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**HARVEST THANKSGIVING 2015**



**The Harvest is Plenty but the Labourers are Few**

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**The Rector is out of office on Mondays.**

The celebration of Harvest during our 350th Anniversary is an occasion for us to reflect on the various areas of our church's mission, and the ministry activities of members of St. Andrew Parish Church; also, the nature of the impact of our mission and ministry, and its value in the lives of the people to whom we minister and serve. There is the need for us to identify the challenges that we face and the cultural context that affect the church's witness.

There has been months of drought, with no threat of hurricane, which in the past would provide some rainfall despite their destructive effects. The drought has affected agriculture and the vegetation of our Jamaican landscape. With these challenges our farmers have continued to plant and with innovative irrigation, we have seen fruits and vegetables that are necessary for our nutrition. The spiritual principle of planting and reaping is directly related to Harvest as we are summoned by God, to give the first fruits of the land to the Lord. It is the benevolent God, who has germinated the seed, provided water for the earth, swell the grain and increase the produce of the earth. We give the first fruits of the land as we recognize that by ourselves we are not able to achieve and realize a fruitful reaping, for we are dependent on the generous, caring and faithful God. "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it..." (Ps. 24:1)

We are required, as a community of the baptized, to offer not only the first fruits, but also to give the best fruit of the land to the God, who has blest us abundantly with vegetables, fruits and produce through the seasons of the year; for example, mongo season, guinep season and star-apple season. The first fruits and the best fruit are *directly related to our intentional giving*. As we offer the first and best before distributing and consuming in recognition of the God who provides and remains faithful, we offer the first of our income and money to demonstrate *intentional giving* as an indication of our commitment and trust in the Lord. In other words, whatever amount we have committed ourselves to give each week or month must be consistent, as we face the various challenges of life. This is a sign of our trust and faith in God's presence and purpose in our lives and who continues to bless us with the breath of life and health, talent and abilities and opportunities for their development and expression.

Harvest is a feast for celebration that demands our response to the God who remains faithful, loving, patient and generous. To feast in the Hebrew context means "to keep an appointment". The Feast of Harvest is the appointed time for us to give of the first and best fruits of our time, abilities, resources and give thanks to God with grateful hearts.

We welcome all visitors worshipping with us today especially the Kingston College Chapel Choir.

## *Order of Service*

**Procession: Organ Voluntary:** *Improvisation of Harvest Hymns*  
*The clergy and servers process to the Sanctuary*

*The Celebrant says at the Altar:*

**May this incense, blessed by You, ascend to You, O Lord. And  
may your mercy descend upon us through the  
intercession of Andrew your Apostle. Amen.**

*During the incensing of the Altar the introit hymn is sung:*

**Introit Hymn:** Praise God for the harvest - St. Denio

Praise God for the harvest of orchard and field,  
praise God for the people who gather their yield,  
the long hours of labour, the skills of a team,  
the patience of science, the power of machine.

Praise God for the harvest that comes from afar,  
from market and harbour, the sea and the shore:  
foods packed and transported, and gathered and grown  
by God-given neighbours, unseen and unknown.

Praise God for the harvest that's quarried and mined,  
then sifted, and smelted, or shaped and refined;  
for oil and for iron, for copper and coal,  
praise God, who in love has provided them all.

Praise God for the harvest of science and skill,  
the urge to discover, create and fulfil:  
for dreams and inventions that promise to gain  
a future more hopeful, a world more humane.

Praise God for the harvest of mercy and love  
from leaders and peoples who struggle and serve  
for fairness and kindness, that all may be led  
in freedom and safety, and all may be fed.

President: Blessed be God, Creator of heaven and earth

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen**

President: Blessed be Jesus Christ, Saviour and Redeemer

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen**

President: Blessed be the Holy Spirit of God, the sustaining grace of redemption.

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen.**

President: This is the day to celebrate and give thanks for Harvest

**All: To remember that we do not create the earth from which we reap.**

President: And to give thanks to God for calling us to till the soil, sow seeds, and care for the environment.

