

Sermon LCP October 2nd 2016

We gather here today to give thanks and praises to Almighty God for the abundance of his blessings to us. And, as well as giving thanks for the provision he has made for us, I want to give him and you thanks for my Ministry here amongst you. We have walked together over these years as we have served him and each other and we have blessed each other. He sowed the seed that brought us all here together, Anglicans, Protestants, Catholics, English and French so that we can all play our part as workers for his harvest, and what a harvest home that will be when it comes into fruition!

There have been times when it hasn't been easy for any of us, but then what labourer's job doesn't have tough times? And that is what we all are, labourers for the Lord and today, now, the harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few. Just as man's work has helped to gather in this year's harvest of food and wine, so we must work hard to help God gather in the harvest of souls.

And so, I leave All Saints Vendée with a few tears but also with a grateful heart for all that God has given me, and that includes you dear friends, brothers and sisters in Christ. Together we have prayed, you have suffered my singing, and my French friends have suffered my desecration of their language, we have laughed and cried, we have learnt together, talked, worked hard and had fun and most importantly joined together to study the Word and worship and praise our God and King.

I wish you Godspeed and I pray that God will go with us as we move forward through this life and finally I quote from the Book of Numbers 6:24-26: "May the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace".