Visit [BlueLetterBible.org](http://BlueLetterBible.org) to access the most incredible range of Bible reading and study materials - and all for free!

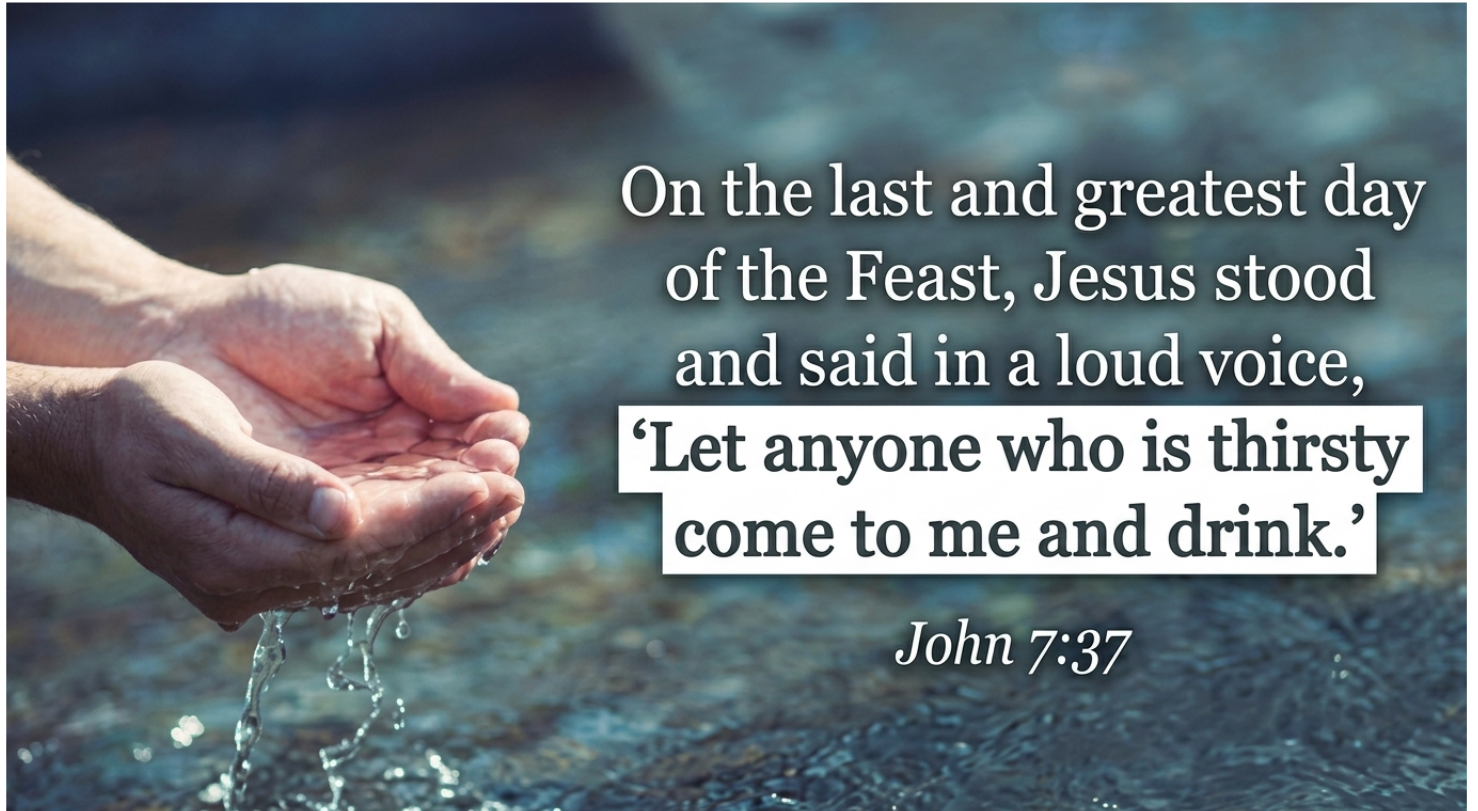
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Be that **ONE** person,  
who gives **ONE** item.  
Be part of **ONE** community,  
where no **ONE** goes hungry.

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Be  
that **1**

Every Eastleigh supermarket has a **Basics Bank** trolley in which you can place needed items. This enables the stock to make its way to Basics Bank clients swiftly and easily. Tinned fish/meat, toiletries, jams, loo roll & tea/coffee are always in demand.



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of the Feast, Jesus stood  
and said in a loud voice,  
**‘Let anyone who is thirsty  
come to me and drink.’**

*John 7:37*

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