

## Order of Service for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Tarves 9.30am Barthol Chapel 11.15am

### Harvest Thanksgiving Trees of Life



#### Call to Worship

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it;  
**The world and those who live in it**

#### Praise CH4 229 We plough the fields and scatter

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 green,  
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.*

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.

We thank you 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.

#### Prayer of Approach

##### The Word of God Psalm 65:9-13

<sup>9</sup> *You visit the earth and water it,  
you greatly enrich it;  
the river of God is full of water;  
you provide the people with grain,  
for so you have prepared it.*

<sup>10</sup> *You water its furrows abundantly,  
settling its ridges,  
softening it with showers,  
and blessing its growth.*

<sup>11</sup> *You crown the year with your  
bounty;*

*your wagon tracks overflow with  
richness.*

<sup>12</sup> *The pastures of the wilderness  
overflow,*

*the hills gird themselves with joy,  
<sup>13</sup> the meadows clothe themselves with  
flocks,*

*the valleys deck themselves with  
grain,*

*they shout and sing together for joy.*

## Harvest Blessings

### The Word of God Jeremiah 17:7-8

<sup>7</sup> *Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.*  
<sup>8</sup> *They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.  
It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.*

### Praise CH4 180 Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because he's given  
Jesus Christ, his Son.

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And now let the weak say, "I am  
strong!"

Let the poor say, "I am rich  
because of what the Lord has done for  
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Coda:  
Give Thanks

## Trees, Trees.....

### The Word of God: Daniel 4:10-17

*Upon my bed this is what I saw;  
there was a tree at the centre of the earth,  
and its height was great.  
The tree grew great and strong,  
its top reached to heaven,  
and it was visible to the ends of the whole earth.  
Its foliage was beautiful,  
its fruit abundant,  
and it provided food for all.*

*The animals of the field found shade under it,  
the birds of the air nested in its branches,  
and from it all living beings were fed.*

*'I continued looking, in the visions of my head as I lay in bed, and there was a holy  
watcher, coming down from heaven. He cried aloud and said:*

*"Cut down the tree and chop off its branches,  
strip off its foliage and scatter its fruit.*

*Let the animals flee from beneath it  
and the birds from its branches.*

*But leave its stump and roots in the ground,*

*with a band of iron and bronze,  
 in the tender grass of the field.  
 Let him be bathed with the dew of heaven,  
 and let his lot be with the animals of the field  
 in the grass of the earth.  
 Let his mind be changed from that of a human,  
 and let the mind of an animal be given to him.  
 And let seven times pass over him.  
 The sentence is rendered by decree of the watchers,  
 the decision is given by order of the holy ones,  
 in order that all who live may know  
 that the Most High is sovereign over the kingdom of mortals;  
 he gives it to whom he will  
 and sets over it the lowliest of human beings.”*

#### .....And More Trees

#### **Praise CH4 232 Pears and apples, wheat and grapes**

Pears and apples, wheat and grapes,  
 many textures, many shapes;  
 falling leaves in golden drifts,  
 thank you, God, for all your gifts.

Coal and diamonds in the earth,  
 minerals of priceless worth;  
 Skill and labour now combine,  
 reaping harvests of the mine.

Flashing shoals of glistening fish,  
 every colour you could wish;  
 Fishing boats, for you and me  
 reap the harvest of the sea.

Earth and ocean, plant and beast,  
 all together makes a feast;  
 All who long to share your grace  
 at your table have their place.

Deep beneath the ocean floor  
 fuel and power have lain in store,  
 brought to us through dangerous toil.  
 Thank you, God, for gas and oil.

Loving Lord, we know you care;  
 let the world your goodness share;  
 save us from our selfish greed,  
 finding You in those in need.

#### **The Word of God: Colossians 1:15-20**

*15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.*

#### **Responding to God's Generosity**

#### **Harvest Prayers for Others**

**Response:** God of the Harvest, **Hear our prayer**

**Praise CH4 804 You shall go out with joy**

You shall go out with joy and be led forthwith peace,  
and the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you.  
There'll be shouts of joy, and the trees of the field  
shall clap, shall clap their hands,  
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and you'll go out with joy.

**Blessing****Take Home Suggestion**

When you get a chance this week take a look at the trees. Enjoy their autumn richness and give thanks for the way they contribute to the health and well-being of our planet. Can you do anything to encourage the protection of our natural woodland?

**Notices****This Week Harvest Thanksgiving All Welcome**

**9.30am Tarves** The Church will be laid out café-style and coffee will be served after worship. The service can also be accessed live on Zoom. Donations of flowers are welcome and can be made by arrangement with Doreen Brown or Pat More. If you would like to make a financial harvest thank offering, we are using the Church of Scotland's National Giving Day to support the Formartine Youth Project. Details are available on the web-site.

**11.15am Barthol Chapel** Gather from 10.45am. Bring your own coffee.

Please note that certain restrictions will still apply, viz, hand-sanitising, wearing of masks and Contact and Trace. Please respect in so far as possible the wishes of anyone who wants to maintain physical distancing. Anyone with symptoms of Covid should remain at home.

**Tuesday 26 October** Tarves Kirk Session meets at 7.00pm on Zoom – link to follow.

**Parish Grouping**

A second update on progress towards our new parish grouping with Methlick and Udny Pitmedden is available on the website. If you would like to receive hard copies of these or any ideas or questions that you would like the steering group to take on board please speak to your elder or to Alison. Pray for the steering group as they seek a new way to deliver ministry and mission in this area.

**Pastoral Care** Please contact Alison 01651 851295.

**Free Will Offering Envelopes** are available in the Vestry for uplift by elders.