



Ramsgate Salvation Army

Sunday 17th October 2021

A warm welcome as we gather as the family of God today, especially if you are not normally with us on a Sunday. May we all feel the welcome of God and each other.

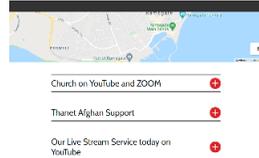
We meet at The Salvation Army Hall Sunday 10.30 am.

Also Sunday worship is livestreamed on  **YouTube**

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What's happening at Ramsgate Salvation Army?

Sunday 17 th	10.30 am	HARVEST WORSHIP - Salvation Army Hall Followed by Harvest Lunch
Sunday 17 th	11.00 am	No Sunday school – All age worship
Sunday 17 th	5.00 pm	Youth Fellowship
Monday to Friday	(6.30am-9am)	Breakfast Drop-in (street homeless only)
Monday	(9.30 am – 11.30 am)	Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler group)
Monday 18th 6pm		ACE Overcomers
Tuesday	(12 noon)	Light Lunch
Tuesday	(12.30 pm)	Prayers at hall.
Tuesday	(1 pm)	Bible Study at hall – Revelation – week 7
Tuesday	(6.45pm)	Bible Study & Prayers by ZOOM (8651865167)
Wednesday	(11 am)	Friendship Club & Luncheon Club
Wednesday	(7 pm and 8 pm)	Songster and Band practice
Thursday		Forward Trust using hall
Friday	(10am - 12 noon)	War Cry Ministry Ramsgate
Friday	(10am - 12 noon)	Food Bank
Friday	(12 noon)	Thanksgiving Service for Andy Cricket
Friday	(6pm)	KIDS Club at HORNBY
Sunday 24 th	(10.30 am)	Sunday Worship and Sunday School

STARTING.....STARTING BACK SOON

Alpha, LITs (Youth Worship), Membership Classes, The Well, Monday Supper and Film evening and Saturday fellowships, Pastoral Care Groups, Natural Church Development

Our next Saturday sale is on 6th November.

Why not book a stall (£6) or encourage a friend or neighbour to come and run a stall.

Make some cakes....and distribute some leaflets.

See Pauline for more details



Ramsgate Salvation Army
High Street Ramsgate
invite you to our

Table Top
and Bric a brac sale
(Tables available at £6 07752215789)

Saturday 6th
November
10.00 am – 1.00 pm

Christmas gifts
Home made cakes & preserves
Tea and Coffee
Late Breakfast & Light Lunch




In celebration of 100th Anniversary 1919-2019
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Birthdays

Claire Craig	19-October
Nigel Harden	19-October
Wendy Wilkening	21-October
Meg Standley	23-October
Mavis Harden	24-October
Mark Martin	24-October
Sue James	24-October



Prayers please for

For **Ben and Den, Kenny** and the rest of the family following the unexpected loss of **David Anderson**.

For the family and friends of **Andy Cricket** who recently died. A service of thanksgiving will be held at Salvation Army Ramsgate (our hall) on **Friday 22nd November at 12 noon**

For **George Wilson** following the death of his father.

For **David Miles** as he recovers at home from his surgery.

For **David Richards** who was readmitted to QEQM and now receiving care in Hawkinge. For **Isobel** following her time in QEQM this week – thankfully now home. For **Archie** who has been unwell this week.

For **Val**, following the loss of her beloved dog **Lucky**.

For **Jan Penfold** and **John McCairn** waiting for medical treatment.

For **Val's** brother-in-law Peter, and her neighbour Dereck – both in hospital.

For **Sharon Goodyer** following her operation recovering at home.

For **Paul Wales** receiving care in QEQM

For **Paul**, friend of Douglas, diagnosed with a terminal illness.

For Jacqueline's friends **August** who has lost sight in one eye and has an ulcer in the other eye and **Sue** suffering respiratory problems.

