



Churches of North  
Bradford on Avon  
& Villages

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Dear Children and Families and Congregations in North Bradford on Avon,

It is soon to be Harvest time and this is the time of year when we can be especially thankful for all the good things that we have in our lives, especially the food we have to eat. Maybe you have grown some veggies in your garden like runner beans or tomatoes and now they are ready to be eaten? Maybe you have seen a combine harvester harvesting wheat or barley? These things are part of harvest.

Traditionally harvest celebrates the reaping and gathering of grain, vegetables, fruit, and other crops that farmers have looked after all year. It is the special time when people are thankful for the crops, and all the things that helped them to grow, and for the food they have to eat and share. It is a time when we can be thankful for all the lovely food we have and for how it has been produced too.

It is also a time to think about those who don't have enough food to eat and often food is collected at harvest time to share out among those who don't have enough. This year the Churches are supporting the work of Farming Community Network and Save the Children in Lebanon with money collected at harvest time.

We would like your help please, to help celebrate harvest in your local Church by writing a Thank you message and/or drawing or colouring something to do with harvest on a fruit or vegetable shape (template in attached doc or make your own A6-A5 size). You might like to say Thank you for your favourite foods, think about how food is grown and produced or, you could thank those that help and share food with others. You may like to write a short Thank you poem or prayer. Feel free to be as creative as you like!

Please do not put your name on it, make it weatherproof if you can, and add it to the display outside your local Church in Harvest week around Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Anyone who passes by will see that we are celebrating Harvest and some of the things we are thankful for. We hope you will enjoy seeing them too!

Thank you so much for your help and we can't wait to see all the wonderful messages and drawings!

From  
Zoe, Rev. Tessa and all the teams from the Churches in North Bradford on Avon