**All: To remember that others share the toil that brings forth Harvest.**

President: And to give thanks to God for the fruits of trees, the produce of the earth, the flowers of the field, the fishes of the sea, minds to think and hearts to love.

**All: Bless us, O Lord, as we come together to worship you and offer thanks. Amen.**

**All:** O Lord God, you created us in your own image and made us stewards of the good earth, we marvel at the trust you place in us. Despite the depths to which we sometimes descend, we know that we are meant for the heights of creation. Be with us, O Lord; help us to reclaim the image in which you made us and to renew the earth on which you placed and purify us through your Holy Spirit, that we may worthily love you, and glorify your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Canticle:** Hymn 547 Glory to God on High - *Darwall's 148*

Glory to God on high, And peace to all on earth.

We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly King.

We give you praise, Almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, The Father's only Son, The sacrificial lamb, who saves the world from sin, Have mercy Lord. Beside the Father's hand enthroned, now hear our prayer.

You only are the Lord. You only are most high. You only are the Holy one, Lord Jesus Christ and now you reign With Father and with Spirit One in glorious light. **Amen**

**PRESIDENT: Let us pray...**

**COLLECT FOR HARVEST: (BCP pg 191)**

**Priest:**

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labours of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and relief of all who are in need, to the glory of Your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

**Collect for the day (proper 25)**

Almighty and everlasting God increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen**

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

First Reading.....Deuteronomy 8:1-3, 6-10 Roni Miller-Brown

**Psalm 65: 9 - 14 (All are seated)**

**Refrain:** *The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.*

**Epistle** James 1: 17-18, 21-27 Marilyn Lawrence-Wright

**Gradual:** In Thanksgiving Let Us Praise Him - Austria

From the first bright light of morning  
To the last warm glow of dusk;  
Every breath we take is sacred,  
for it is God's gift to us.

**Chorus**

***In thanksgiving, let us praise Him;***

***In thanksgiving, let us sing***

***Songs of praise and adoration***

***To our gracious Lord and King.***

In the season of our plenty,  
In the season of our need;  
We will find His grace sufficient,  
We will find His love complete.

Safe within His hand that guides us,  
Hidden in His healing wings;  
Day by day His love provides us  
Every good and perfect thing.

**The Gospel Acclamation** is sung before and after the Gospel

*Hallelu. Hallelu, Hallelu Hallelujah*  
*Praise ye the Lord. (rep)*  
*Praise ye the Lord. Hallelujah (x3)*  
*Praise ye the Lord*

**Holy Gospel** Matthew 6: 25-33

**Sermon:** Rev. Canon Grace Jervis

**THE NICENE CREED: BCP page 104**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**President:** We shall pray for Christ's Catholic Church and for the mission and ministry of St. Andrew Parish Church.

Gifts-Light, Water and Soil, representing the three principal elements of creation will be presented.

*The Choir leads the Congregational Response:*

**Congregational Response:**

*That the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.*

**First Presenter:** The Gift of Light.

**Leader:**

We present before your altar O God, this gift of light. In the beginning your Word commanded, "let there be light" and there was light.

**Celebrant:**

O Sovereign Lord in whom there is no darkness and from whom is the Light of Life; we thank you for the gift of light. From her you made the Sun to rule the day and the moon and stars to rule the night. The lights of the heavens have become for us “signs and seasons for days and years”.

**Congregational Response:**

*That the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.*

**Second Presenter:** The Gift of Water.

**Leader:**

We present before your altar, O God, water. In the beginning your Word commanded “let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures and let birds fly above the earth”.

**Celebrant:**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for water, the symbol of life. From it you created the ‘great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind’.

**Congregational Response:**

*That the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.*

**Third Presenter:** The Gift of Soil.

**Leader:**

We present before your altar, O God, the soil of the earth. In the beginning your Word commanded that she bring “forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit with the seed in it”.

