

HIGH CHAPEL HARVEST

Despite the inclement weather, harvest festival services at the High Chapel, Ravenstonedale, conducted by the minister, the Rev. Desmond Owen, were well attended.

At the afternoon service, Mr. Owen spoke principally to the young people, and described the difference between the amount of food eaten on a normal day in the U.K. and other Western nations by setting a table in the church with a breakfast meal, and a lunch-time hot meal with sweet, an afternoon tea and biscuits eaten before going to bed — even to sweets and chocolate eaten between meals by many. He then showed a small bowl of rice and water mixed into a depressing-looking "scrow", and a mug of cold, dirty water.

At the evening service, Mr. Owen spoke of the need to give thanks and sing the popular harvest hymns with gusto despite the poorer harvest return in our area this year as against other years.

On Monday night, the visiting preacher was the Rev. Stephen Thornton, of Carver Memorial Church, Windermere, and currently chairman of the Lancaster District Council of the U.R.C., who entertained the congregation by getting the young people present to play a game at the front of the chapel to explain the need for everyone to share in the harvest bounty.

Supper was prepared and served the the happy band of pilgrims — the ladies of the High Chapel. The goods were auctioned afterwards by Mr. Bob Hayton. Organist for the week-end was Mr. Bill Dain and the cashiers at the sale were Mr. A. Hunter and Mr. G. Allison. The result was a healthy £206.27 for church funds.

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