



# AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017 Trinity 18

### HARVEST FESTIVAL ALL AGE SERVICE

led by our Ministers

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*If you are able please stand for those parts of the service marked with an asterisk (\*)*

## GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

*We stand at the entry of the Bible*



\* **Introit** *sung by the choir*

\* **Call to Worship** *concluding with the words*

Minister: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you**

\* **Hymn 124:** we plough the fields and scatter

*During which the Colours are received*

## Opening Prayers of Adoration and Confession

**The Lord's Prayer** *back cover of the Hymn Book*

## Responsive Thanksgiving

Minister: Generous and life-sustaining God,  
on this day we thank you for:

All: **A world rich in beauty, productive and nourishing  
a world worthy of our care, stewardship and respect**

Minister: Generous and life-sustaining God,  
on this day we thank you for:

All: **Our food, wholesome and plentiful  
Our water, clean and drinkable  
Our medicines, safe and available  
Our homes, warm and comfortable.**

Minister: Generous and life-sustaining God,  
on this day we thank you for:

All: **All your gifts to us  
and in our thanksgiving  
accept our praise  
and prompt us to be generous to others.**

Minister: These, our prayers and praise we offer  
through Jesus Christ our Lord>

**All: Amen**

\* **Hymn:** All things bright and beautiful

*During which we present our harvest gifts for the Wycombe Homeless Connection*

***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. *Chorus***

**2 The purple-headed mountain,  
The river running by,  
The sunset and the morning,  
That brightens up the sky; *Chorus***

**3 The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
He made them every one; *Chorus***

**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. *Chorus***



*Cecil Alexander*

**Welcome and Notices**

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

**Reading:** Mark 4.3-9 N.T.p.32  
*Read by a Brownie/Guide*

**Reader:** In this is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Talk 1

### The Offering and \* Prayer of Dedication *all standing*

#### Anthem

\* **Hymn:** If I were a butterfly *Brian Howard CCL 257120*

**1** If I were a butterfly, I'd thank you Lord for giving me wings  
If I were a robin in a tree, I'd thank you Lord that I could sing  
If I were a fish in the sea, I'd wiggle my tail and I'd giggle with glee  
But I just thank you father for making me, me.

*Chorus*

*For you gave me a heart and you gave me a smile  
You gave me Jesus and you made me your child  
And I just thank you Father for making me, me.*

**2** If I were an elephant, I'd thank you Lord by raising my trunk  
If I were a kangaroo, You know I'd hop right up to you  
If I were an octopus, I'd thank you Lord for my fine looks  
But I just thank you Father for making me, me

*Chorus*

**3** If I were a wiggly worm, I'd thank you Lord that I could squirm  
If I were a fuzzy wuzzy bear, I'd thank you Lord for my fuzzy, wuzzy hair

If I were a crocodile, I'd thank you Lord for my great smile  
But I just thank you Father for making me, me

*Chorus*

**Reading:** Psalm 8 N.T. p.456

*Read by a Brownie/Guide*

**Reader:** In this is the word of the Lord

**All:** **Thanks be to God**

## Talk 2

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## OUR RESPONSE

\* **Hymn:** When I needed a neighbour *Sydney Carter CCL257120*

**1** When I needed a neighbour were you there, were you there?

When I needed a neighbour were you there?

**Chorus**

***And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, Were you there?***

**2** I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were you there?

I was hungry and thirsty, were you there? **Chorus**

**3** I was cold, I was naked, were you there, were you there?

I was cold, I was naked, were you there? **Chorus**

**4** When I needed a shelter were you there, were you there?

When I needed a shelter were you there? **Chorus**

**5** When I needed a healer were you there, were you there?

When I needed a healer were you there? **Chorus**

**6** Wherever you travel I'll be there, I'll be there,

Wherever you travel I'll be there. **Chorus**

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

*Led by the Brownie/Guides*

\* **Hymn 96:** Great is Thy Faithfulness

*During which the colours are returned*

\* **Blessing and Sung Amen** *All standing*

*Join us for tea, coffee or a cold drink in the Alfred Ellis Hall,  
where the Traidcraft Stall is open*

