

## Questions for reflection

- How well does this ordered pattern represent your community?
- What holds your community together?
- If your community was a hive, who are the bees? The drones? Where do you go for nectar?



## Live your faith

Write a letter to your MP about an issue that stirs your feelings, or join a campaigning group for such an issue (e.g. Avaaz or 38 degrees).

## A prayer for others

Eternal God, we pray for those who this day need our prayers:  
those we see around us...  
family and friends near and far...  
strangers and communities we will never meet or know,  
but whose peril we see on our screens...  
those whose life is ebbing away...  
those who grieve deeply for lives and loves lost...  
those who are forgotten, unnoticed, unloved, unmissed...  
Lord God, in your abundance of mercy,  
hear these and all our prayers. Amen.

## A personal prayer

Sometimes, O God, I wish I was on my own, not troubled and disturbed by those around me, not jostled and tussled this way and that, but just left to my own devices. But I am not just me, I am part of the community in which I live. Give me patience with those around me, give me love and compassion for those in need, give me understanding of people who are so different from me and give me, above all else, a yearning to do your will.  
Amen.



## Wesley Methodist Church

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Newsletter: Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## Weekly Feature – Favourite Hymns – Series of Harvest Hymns

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 grain,  
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.*

We thank Thee, then, O Father, for all things bright and good,  
The seed time and the harvest, our life, our health, and food;  
Accept the gifts we offer, for all Thy love imparts,  
But what Thou most desirest, our humble, thankful hearts.

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Keep Safe – God Bless

Please find enclosed or on line Preaching Plan for September. Circuit issuing monthly while churches are beginning to open and the availability of preachers taken into account.

Congratulations to Brenda Guest and Helen Tromans who will receive acknowledgement of their long service as Local Preacher at the welcome service for Rev Helen Crofts.

Only CLT, invited guests and one rep from each church present to comply with restrictions on numbers. Alma will represent Wesley.

#### **NEXT FOODBANK COLLECTION**

Due to restrictions placed upon us by Covid 19 Regulations the next date for collection will be

**4<sup>th</sup> September between 10am-12noon** and will be held on the **rear carpark of Amblecote Wordsley**

If you need to have your contribution collected please contact June or Rev Josephine No later than the day before. Thank you.

**Please note Wesley happy to accept Cash Donations and forward for you, also we plan a collection at Wesley on Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10.00am-11.00am which would have been our harvest.**

On the same day, **4<sup>th</sup> September between 10.00am-2.00pm** Brenda Mitchell will be holding a wool sale at her house in aid of Foodbank.

If you are interested please telephone Brenda beforehand on 442832 to arrange a time to call.

Please wear a facemask and rubber gloves