

## *God's Generosity and our Gratitude*

As the days turn colder, the Autumn leaves begin to fall, and the evenings get darker our thoughts turn to Harvest

This year we are joining with parishes across the country in reflecting on **God's Generosity**.

**As we prepare for our own Harvest, we would like all of us to find time and space in the coming days to think about God's generosity**

*Then between Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> we will be asking you to think about our Gratitude and how we respond with Thankful hearts – but that is for next week.*

**Each day this week try to find 5 – 10 mins**

to pause – perhaps light a candle – and reflect on the day.

In **Genesis** God creates all things and at the heart of that creation is humanity – He invites us to be stewards of all creation.

In the modern world we have become detached from that creation in many ways – and take so much of it for granted; **treating things as if they are ours by right, rather than recognising them as a gift.**

In the lives we lead we are often challenged by difficult situations or face issues that can overwhelm us. Our minds can become focused on the things that are wrong, or we do not want, and we fail to see beyond them to the gifts God continues to generously give us.

**As you are still and reflect perhaps read again the stories of creation in Genesis** (*yes there are at least 2 stories in Chapter 1 & 2*)

Then **look back at the last day** and pray that you may see beyond the things that overwhelm us and may glimpse moments or signs of God's generous love.

As the week progresses perhaps **create a list of those things** (*perhaps on the back of this leaflet*) and looking at it recognise **the breadth and depth of God's love and generosity,**