For the daughter of Pauline's friend **Norah**, For Sue Layton's relation **Barry** battling with MND, For **Sandy** who has recently lost her husband, continued prayers for **Jean Mayton**. For **Paul** and **Sue Taylor**.

For all those suffering from **Long Covid** – which include some in our church family.



CALL TO WORSHIP (PSALM 106:1)

LEADER: How good it is to give thanks to God.

PEOPLE: How great are God's works!

LEADER: It is good to give thanks for God's
steadfast love and faithfulness.

ALL: Let us, then, give thanks to God.

Let us worship God with thanksgiving!

All creatures of our God and King
All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:

Song Number 2

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

Song Number 3

Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.

Song Number 9

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,
Father, unto thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

Song Number 14

For the fruits of his creation,
Thanks be to God;
For these gifts to every nation,
Thanks be to God;
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safekeeping,
Thanks be to God.

Song Number 15

God, whose farm is all creation,
Take the gratitude we give;
Take the finest of our harvest,
Crops we grow that all may live.

Song Number 23



Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Song Number 26

Let us with a gladsome mind
Praise the Lord, for he is kind:
For his mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

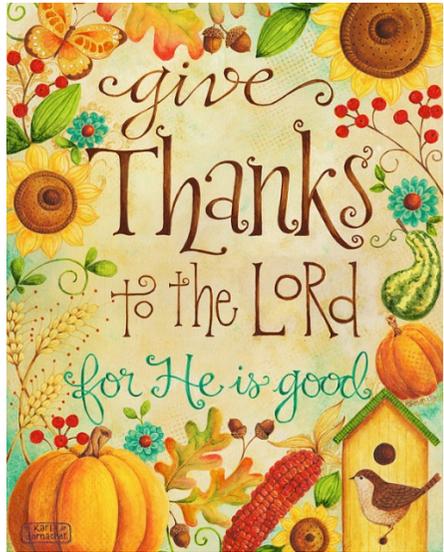
Song Number 42

Morning has broken
Like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken
Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
Fresh from the Word!

Song Number 44

Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

Song Number 45



O worship the King, all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

Song Number 52

Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer,
For all things living thou madest good:
Harvest of sown field, fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown field, blossom and wood.

Song Number 53

Praise God for the harvest of orchard and field,
Praise God for the people who gather their yield,
The long hours of labour, the skills of a team,
The patience of science, the power of
machine.

Song Number 54

Sing to the Lord of harvest,
Sing songs of love and praise,
With joyful hearts and voices
Your hallelujahs raise;
By him the rolling seasons
In fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest
A song of grateful love.

Song Number 57

Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,
Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eves;
Waiting for the harvest and the time of reaping,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Song Number 58



Summer suns are glowing over land and sea,
Happy light is flowing bountiful and free;
Everything rejoices in the mellow rays,
All earth's thousand voices swell the psalm of praise.

Song Number 59

To thee, O Lord of earth and sky,
With grateful hearts we now draw nigh,
For all the fruits thy generous soil
Hath yielded in return for toil;
We want henceforth our lives to be
All fruitful in good work for thee.

Song Number 68

To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise
In hymns of adoration,
To thee bring sacrifice of praise
With shouts of exultation;
Bright robes of gold the fields adorn,
The hills with joy are ringing,
The valleys stand so thick with corn
That even they are singing.

Song Number 69

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,
The soft refreshing rain.

Song Number 70



We praise thee, Lord, with heart and voice,
While with first fruits we come;
We bring thank offerings and rejoice,
And shout the harvest home.
For crops made ripe by golden fire,
For all thy power has done.
We'll lift thy praises higher and higher,
And shout the harvest home.

