

*St. Augustine's  
Family Service*

*30 June 2002*

Welcome

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*Please stand for the song*

**Hello, everyone !**

( We sing it twice, led by Jean and Kids' Club children. )

*all :* **Hello, everyone !**  
*all :* **Hello, everyone !**  
**Give your neighbour a big smile !**  
*all :* **Give your neighbour a big smile !**  
**Stretch up tall and wriggle your thumb.**  
*all :* **Stretch up tall and wriggle your thumb.**  
**Now let's whisper for a while.**  
*all :* **Now let's whisper for a while.**  
**Stamp your feet and clap, clap, clap !**  
*all :* **Stamp your feet and clap, clap, clap !**  
**Give your knees a slap, slap, slap !**  
*all :* **Give your knees a slap, slap, slap !**  
**Oh, no, we forgot !**  
*all :* **Oh, no, we forgot !**  
*all :* **The most important person to say "Hello" to is .... GOD !**

*Please sit or kneel for the prayer*

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*Please sit for the Reading*

**Mark 4, verses 1-8, 13-20**

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*ending with*

**This is the Word of the Lord**

People :

**Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the song :

We plough the fields

1. 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

2. He only is the maker  
Of all things near and far;  
He paints the wayside flower,  
He lights the evening star;  
The winds and waves obey Him,  
By Him the birds are fed;  
Much more, to us, His children,  
He gives our daily bread.

Chorus

3. We thank you, then, our Father,  
For all things bright and good;  
The seed-time and the harvest,  
Our life, our health, our food :  
Accept the gifts we offer  
For all your love imparts;  
And that which you most welcome –  
Our humble, thankful hearts !

Chorus

Chorus

All good gifts around us  
Are sent from heaven above;  
Then thank the Lord, O thank  
the Lord  
For all his love.

Part 1

"The Seed"

The seed is scattered – it's covered the ground – God chose the very best corn.  
The farmer's aware that some of the land is path or rock or thorn.

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Leader : Let us bow our heads in prayer.

The Sower :

Thank you, Lord God, for the messages that you sow in our lives.  
Forgive us for the times when we have ignored those messages.

People :

God, forgive us, and help us to do better in the future.

Please stand for the song

God has spoken to His people



Please sit

Part 2

"The Path"

Some seed falls on the hard, hard path – there's no way it can grow.  
When Satan gets control like that all God's good words just go.

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Leader : Let us bow our heads in prayer.

The Narrator :

Thank You, Lord God, for the messages that You sow in our lives,  
forgive us for the times we allow them to be stolen away from us.

People :

God forgive us, and help us to do better in the future.



*Refrain*

**My help comes from the Lord, Who has made heav'n and earth.**

*solo :* I lift my eyes to the hills :  
But where shall I look for help ?  
My help comes from the Lord  
Who has made heaven and earth

*all :* *Refrain*

*solo :* The Lord will not let your foot stumble :  
The one who guards you will not sleep.  
The one who keeps watch over this people :  
Shall neither doze nor sleep.

*all :* *Refrain*

*solo :* The Lord is the one who will guard you :  
The Lord at your right hand will be your defence,  
So that the sun shall not strike you by day :  
Nor yet the moon by night.

*all :* *Refrain*

*solo :* The Lord shall preserve you from all evil :  
Yes it is the Lord Who will keep you safe.  
The Lord shall take care of your going out and your coming  
in :  
From this time forth and for ever.

*all :* *Refrain*

*Please sit* \_\_\_\_\_

Part 3 "The Rock"

On rocky ground the soil is sparse and often shallow and dry.  
When the seed takes root it shoots up fast then struggles and soon  
must die.



The Narrator :

We leave this leaf here to remind us that God plants His message  
in our lives. Help us to remember to call upon God to be our  
shield in times of trouble.

Leader : Let us bow our heads in prayer.

The Narrator :

Thank You, Lord God, for the messages that You sow in our lives.  
Forgive us for the times when trials and tribulations draw us away  
from You.

People :

**God forgive us, and help us to shelter in Your care when  
troubles overwhelm us.**

*Please stand for the song :* Living under the shadow of His wing



*Please sit* \_\_\_\_\_

Part 4 "The Thorns"

Thorns grow up and choke the seed, if the gardener doesn't weed;  
The thorns of worry, strife or trial – of partying, drinking or greed.



The Narrator :

We leave this plant here to remind us that God plants His message  
in our lives. Help us to turn away from worldly clutter and to fill  
our days with the things of God.

Leader : Let us bow our heads in prayer.

The Narrator :

Thank you, Lord God, for the messages that You sow in our lives.  
Forgive us for the times when we turn away from You.

People :

**God forgive us, and help us to turn away from worldly things.**

*Please stand for the song*     I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

1. I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
No turning back, no turning back.
2. The world behind me the cross before me;  
The world behind me the cross before me;  
The world behind me the cross before me;  
No turning back, no turning back.
3. Though none go with me, still I will follow;  
Though none go with me, still I will follow;  
Though none go with me, still I will follow;  
No turning back, no turning back.
4. Where Jesus leads me, I'll surely follow;  
Where Jesus leads me, I'll surely follow;  
Where Jesus leads me, I'll surely follow;  
No turning back, no turning back.
5. Sing glory, glory and hallelujah !  
Sing glory, glory and hallelujah !  
Sing glory, glory and hallelujah !  
No turning back, no turning back.

*Please sit*

Puppets

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Part 5

“The Harvest”

Most of the seed falls on well-prepared soil. It grows and flourishes tall,  
Produces good crops – rich and full – provides food for one and all.

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The Reader :

We leave this Bible here to remind us that God plants His message in our lives. Help us to read and study this precious book so that our faith may deepen and bear much fruit.

Leader : Let us bow our heads in prayer.

The Reader :

Thank you, Lord God, for the messages that You sow in our lives. may they bring forth a great harvest for You.

People :

**Thank You, God, for Your wonderful message.**

Sharing the Word

led by .....

*Please stand for the collection song*     Bringing in the Sheaves

1. Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness;  
Sowing through the day and when the daylight leaves.  
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping –  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

*Chorus*

*Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves,  
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.*

2. Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,  
Fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze;  
By and by the harvest, and the labour ended –  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

*Chorus*

3. Sowing through our lifetime, sowing for the Master,  
Harvesting the peace the faithful soul receives;  
When our work is over, He will bid us welcome –  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

*Chorus*

*Please sit or kneel for the prayers led by ●●●●● and ●●●●●, ending with the Lord's Prayer*

People :

**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.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours now and for ever. Amen**

*Please stand for the song*     **Jesus is Lord ! Creation's Voice Proclaims it**

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Blessing

*Please join us for a cuppa in the Hall.*

Those taking part :

Poem

author

reader

Sower

Plant

The Seed Narrator

The Rock Narrator

The Thorns Narrator

Helpers



The next Family Service will be on 29th September; if anyone would like to take part please see ●●●●● afterwards or Phone ●●●●●.

Parish notices

Kids' Club, for primary school children, meets in the hall here each Tuesday during term time from 3:15pm to 4:15pm; all children are welcome. Ph ●●●● ●●●●●.

There are a variety of Home Groups in the Parish; we invite you to join one. A list of groups is available at the back of the church.