

## *Parish of Ribbleton*

St. Mary Magdalene (SMM) The Ascension (ASC) -Longsands (LS)

*Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October*

*Harvest Festival*

*Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Do not work for food that cannot last,  
but work for food that endures to eternal life.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

### **PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

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

### **FIRST READING** (Deuteronomy 26:1-11)

When you come to the land Yahweh your God is giving you for an inheritance,  
when you have taken possession of it and are living in it,  
you must set aside the first fruits of all the produce of the soil raised by you in the land Yahweh is giving you.  
You must put them in a panner and go to the place where Yahweh your God chooses to give his name a home.  
You must go to the priest then in office and say to him,  
“Today I declare to Yahweh my God that I have come to the land Yahweh swore to our fathers he would give us.”  
The priest shall then take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of Yahweh your God.  
Then, in the sight of Yahweh your God, you must make this pronouncement:  
“My father was a wandering Aramaean.  
He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a great nation, great, mighty, and strong.  
The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us.  
But we called on Yahweh the God of our fathers.  
Yahweh heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression;

and Yahweh brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders.

He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow.

Here then I bring the first fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Yahweh, have given me.”

You must then lay them before Yahweh your God, and bow down in the sight of Yahweh your God.

Then you are to feast on all the good things Yahweh has given you, you and your household,  
and with you the Levite and the stranger who lives among you.’

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Psalm 100:1-4)

*The response to the Psalm is:*

**We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs. **R/**

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. **R/**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name. **R/**

**SECOND READING** (Philippians 4:4-9)

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord;  
I repeat, what I want is your happiness.  
Let your tolerance be evident to everyone:  
the Lord is very near.  
There is no need to worry;  
but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God  
for it with prayer and thanksgiving,  
and the peace of God, which is so much greater than we  
can understand, will guard your hearts and your  
thoughts, in Christ Jesus.  
Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is  
true, everything that is noble,  
everything that is good and pure,  
everything that we love and honour and everything that  
can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise.  
Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and  
have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do.  
Then the God of peace will be with you.

**THE GOSPEL** (John 6:25-35)

When they found him on the other side, they said to him,  
'Rabbi, when did you come here?'  
Jesus answered:  
'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me  
because you have seen the signs but because you had all  
the bread you wanted to eat.  
Do not work for food that cannot last,  
but work for food that endures to eternal life,  
the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you,  
for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'  
Then they said to him,  
'What must we do if we are to do the works that God  
wants?'  
Jesus gave them this answer,  
'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he  
has sent.'  
So they said,  
'What sign will you give to show us that we should  
believe in you?  
What work will you do?  
Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture  
says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'  
Jesus answered:  
'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave  
you bread from heaven,  
it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven,  
the true bread;  
for the bread of God is that which comes down from  
heaven and gives life to the world.'  
'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.'  
Jesus answered:  
'I am the bread of life.  
He who comes to me will never be hungry;  
he who believes in me will never thirst.'

## ***Intercessions***

Let us pray to God, the Lord of the harvest, that he will bring to fruition all that he desires for his creation.

Lord of Creation, You have called the universe into being by your eternal Word, filled it with all good things and set mankind to care for it.

Teach us to honour and respect the whole of your creation, to use its resources wisely, and to work for the benefit of all.

Guide the leaders of our world, and those with power, influence and authority, into the ways of your kingdom. May they work to bring a harvest of peace, justice and hope for all peoples.

We pray for our government and parliament, in the decisions they must make in the coming weeks.

Be present to those who live in fear, need and turmoil - those who cannot reap a harvest from their land - and those without land and home to support them.

We hold before you those who are struggling to recover from the devastation of natural disasters, among them the people of Pakistan, Cuba and America, and pray for the families still being torn apart by violence and warfare in Afghanistan, Syria and Ukraine. We say together the prayer for Ukraine.

*Lord in your mercy      Hear our prayer*

Lord of the Harvest, You sow the Word as a seed in the hearts of your people and water it with your Spirit. May we work faithfully to bear good fruit for you, as we share the good news of Jesus in our lives.