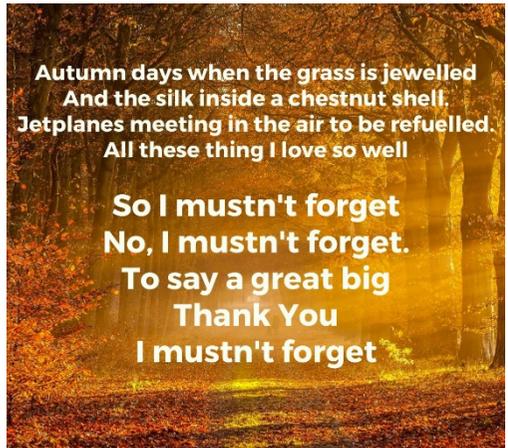
Song Number 71

You can't stop rain from falling down,
Prevent the sun from shining,
You can't stop spring from coming in,
Or winter from resigning,
Or still the waves or stay the winds,
Or keep the day from dawning,
You can't stop God from loving you,
His love is new each morning.

Song Number 72

Autumn days when the grass is
jewelled,
And the silk inside a chestnut shell,
Jet planes meeting in the air to get
refuelled,
All these things I love so well,
So I mustn't forget,
No, I mustn't forget,
To say a great big thank you,
I mustn't forget.

Autumn Leaves





Our prayers at Harvest

I WILL GIVE YOU THANKS
WITH MY WHOLE HEART

PSALM 138: 1 (WEB)

Thankfulness in difficult times

Father God,

As we come to give thanks to you this harvest time we want to start by acknowledging that you are good and your faithfulness and love is available to us every day.

In these days when trials seem greater, situations seem more difficult, and our world is in disarray, we come to you knowing that you are good and your goodness is displayed to us each day in different ways.

In recent times when our usual ways of living life have had to change, we thank you that you never change, that you are the same today as you have always been and that as we look to tomorrow we can trust in you because you never let us down.

Our world is hurting and broken right now. We pray for those who have lost loved ones, please comfort them in their grief and loss, cover them with the peace of your presence, as only your Spirit can do.

We know that in whatever we face, you are our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. Thank you that you remind us throughout your Word that we never face life's battles alone, but you are always with us: whispering calm, speaking peace, bringing rest to our souls.

We thank you that you know our needs before we even ask, before we even come to you. You are aware of all that concerns us, and you have a plan. You hold the provision - you have the solution. You alone can move mountains to make a way for your children. We ask for your answer, in your timing, in your plan, to be given for every need that weighs our hearts down.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

Thank you for your provision

Father Creator,

We come before you today giving thanks for your provision and goodness to us at this harvest time. We are grateful for your love that not only provides for our needs but also made a way for us to know you through Jesus Christ.

It is easy in difficult days to lose focus on what you have given us. We pray that today as we look to your creation, a wonderful gift, that we will learn to be thankful for our world. We thank you that you are a good father who has given us everything we need.

Forgive us for doubting you, for worrying and for trying so hard to work everything out on our own. Help us to trust you more, help us in our unbelief.

Help us to help others and to share and care as you taught us, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

A prayer of repentance

May the God of grace, who loves all that he has made and in Christ welcomes home all who come to him, heal our brokenness, forgive our sins and return us to a life of justice, mercy and simplicity, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A prayer of thanks

Father God,

Thank you for all you have created: the plants, the animals, the skies and the seas.

Thank you that everything you created is bright and beautiful.

Please help us to take better care of your creation.

Help us to make a difference in the world we live in.

We give you praise for all your blessings.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

A prayer of thanks

Thank you, God, for the wonderful world you made.

Thank you for all people of the world.

Thank you for all animals and living creatures.

Thank you for all the plants and things we can eat.

Help us, Lord, to look after your world and everything in it.

Help us to share the things we have and to think about others who do not have as much as we do.

And bless us and our families with your love, today and always.

Amen.

A harvest prayer

Lord, you tell us that the harvest is plentiful.

When we hear those words, we pray that, rather than being overwhelmed by the challenge of evangelism, we will be encouraged that you have placed us in the harvest field, in our small corner, equipped with your Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen us.

Father, in our everyday lives may we be bright stars shining.

May we reflect your glory.

May we be agents of transformation in the places where we go.

