

HARVEST SERVICE OCT 4th 2026

Reading : Psalm 65 v 9-13

Theme: Thanking God for his generous provision for us both physically & spiritually.

The talk was based around baking a cake:

Ingredients – The varied food and products that we all enjoy and which go into the cake. A reminder that we are all ‘ingredients’ in God’s hands.

Mixing – The ingredients need to be mixed and blended to make a good cake. Similarly, we as Gods people need to be mixed to bring out the best in each of us and to benefit the whole community.

Cooking – The cake needs the heat of the oven to transform the basic ingredients into a cake. We too need seasons of ‘heat’ and challenge to make us, in his time, into the people and church God wants us to be.

Sharing – The finished cake is made to be shared with others. Harvest reminds us that God also wants us to share his many blessings with others.

You may like to start or finish your meeting by quietly reflecting for a few minutes on the wonderful words in the reading from Psalm 65.

Questions to discuss & ponder:

1. What is your favourite cake or pastry? What makes it so good? Where & When did you have your best one ever?
2. Have you ever been involved in harvesting a commercial crop?
3. How aware are you in our supermarket, home delivery world, of just how many processes and people are involved in providing our food? Do you ever consider Gods role in providing for us physically? How grateful are you and how do you show it?
4. In the mix of ‘ingredients’ at Springfield, do you feel your strengths and talents are used? Would you like to contribute more? If so, how and where?
5. How good are we at allowing ourselves to be ‘mixed’ for the benefit of the whole church community?
6. The heat of the oven cooks and transforms, but do you consider that as Christians we too must also experience, trials and disappointments in life to truly develop our faith and Christian character?
7. God wants the harvest to be shared – how easy do you find it to share your:
 - Time
 - Money & possessions
 - God’s Love
8. Is there a case for not buying fresh supermarket blueberries flown in from Peru or fresh herbs flown in from Kenya?
Is there a case for buying them?