**Celebrant:**

O God who made the heavens and the earth; we thank you for the gift of Mother Earth. From her, humanity was created and from her, we receive “plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. From the earth came all living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind”.

### **Congregational Response:**

*All we can do is nothing worth  
unless God blesses the deed;  
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide  
till God gives life to the seed;  
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be.  
When the earth shall be filled with  
the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.*

### **ACT OF PENITENCE**

PRESIDENT

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves...

Let us pray for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence.*

**All:**

*Most merciful God;  
We confess that we have sinned against you  
In thought, word and deed  
By what we have done and by what we have left undone  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
We have not loved our neighbours as our selves  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us  
And forgive us;  
That we may delight in your will  
And walk in your ways  
To glory of your Name. Amen*

### **THE ABSOLUTION**

PRESIDENT

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

PRESIDENT

A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace and accept the peace that God gives.

**All:**

**Let us live in peace and share the peace that only God can give.**

PRESIDENT

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*Congregation will greet each other in the name of the Lord.*

**ANTHEM: The Heavens are Telling** Kingston College Chapel Choir

## THE MINISTRY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Offertory Hymn:** Let us, with a gladsome mind

Let us, with a gladsome mind,  
Praise the Lord, for He is kind.

**Refrain**  
*For His mercies aye endure,  
Ever faithful, ever sure.*

Let us blaze His name abroad,  
For of gods He is the God.

**Refrain**

He with all commanding might  
Filled the new made world with light.

**Refrain**

He the golden tressèd sun  
Caused all day his course to run.

**Refrain**

And Th'horned moon to shine by night;

Mid her spangled sisters bright.

**Refrain**

All things living He doth feed,  
His full hand supplies their need.

**Refrain**

Let us, with a gladsome mind,  
Praise the Lord, for He is kind.

**Refrain**

Praise him for our harvest- store,  
He hath filled the garner-floor:

**Refrain**

Glory to our bounteous King;  
Glory let creation sing:

**Refrain**

## **THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS**

PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:

*Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

PRESIDENT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

**All:**

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might  
heaven and earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

**PRESIDENT:** Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.. Amen.**

**PRESIDENT....** In songs of everlasting praise:

**All: Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

**PRESIDENT** As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**All:** *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done  
On earth as in heaven  
Give us this day our daily bread  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
Who sin against us  
Save us from the time of trial  
And deliver us from evil  
From the kingdom, the power  
And the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.*

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**PRESIDENT:** We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

### **AGNUS DEI**

*Oh Lamb of God, Oh lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world  
have mercy pon mi soul x2  
Oh Lamb of God, Oh lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world  
grant us your peace.*

### **THE COMMUNION**

### **THE INVITATION**

**During Communion** Anthems & Motets

## **For the fruit of all creation**

For the fruit of all creation,  
thanks be to God.  
for these gifts to every nation,  
thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor,  
God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor,  
God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

### **All:**

*Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us  
with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
May we who share His Body, live His risen life;  
we who drink His cup, bring life to others;  
we upon whom your Spirit shines, give light to the world.  
Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word,  
so we and all your children shall be free,*

*and the whole earth live to praise your Name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **THE BLESSING**

### **Choral Amen**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Recessional Hymn:** Life is  
great! So sing about it - Regent  
Square

1. Life is great! So sing about it,  
As we can and as we should-  
Shop and buses, towns and people,  
Village, farmland, field and wood,  
Life is great and life is given;  
Life is lovely, free and good.

2. Life is great! What ever happens,  
Snow or sunshine, joy or pain,  
Hardship, grief or disillusion,  
Suffering that I can't explain  
Life is great if someone loves me,  
Holds my hand and calls my name.

3. Love is great! The love of lovers,  
Whispered words and longing eyes;  
Love that gazes at the cradle  
Where a child of loving lies;  
Love that lasts when youth has faded,  
Bends with age, but never dies.