May we play our part in discipling those we know, and those we will come to know, so that they continue to be transformed in the way that you are transforming each one of us.

We make our prayer in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

God's loving provision

Let's celebrate God's creation and loving provision:

Beauty is found in spectacular places and everyday kindnesses, in marvelous music and incredible people, and it greatly enriches our lives. **Expressing our appreciation and gratitude to God increases our capacity to enjoy them..**

What beauty have you missed or become aware of?

The Bible tells us to be grateful:

Thank you! Everything in me says "Thank you!"
I kneel in worship facing your holy temple
and say it again: "Thank you!"
Thank you for your love,
thank you for your faithfulness;
Most holy is your name, most holy is your Word.
The moment I called out, you stepped in;
you made my life large with strength.
When they hear what you have to say, GOD,
all earth's kings will say "Thank you."
They'll sing of what you've done:
"How great the glory of GOD!"
And here's why: GOD, high above, sees far below;
no matter the distance, he knows everything about us.
When I walk into the thick of trouble,
keep me alive in the angry turmoil.
With one hand strike my foes,
With your other hand save me.
Finish what you started in me, GOD.
Your love is eternal—don't quit on me now.
Psalms 138

An attitude of gratitude

Paul reminds us in Philippians 4:8 that we should aim for an attitude of gratitude and suggests that our **thinking** can **dictate** our **outlook**. Using Philippians 4:8, just think about how might these words of advice shape your life? What might you want to thank God for today?

- What is true?
- What is noble?
- What is right?
- What is pure?
- What is lovely?
- What is admirable?
- Anything excellent?
- Or praiseworthy?

Its so easy to dwell on the things that are going wrong, who has upset you, when you didn't get what you neededand often feeding on the sadness of those around you. Its your choice to fixate on the bad OR be grateful for what is good.

The grapes of joy

– an ancient story by an unknown author

The monk who opened the monastery gate was presented with an enormous bunch of grapes from a grateful countryman. The monk was reluctant to receive the gift as he didn't think he deserved them. However, not wanting to offend the countryman, he took them and thanked him.



When the man had gone, the monk decided to give the grapes to the abbot who had encouraged him. It gave him an inner glow to present them to the man who wisely oversighted the community. The abbot was grateful, but he thought of the sick brother in the monastery and, with a warm feeling, sent the grapes to him.

The sick brother was delighted to receive them. But he wanted to thank the cook for his care, so he happily gave them to him. The cook knew that the holiest man in the monastery would appreciate this marvellous example of God's goodness, so cheerfully he offered them to him.

The revered monk considered that the youngest novice would benefit from seeing God's hand in creation, so with pleasure sent the grapes to him. The novice remembered the kindness of the monk who had first opened the monastery gate and allowed him to join this community of people who knew how to value the wonders of life.

So, with a joyful heart, he took the grapes to the monk at the gate. This time the monk appreciated that the grapes really were for him and accepted the gift with joy!

As Paul the apostle wrote:

'The more you are enriched by God the more scope there will be for generous giving, and your gifts... will mean that many will thank God' (2 Corinthians 9:11 PHILLIPS).

And who's to say where that harvest will stop?

Sweet or sour - would you rather?

Would you rather be stuck on an island alone or with someone who talks constantly	Would you rather be really good at maths or really good at sports?
Would you rather go deep-sea diving or bungee jumping	Would you rather visit the international space station for a week or stay in an underwater hotel for a week?
Would you rather meet Margaret Thatcher or Boris Johnson	Would you rather dance in front of 1000 people or sing in front of 1000 people?
Would you rather live where it is constantly winter or where it is constantly summer	Would you rather be able to move silently or have an incredibly loud and scary voice?
	Would you rather have an orange or a lemon?

We can say that orange is sweet and that lemon is sour.

Sweet and sour – what are you? Some people that are sweet enter a room and it seems to be a better place because of the sweetness they bring into it. Sometimes people are described as sour and bring into a room a negative feeling because of a bad attitude and spirit – a sourness.

