Thanksgiving for 100 years of the Bleasby WI



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¶ Welcome & Introduction

Hymn 'For the beauty of the earth'

Preparation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**.

One thing I have asked of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to behold the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

Prayer of confession

We confess our wrongs, and those of of society, in the misuse of God's creation.

God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

Forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us. Father, in your mercy:

Forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry.
Father, in your mercy:
Forgive us and help us.

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¶ The conclusion

The President of Bleasby WI Terri Swift will read from the constitution the aims of the organisation as we commit ourselves to the future.

Hymn 'Jerusalem'

The Blessing

May the roads rise up to meet you, May the wind be always at your back May the sun shine warm upon your face May the rains fall soft upon the fields and until we meet again May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen

Refreshments are served

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made. Father, in your mercy: Forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven. Father, in your mercy:

Forgive us and help us.

The enrich you with his grace, and nourish you with his blessing: the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all wrong; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Amen

An overview of the history of Bleasby WI by Barbara Cast

¶ The Word of God

Scripture readings

1st Reading

Philippians 4. 4-9
Read by Theresa Martin

Reflecting on the creator's world

Address
The Revd Phil

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Psalm 8

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name through all the earth!

Your majesty is set above the heavens. From the mouths of children and of babes you fashioned praise to foil your enemy, to silence the foe and the rebel.

When I see the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you arranged, what are human beings, that you should keep them in mind, mortals that you care for then?

Yet you have made them little lower than the angels; with glory and honour you have crowned them, gave them power over the works of your hands: you put all things under their feet.

All of them, sheep and oxen, yes even the cattle of the fields, birds of the air and fish of the sea that make their way through the waters.

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2nd Reading

Acts 9. 36-42

Read by Diana Temperley

led by Rachael Andrew and members of the WI

In prayer and thanksgiving let us call upon our Father God, in the name of Jesus, trusting in the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us.

Concluding with The Lord's Prayer

Uniting earth with heaven we pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.