

Welcome to Mulbarton Church

Notices

- Swap Shop – Saturday, 2:30-4:30pm, Harvest House
 - Church Social – Fri 14th Oct at Social Club

Opening Prayer:

The light and peace of
Jesus Christ be with you
And also with you.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

**Let us rejoice and sing
God's praise forever.**

Donations of Goods

Why Norwich Foodbank?

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,

Sing and praise your God and mine!
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,
 Might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens
Knows and names them as they shine
Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
Sing and praise your God and mine!

Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
 Wounded souls his comfort know.
Those who fear him find his mercies,
 Peace for pain and joy for woe;
 Humble hearts are high exalted,
 Human pride and power laid low.
Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
 Wounded souls his comfort know.

Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
 Cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
 Spring to melt the snows of winter
 Till the waters flow again;
 Grass upon the mountain pastures,
 Golden valleys thick with grain.
Praise the Lord for times and seasons,

Cloud and sunshine, wind and rain.

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
Peace and plenty crown your days!
Love his laws, declare his judgements,
Walk in all his words and ways;
He the Lord and we his children,
Praise the Lord, all people, praise!
Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
Peace and plenty crown your days!

Introducing the Tearfund Appeal for 2022: Freedom to Grow

Psalm 1:1-3

¹ Blessed is the one
who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,
² but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
and who meditates on his law day and night.
³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers.

Psalm 107:31-38

³¹ Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love
and his wonderful deeds for mankind.
³² Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people
and praise him in the council of the elders.
³³ He turned rivers into a desert,
flowing springs into thirsty ground,
³⁴ and fruitful land into a salt waste,
because of the wickedness of those who lived there.
³⁵ He turned the desert into pools of water
and the parched ground into flowing springs;
³⁶ there he brought the hungry to live,
and they founded a city where they could settle.
³⁷ They sowed fields and planted vineyards
that yielded a fruitful harvest;
³⁸ he blessed them, and their numbers greatly increased,
and he did not let their herds diminish.

Choices, Blessings & Harvests

- The Psalmists often contrast those who choose good or evil
 - NB Psalm 1: Delight; meditate; sit; walk; stand

- God is sovereign: perfect vs permissive will
 - Blessing measured in harvests?
- What about when choice is taken away?

About Nepal

Deuteronomy 24:19-21

¹⁹ When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. ²⁰ When you beat the olives from your trees, do not go over the branches a second time. Leave what remains for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow. ²¹ When you harvest the grapes in your vineyard, do not go over the vines again. Leave what remains for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow.

The Freedom to Grow

- “Unprecedented” Times
 - Hunkering down & making it through – short term coping strategy
- Lack of access to resources may not be God withholding blessing – it may be injustice
- Poverty, climate change, whatever it is, we are called to make a difference where and while injustice happens by doing 2 things:
 - Helping people suffering under injustice
 - Challenging and changing the unjust structures

Song: Beauty for Brokenness

Giving, Praying, Acting

Time to Deliver Petition

For the gifts of heaven in the fields of earth,

My soul will sing to the Lord.

For the fruitful lands
as they yield their worth,
My heart gives thanks to him.

We may plough the soil,
we may plant the seed,
But God will make it grow,
And the harvest comes
from the tender goodness
Of the Father’s hand.

As the trade winds blow
over thirsty plains,
My soul will sing to the Lord,
And the storm clouds pour

with reviving rains,
My heart gives thanks to Him.
Every season whispers the mystery,
The glorious rhythm of life,
Till the harvest comes
from the boundless goodness
Of the Father's hand.

When the crops have failed
and the fields are bare,
My soul will cry to the Lord.
When the hungry know
only death's despair,
My heart will look to Him.
For the call goes out from the heart of God
To share with those in need;
As we feed the world
we reflect the goodness
Of the Father's hand.

A Time of Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Declaring What We Believe

Sharing Journeys

O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today

and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour
may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.

The Blessing:

God the Father, who created the world, give you grace to be wise stewards of His creation.

Amen.

God the Son, who redeemed the world, inspire you to go out as labourers into His harvest.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole of creation, help you to bear His fruits of love, joy and peace.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the son and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us, now and always.

Amen.

Sending Out:

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.