The word of God says in Galatians 5:22-23 that we as Christians should display fruit. Now that doesn't mean we go around with an orange or lemon tied around our neck, but we should display spiritual fruit by the way we live, by the way we act, by the way we speak, and by the very way we live our lives.

We need to ask God to help us display his fruit in all that we do. We don't want to be sour in any way. How can we be a people who allow God's sweetness to make a difference through us?

God's generosity

The predominant theory in our society is that you can never have enough – that our needs can only be met by purchasing more goods. The concern that there might not be enough to go round creates a culture of scarcity. If we believe there is never enough for everyone, we will be driven to compete for what there is. We are bombarded by advertising which exploits a deep-seated fear that however much we have, it's not enough.

Contrast this with the feeding of the five thousand. Jesus refocuses the disciples, not on what they're lacking (as in a culture of scarcity) but on the resources they do have (a culture of abundance). Somehow, in God's economy, abundance breeds further abundance. How can we develop a neighbourly culture? How can we use our skills and gifts to meet the needs of the communities around us and to build connections?

In Leviticus it gives the following command;

When you harvest your land, don't harvest right up to the edges of your field or gather the gleanings from the harvest. ¹⁰ Don't strip your vineyard bare or go back and pick up the fallen grapes. Leave them for the poor and the stranger.

God wanted his people to develop a deep-seated trust in his provision for them, and to understand that he **provided enough** for them to **give away generously**.

As in the festival of first fruits, how are we putting God first? Part of the harvest was to be reserved for helping poor and marginalised people; how do these ideas shape our Harvest giving today?

It's easy to be overwhelmed by the scale of the problems we face – global poverty, fractured communities and unemployment. We don't tend to react well to uncertainties in our own lives, (think of loo roll and pasta last year and petrol last month...) fearing that what we have will not be enough. But Jesus encourages us to look at what we do have and to place that in God's hands.

Remember the poor when you look out on the fields you own,
On your plump cows grazing.

Remember the poor when you look into your barn,
At the abundance of your harvest.

Remember the poor when the wind howls and the rain falls,
As you sit warm and dry in your house.

Remember the poor when you eat fine meat
And drink fine ale at your fine carved table.

The cows have grass to eat;

The rabbits have burrows for shelter;

The birds have warm nests;

But the poor have no food except what you feed them,

No shelter except your house when you welcome them,

No warmth except your glowing fire.

Author unknown

Every praise!

Paul wrote these words to the church in Rome (Romans 11:33-36)

Have you ever come on anything quite like this extravagant generosity of God, this deep, deep wisdom? It's way over our heads. We'll never figure it out.

Is there anyone around who can explain God?

Anyone smart enough to tell him what to do?

Anyone who has done him such a huge favour that God has to ask his advice?

Everything comes from him; Everything happens through him;

Everything ends up in him, Always glory! Always praise! Yes. Yes. Yes.

Who can remember a time when they couldn't help but praise God. Praising God actually does us good – in our minds, in our bodies and in our spirits.

Could this explain why the Bible records so many moments when people burst out with their praises to God (1 Chronicles 29:10-11; Ephesians 3:20-21; 1 Timothy 1:17)?

This type of passage is called a 'doxology' – from doxa meaning 'praise' and logos meaning 'a word or saying'.

Paul has been explaining God's saving plan to the believers in Rome. His lengthy writings (chapters 9-11), spanning millennia, continents and nations, describe God's purposes worked out through his people. Suddenly, Paul is overcome and must worship.

Paul states that God is the source, sustainer and goal of everything. Therefore, all glory is his alone for all time.

At Harvest time we are reminded that anything we choose to give to God is actually already his.

As we put him first in our lives, other people will be attracted to him and give their lives to him too.

Goodness

How many words can you make out of the letters in the word GOODNESS

G – Stands for Grateful. With so many people in the world going without food and basic provisions, we can be grateful to God, through prayer or actions towards others, for everything he's given to us.

