

Cheshunt Free Church Newsletter September 2025

Services in September

- 7th Worship with Kathleen Laing
- 14th Worship with Evodian Fonyonga
- 21st Worship with Mark Robinson
- 28th Worship with Kathleen Laing



Dear Friends

September draws us into harvest season. At Broxbourne and Hertford we will soon gather for our harvest services, and at Cheshunt we will celebrate in October. These moments matter. They remind us that every loaf of bread and every piece of fruit is a gift from God; seed given, soil nurtured, harvest gathered. As Paul writes, “God supplies seed to the sower and bread for food ... and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness” (2 Corinthians 9:10–11).

That is a wonderful promise. It tells us that harvest is never just about what we eat, but also about what we share. God grows in us a harvest of justice, kindness, and generosity. The apples and wheat on the harvest table point us to something larger; a vision where no one goes hungry, where food is valued, and where creation is treated with care.

As we celebrate in our different churches, let us give thanks for what we have received. And let us carry that thanksgiving into action: by sharing with those in need, by wasting less, by noticing the earth’s beauty, and by living generously with one another.

My prayer is that this harvest season will feed us in more ways than one: nourishing our bodies, yes, but also nourishing our hearts with gratitude, hope, and care for our neighbours.

Blessings,

Mark

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Prayer Themes for September 2025

Week 1 – Thanksgiving for God’s Gifts Gratitude for the earth’s abundance — seed, soil, rain, and sun. Focus: Farmers, growers, and those who bring food from field to table.

Week 2 – Justice in the Harvest God’s call to share fairly. Focus: Those who hunger, those displaced from their land, and campaigns for food justice.

Week 3 – Creation’s Care Cherishing the earth as sacred gift.

Focus: Climate justice, sustainable living, and those working to protect land, air, and water.

Week 4 – Generosity as a Way of Life The “harvest of righteousness” in our lives. Focus: That our churches embody generosity, mercy, and hope in our communities.

Season of Creation

September 1st – October 4th



Our Biblical text for this year is Isaiah 32:14-18. The prophet Isaiah pictured the desolated Creation without peace because of the lack of justice and the broken relationship between God and humankind. This description of devastated cities and wastelands eloquently stresses the fact that human destructive behaviours have a negative impact on the Earth.

Our hope is that Creation will find peace when justice is restored.
There is an ongoing hope and the expectation for a peaceful Earth.

To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but to act, pray, change, and reconcile with Creation and the Creator in unity, metanoia (repentance), and solidarity.

What can you do to bring hope to Creation?

Here are a few eco tips from Amanda at Broxbourne

There are lots of berries on the bushes and trees. Does that mean an early Autumn? If so, the birds will have a feast, then not much – a long winter ahead. They will need our help with food and water.

If you come across any sheets of bubble wrap, hold on to them. They cost a lot to buy, but are invaluable during cold weather. Use them to wrap pots to prevent frost damage, or use them to cover plants as frost protection. Large sheets could be used to line greenhouse windows, or even house windows in cold rooms.

Now is the time to trim wildlife gardens, to remove cut grass and sow flower seeds for next year.

Amazing God

You have made it all
colourful landscapes lively seas soft sandy beaches shapely rocks
bright sunshine blowy winds sprinkling rain cloudy skies
graceful trees beautiful flowers wild hedgerows spiky grass
You have made it all

Drop in art afternoon

Tuesday 16th September 2-3.30 pm

Broxbourne URC Lounge

Drop in to explore creatively using a variety of art materials