

DAILY BREAD

“Grain of Hope : Slice of Heaven”

“FALLOW”

We are growing ‘spring-wheat’ as a community project, connecting city-dwellers to food production and exploring humankind’s 10,000 year relationship with wheat.

Wheat is grown on more land area than any other food crop and the World-trade in wheat is greater than for all other crops combined. Yet we know little about how it becomes our “Daily Bread.”

We will be sowing the wheat on Sunday 15th March; until then the soil will be left to lie fallow.

The harvest will be ready to harvest in August. After threshing and winnowing it will be milled at the historic windmill in Brixton and baked into bread for our Harvest Festival in October.



Lying Fallow

When our hearts
are winter-heavy, cold and dark with loss,

When we are exposed
to hostile gales,

When our lives
pause, lying flat and unproductive
and seem not to stir,

God who is always faithful to your people
through long waiting,
help us

that we may not be a wasteland, but a field
lying fallow.

Help us not to rush
to fill the emptiness with noise and bustle
or lose ourselves in screens:

but rather
teach us to wait; help us to glimpse the God-span
beyond human time.

As the earth transforms
the dropped decaying petals of the summer
to feed new shoots,

Help us to see your darkness as a gift.
Help us to make our loss a source of growth.
Help us to be still

And silent.
So that when a seed falls, we may be ready
to receive new life.

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