O – Stands for Obedience. God wants us to be obedient to his teachings found in the Bible. A lot of the verses talk about praising him, or looking after others, or saying sorry when we've done something wrong. It is important that we follow these instructions, for this pleases God!

O – Also stands for Opportunity. Each day God gives us opportunities to share what we have with others, to be kind and loving. Let's not waste these opportunities, these moments to show goodness to others.

D – Stands for Donate. I'm sure we all have many things in our house that we no longer need! We can be challenged to donate what we have to others, whether it be material things, or our time, or our money.

N – Stands for Nourishment. Providing people with food which is necessary for life, for them to grow strong and healthy. Let's be thankful for all the good things that nourish our lives.

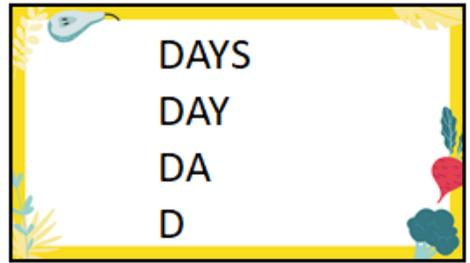
E – Stands for Earth. So much of our food comes from the ground. This is why it is so important for us to look after all of creation, from the soil right up to the animals and humankind.

S – Stands for Sharing. Some of us may find it easier to share what we have than others, but it's such an important thing to do: whether it's a toy with a friend, food for someone in need or simply a tool for our neighbour to finish their DIY project!

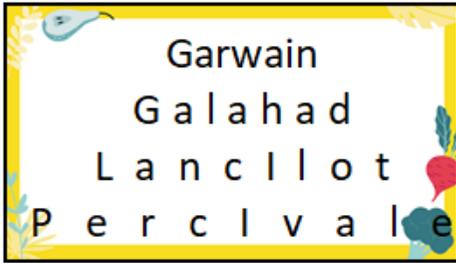
S – Also stands for Special. In Genesis we read that when God created everything he had made he said that it was good. He made each living creature special and unique, with life and a purpose. May we never forget how special we are to him, for he made us good!



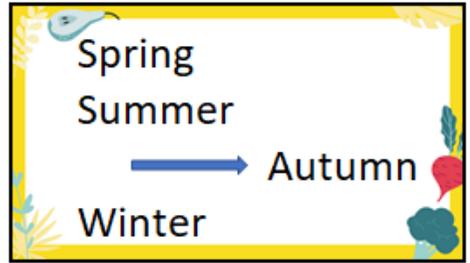
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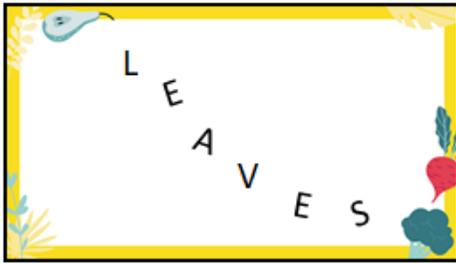
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Goodness

How many words can you make from the letters in the word GOODNESS?

A benediction

May the eyes of your heart be open
to all the blessings which surround you;
may this awareness produce a harvest of generosity in your spirit.

May thankfulness rise up within you,
not just during this short season,
but day after day,
from the early morning watch until you retire for the night.

May your prayers reflect gratitude,
while also acknowledging the needs of others
whose situations are so drastically different.

May thoughts of Jesus fill your mind,
and hunger for God drive your soul,
and love for Lord guide your speech and your actions.

And finally, may the grace, peace, and love of the triune God,
protect, defend, and empower you
to run with perseverance the race marked out for you.

Amen.

Harvest Wordsearch

Can you find these words in the word search?

HARVEST
FESTIVAL
CROP
CORN
WHEAT
VEGETABLES
FRUIT
FARMER
PRODUCE
BREAD
SEEDS
GARDEN
FIELD
PLOUGH

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