

Harvest



As long as the earth endures,
seedtime and **harvest**, cold
and heat, summer and winter,
day and night, shall not cease.

(Gen 8:22)



Give thanks with a grateful heart!

Harvest Festival is a time to focus on

the beauty of God's creation and God's provision for us.

Perhaps one of the most sung hymns at Harvest Festival is "WE plough the fields and scatter," but we don't though, do we? When was the last time you did? When did you get your Massey Fergusson out and make lovely straight furrows in your field? Most of us would have to admit that we have never in our lifetime ploughed a field! And yet every year we proclaim that we have. Are we just lying to ourselves, and to the world, about how we spend our time? Are we in fact asking God to bless something that we have never done? How much more honest and relevant would it be if we were to sing:

We push our supermarket trollies,
and gather all our tins,
we use our great tin-opener,
and throw it in the bin.
Our food it all comes to us,
with such a great ease,
and most of all we all love:
Y Fenni's lovely cheese.

All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above
then thank the Lord,
o thank the Lord,
for all His love.

Now that is relevant!

Let us pray:

God of grace and gift, we thank you for the wonderful provision that we find in all you have made. For the miracle of seed, plant and fruit. As we celebrate these bountiful wonders, we pray for our world to be saved from exploitation and devastation caused by greed and over-farming. We pray for those who endure pressures of an extravagant world and those who work the land and care for our environment.. In Jesus' name, Amen



Get Active:

- ✿ Make your harvest festival the theme of the month.
- ✿ Include Climate Sunday in your Harvest Celebrations
www.climatesunday.org
- ✿ Support local farmers, produce, farm shops, butchers, greengrocers and let them know you will be praying for them.

CHECK OUT

<https://climate.cymru/> website



SUNFLOWER AND CHOCOLATE CAKE



What you need:

150g cooking chocolate
50g cornflakes
25g ready-to-eat sunflower seeds
25g raisins
paper cases



What you do:

Melt the chocolate.

Crush the cornflakes by placing them in a bag and crushing them with a rolling pin.

Add the cornflakes, sunflower seeds and raisins to the melted chocolate and mix well.

Place a spoonful of the mixture into paper cases and leave to cool.

Enjoy!

Why not sell these to friends and family at the Great Big Green Week?

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Use your LOAF to make a difference!

Locally produced

Organically grown

Animal friendly

Fairly traded



Food matters. The kind of food we choose should demonstrate our care for creation.

What food do we provide in our churches?

You could order some LOAF place mats and posters from info@greenchristian.org.uk and share in a LOAF meal together.

Great Big Green Week 24th September - 2nd October



Why not sign up to get involved in the Climate Coalition's Great Big Green Week 2022?

<https://greatbiggreenweek.com/>

The first Green Week was held in 2021 ahead of COP 26. 5,000 events took place across the UK with 200,000 people coming together to call for action to tackle climate change and protect people and nature.

Holding a Green Week event is a great way for your church to engage with the local community.

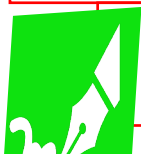
You could:

- host a plant-based or low-waste coffee morning
- plant a wildlife friendly flowerbed
- hold a climate themed service
- organize a nature trail or an allotment tour

See if you can collaborate with your local Christian Aid group and nature groups.

Why not invite along your councillors, AMs and MP?

Go to the Great Big Green Week website for lots of ideas and fantastic resources!



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