

Worship at Home - Dave Elliott W/B 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Hymn 83 Singing the Faith 'Praise my soul the King of Heaven

PRAYER; Lord we come to worship with hearts warmed by a sense of your wonderful presence. Fill us Lord with hope and encouragement as we seek your purpose for each of us.

HYMN 123 STF 'Come ye thankful people come'

PRAYER; Lord God thank you for your love shown to us in this past week. Thank you for so many blessings received from you. Thank you for the people who have been around us, offering support and love and for the people we are able to love. Thank you for showing us your love in the life and teachings of your Son Our Saviour Jesus who taught us to pray saying; Our father...

HYMN 272 From Heaven you came helpless babe.

READING; LUKE CH 5 v 1-11

ADDRESS; I have been taking a number of Harvest Festival Services over the last week and have two more to take on Monday. Monday morning will be Harvest Assembly at one of the Primary Schools where I am a Governor and that will be a real privilege. Monday evening I will be taking the Harvest Festival for the local Young Farmers group, as my grandson is a member. What a joy to celebrate this special time of the year. I have wanted in these services to focus people's minds on the Creation story. However that story reminds us that although God made a physical world he also made us. I think of the Harvest not just the land but of our lives.

As we think of what we have produced and are producing we remember that as disciples of Jesus, called by him, to be fishers of men, it is up to us to listen and respond to that call. What can we offer to God in response for all he has done for us? How will we make people his disciples, how are we going to be 'Fishers of men'? Of course we need to have a relevant message to give to people if we are to bring them to God. So think about what you want to tell people about your faith. How will we respond if we are challenged about what we believe? Jesus reminds us that the Harvest is ready, but labourers are few.

The vital part of the message we give is to love each other, to care and to support. As Jesus loves us so we share that love. This is the Harvest of our calling and how we respond to people who need that call, is so important

Maybe today we think again about how those first disciples were called. They were shown what God could do he had shown them the miracle of

the great catch of fish. He was part of their working life. Do we see the miracles God still does in our world, or are we quick to complain about the world. Today let us rejoice in a loving God, offer him,our harvest of love and faithfulness. Amen

PRAYER; Lord we pray that you will make us fishers of men, we pray that today we may hear your call and have the faith and the confidence to respond, to help to bring in a harvest of love and discipleship.

We pray today for all who are ordained ministers and for all who preach your word. We think of those who have a ministry of caring for people in their churches and in their communities. Bless them that their harvest may be productive. Bless and be with those who still have not known you, that one day, they may learn of your love.

We pray today for the people we love, we remember them before you, our friends, our families, the people we care for the people who are in our church families. Bless and comfort those who are ill at this time, in body, mind or spirit. Be with those who care for them, at home, or in hospitals and in care homes.

We pray Lord for the world in which we live, a world you have Created. We pray for peace, for an end to the wars ruining this beautiful world , damaging the lives of people.

We pray too for those who are hungry and who have no harvest to gather in, bless our acts of love and charity

We ask our prayers in the name of Jesus. Amen

HYMN 611 STF Brother sister let me serve you.

PRAYER; May the Grace and Blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all who we love and those who are hard to love, this day and always Amen