4. Love is giving and receiving  
Boy and girl, or friend with friend;  
Love is bearing and forgiving  
All the hurts that hate can send;  
Love's the greatest way of living,  
Hoping, trusting to the end.

5. God is great! in Christ He loved us,  
As we should, but never can-  
Love that suffered, hoped and trusted  
When disciples turned and ran,  
Love that broke through death forever.  
Praise that loving, living Man!

## **SICK AND SHUT - IN**

**Gloria Moodie**  
**Rashaad Campbell**  
**Lucille Campbell**  
**Daisy Nelson**

**Frederick Green**  
**Eulah Stephenson**  
**Hilary McIntosh**  
**Gwen Moncrieffe**

## Did You Know?

Did you know that in the Old Testament, the Feast of Harvest is also referred to as the Feast of Pentecost, in which, the first fruits of the people's labours (i.e. what they had sown in the field), was to be offered to the Lord (Exodus 23:16 and Numbers 28:26).

## QUOTE FOR REFLECTION

“Before the fruits of prosperity can come, the storms of life need to first bring the required rains of testing, which mixes with the seeds of wisdom to produce a mature harvest.” (Lincoln Patz, 2015)

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday	5:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	4:00 p.m.	M. U.
Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (St. Simon & St. Jude Apostles)
	9:30 a.m.	Holy Communion to sick and shut-in. (Clergy)
	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:30 p.m.	Reception Committee
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	SAPC Choir Rehearsal
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

## Activities for October

**Focus for the Month of October** - Vocation and Ministry

The Visiting choir today is **Kingston College Chapel Choir**.

**Rally of the Months** today at 4:30 p.m.

**November** - Stewardship of Creation and the Environment.

**Planning retreat for SAPC** will be on Saturday, October 31, at the Church Hall at 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Presenter Rev. Dr. Karen McSweeney.

# PARISH NEWS

*November 30, 2014 was the beginning of our 350th Anniversary Celebrations.*

**Birthdays for this week:** Cassandra Blythe, Gerald Dunlop, Cardia Rigg and Audley Davidson 25/10, Yvonne Vassell, Sharon Northover, Lorraine Haniford-Collins and Sandra Watson 27/10, Minion Wright, Melanie Tapper and Denise Kitson 28/10, Violet Mahfood 29/10, Rhena Williams and Robert Thompson 30/10, and Nigel Elliott 31/10.

**Condolence** is extended to the family of Dorothy Bartlett. The funeral service for Marjorie Aries will be on Friday 30th at 11:30 a.m.

**Congratulations** to Bruce and Pascale James who will be celebrating 20 years of marriage on October 28.

**Confirmation Classes continue on Wednesdays, at 5:30 p.m.**

**Cathedral Sunday** will be held at the Cathedral on November 22, at 2:30 p.m.

Our 350th Anniversary Family Affair **Harvest Supper** will be on Friday, November 20, 2015 at the Church Hall. Tickets are \$1,500 each. Please make your returns by October 30, 2015. We are inviting members, individually or families to utilize the magazine to record family achievements and milestones which they would like to celebrate/commemorate. For the rates and/or information please call the Church Office.

**The supper committee** is seeking volunteers servers.

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Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Ministry interest \_\_\_\_\_

**THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**October 25, 2015 Proper 25 Year B**

**6:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST**

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 8:1-3, 6-10 Rex James  
Psalm **65: 9 - 14** **Refrain:** *(All sit) "The seed that falls on good  
BCP, page 641 ground will yield a fruitful harvest."*  
Epistle James 1: 17-18, 21-27 Gail Lue Lim  
Gospel Matthew 6: 25-33  
Prayers of Intercession Litany of Thanksgiving page 85

**8:00 a.m. As printed in this Program Provided**

**11:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST AND BAPTISM**

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Old Testament: Deuteronomy 8:1-3, 6-10  
Psalm **65: 9 - 14** **Refrain:** *(All sit) "The seed that falls on good  
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**4:30 p.m. RALLY OF THE MONTHS**