Bless those you have called to nurture your Word in the Church, among them our bishops, Philip and Jill. May they teach us to seek the true and life-giving bread which is Christ Jesus.

We give thanks for the ministry of Canon Grant and Fr Chris among us today.

Guide and encourage our parish wardens, Ron and Barbara, and all who labour with them in the harvest field of our parish.

We pray for Linda and Pete Tomkinson as they prepare to move to our parish, and ask your blessing on the congregation of Freedom Church as they begin the search for a new priest.

*Lord in your mercy      Hear our prayer*

Loving Lord, you plant your people in families and communities to live and grow in love and peace. May we give generously and cheerfully of all that you have given us, so that everyone may rejoice in your love.

Teach us to value and care for all those you trust to us as family, friends, workmates and neighbours. May we look after one another, support the vulnerable, encourage the fearful, and provide practical help for those in need.

We pray for our neighbours who struggle with the demands of daily living and need to use the Community Pantry or foodbanks to support themselves and their families. Open our hearts to their need.

We ask your blessing on all who live and work within our parish, and on those who work for our safety and wellbeing.

*Lord in your mercy      Hear our prayer*

Healing Lord, by your touch and word you feed us with the living bread, may we grow in wholeness and health.

Hear our prayer for those who suffer in body, mind or spirit - for those who grieve, and for all weighed down by sin or fear. May your Spirit comfort and support them.

We ask your blessing on those who need your healing touch in their lives: those known to us, and those named on our prayer list. May your healing love work in them all and assure them of your presence.

*Lord in your mercy      Hear our prayer*

Eternal Lord, you call us to enter your gates with thanksgiving, and your courts with praise. Gather to your kingdom all who have died, and bring us, with them, into the joy of your eternal presence.

We pray for all who have died, especially those who have died alone, unnoticed or uncared for.

We hold before you those who have been killed this week in the ongoing conflicts and disasters in our world.

We commend to your loving mercy those known to us who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries are around this time.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let light perpetual shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace and rise in glory

*Lord in your mercy      Hear our prayer*

Saviour Lord, bread of life, source and giver of all that is good, we bring our harvest to your altar, and give you thanks for all your goodness to us.

You know our needs and our desires before ever we speak them. Trusting in your eternal love, we bring our silent prayers for ourselves and those we love.

*Lord in your mercy      Hear our prayer*

We join our prayers with those of Mary, the mother of Jesus, whom we greet, saying

Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners  
now and at the hour of our death

*Lord in your mercy      Hear our prayer*

*Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.*

The Diocesan prayer for Ukraine

*Almighty God,  
seated above all the affairs of humankind  
and sovereign over nations and leaders,  
hear our prayer for Ukraine at this time of war;  
that lives may be spared,  
that national boundaries be respected  
and that forces of aggression be restrained.*

*Grant, Lord God,  
peace in your world in our time.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Amen*

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity – 28<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time**

President: Rev. John Ball

9:30am Eucharist at The Ascension

11:00am Eucharist at St. Mary Magdalene's

**Readings**

*2 Kings 5:1-3,7-15; Psalm 111;*

*2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19*

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**Mid-week services and activities**

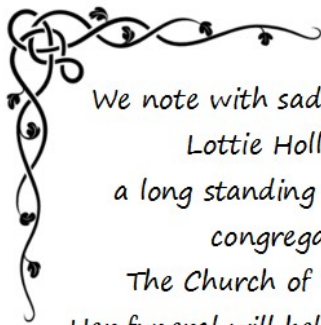
Tuesday 10am – 12 noon – Community Pantry at ASC

Wednesday 10am – Service of the Word at SMM,  
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**Dates for your Diary:**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October: Baptism Preparation Class,  
7:00pm at St Mary Magdalene's

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October: PCC Meeting,  
7:30pm at The Ascension  
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*We note with sadness the death of  
Lottie Hollinghurst,  
a long standing member of our  
congregation at  
The Church of The Ascension.*

*Her funeral will held at The Ascension  
on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October  
at 11:30am.*

*Please hold her family in your prayers.*



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