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What does Harvest mean to you?

Our experience of Harvest depends a lot on where we live and how we grew up. Traditionally, it was a time when communities worked hard to bring in the crops and then celebrated with a church service and a feast. For those in rural areas, or who grow their own produce, Harvest still holds much the

same meaning. They know the delicate balance of soil, weather, and timing that brings about a good crop—and how difficult this year has been with unseasonal weather patterns. A plentiful harvest is therefore a real cause for gratitude, both for the labour of farmers and the providence of God.

For many of us, however, food is simply bought in shops, often without thought for the hands that produced it. Global trade means we're less aware of seasons and local conditions. Some argue that Harvest Festivals are less relevant today, but I believe they are more important than ever. Taking time to pause, to give thanks for our food and those who produce it, helps us to live more gratefully and generously.

Harvest traditions have changed—today we tend to bring tins and packets rather than marrows and cauliflowers—but the principle remains the same: giving thanks to God for his goodness, and sharing generously with those in need. Just as in the past, our gifts support the vulnerable through charities and Foodbanks.

This year, our churches are celebrating Harvest with two special services:

- **Harvest Communion – Sunday 5th October** 10am at Holy Trinity, Cleeve, followed by a Harvest Lunch
- **Songs of Praise – Sunday 12th October** 10am at St Barnabas, Claverham, with a talk from Sue Regan of Clevedon and District Foodbank.

These are opportunities not only to give thanks, but also to support those who rely on our generosity. We will be collecting gifts for our local foodbank. Please see the poster with the list of items the foodbank would appreciate receiving.

Why not join us as we celebrate Harvest together—recognising God's goodness and sharing that goodness with others. Every Blessing

Revd Daile.



September and October Services

Sunday 21st September

10am Holy Communion -
Holy Trinity

Sunday 28th September

9.30am Cafe Church -
Cleeve Village Hall
11am Holy Communion - St Barnabas

Sunday 5th October

10am Harvest Holy Communion -
followed by a Harvest Lunch
Holy Trinity

Sunday 12th October

10am Harvest Songs of Praise with
guest speaker from
Cleveland and District Foodbank.
St Barnabas

Sunday 19th October

10am Holy Communion - Holy Trinity

Sunday 26th October

9.30am Cafe Church – see below
11am Holy Communion – St Barnabas

Every Thursday in Holy Trinity

4th & 18th September and
2nd & 16th October –
9.30am Morning Prayer

11th & 25th September and
9th & 23rd October -

9.30am Holy Communion with prayer
for healing and wholeness

Dates for your Diary

Remembrance Services
on Sunday 9th November
10.50am St Barnabas
10.50am Holy Trinity

Cafe Church

*What is your favourite
verse or story from
the Bible?*

**Sunday 26th October
9.30am in Cleeve Village Hall**

All are welcome

For more information please contact
Rev'd Daile Wilshire 01934 904765



Harvest appeal



Help support your food bank this Harvest

Please support local people facing hardship this Harvest!

Donate food



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

Donate money



Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

Shopping list

Hot Chocolate

Tinned Fruit

Tinned Custard

Coffee

Tea Bags

Tinned Tuna

Tinned Ham

Savoury Crackers

Biscuits

Tinned Salmon

www.clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales 1163153



Harvest Services at St Barnabas and Holy Trinity.

Any offerings, whether of goods or financial, will be sent to the Clevedon Foodbank, who are working so hard to help those in need of their services, many of whom live in our area.



At the Harvest Service at St Barnabas on **12th October** there will be a Guest Speaker from Clevedon Foodbank.

They are grateful for any donations but at this time are

especially looking for:

Tinned tomatoes, Tinned tuna, Tinned Vegetables, toothpaste and toilet rolls. *Dave*

Holy Trinity Harvest Lunch



Holy Trinity's Harvest lunchtime treat for 2025 will be on **Sunday 5th October.**

The meal will be held in the Church Room and will follow the 10am Harvest Service, with the meal being served around 12 noon.

We would like to welcome everyone from St Barnabas and Holy Trinity for a delicious two course meal, with a glass of wine/soft drink, plus tea/coffee, to enjoy in convivial company, as we give thanks for the blessings around us.

You will need to make a reservation for this lunchtime treat from Lin on 838515 or Gill on 832917. Tickets are £8 and all profits from the lunch will go to the Clevedon Foodbank, along with any produce brought on the day.

Dave

Last Chance!

It's not too late to attend **THE FOCOS CAKE & TEA AFTERNOON at BICKLEY** on **Monday 15th September**

To book your place for this popular afternoon out, please ring the **FOCOS Hotline** on either **838515** or **832917** – if our call centre staff are unavailable, please leave a message.



The cost for this enchanting afternoon is just £2.50. Lifts are available – just ask. Many folks have already booked and so we are looking forward to welcoming as many guests as possible, old and new, to the Bickley Tea Afternoon, now one of the most favourite events in the FOCOS calendar.

Cleeve and Claverham Mothers' Union.



Monthly Meetings from Sept 2025 – Jan 2026

2025

Tuesday September 16th - Schools Chaplain - Angela Frazer 12noon Holy Trinity Church Room

Tuesday October 21st - My Story – Revd Daile Wilshire – 12noon Holy Trinity Church Room

Tuesday 18th November – Your favourite hymns with Robert Rideout
12noon St Barnabas Church

Tuesday 9th December – Christmaas Meal & Carols – 12noon at Bickley

2026

20th January 2026 – AGM with communion – 12noon Holy Trinity Church room.

All Meetings followed by a delicious homemade lunch.

Diary Date

Chris Mahony's Autumn Coffee Morning at Wells Museum - 16th October at 10.am before and after Cathedral Prayers at 11.30.

Christian Aid Afghanistan Earthquake Appeal



On Sunday, 31st August, a 6.1 magnitude earthquake struck eastern and rural Afghanistan, one of the lowest income countries in the world, killing more than 800 people.

The remoteness of the area hit by the quake makes the search and rescue especially hard and Christian Aid is working with its networks to carry out assessments and to identify the extent of the damage to save those trapped under the rubble.

Many more are in need of drinking water, food, shelter, blankets, cooking sets and critical medical supplies.

Christian Aid immediately sent £50,000 to its partner OCHR (Organisation for

Coordination of Humanitarian Relief) which maintains a strong operational presence in Kunar Province where the earthquake happened.

Donations to the Appeal will support affected communities in their recovery through the coming weeks and months. By donating today, we can share hope with people in need and ensure that local responders can continue to support people who have lost their homes, livelihoods and loved ones with food parcels, water kits, shelters and cash for essential supplies.

A retiring collection will be taken at St. Barnabas on **Sunday, 14th September** and at Holy Trinity on **Sunday, 21st September**. A gift from you will save lives and offer hope.

Myra Birdsall, Christian Aid Parish Representative.

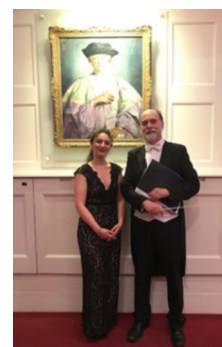
September Music Concert at St Mary's Yatton.

Violin with organ and piano concert on **27th September**.

The Yatton Music Society commence their Autumn season with a prestigious concert by the brilliant violinist Leora Cohen, a double first graduate from Cambridge University with two diplomas from the Royal College of Music

Her accompanist Adrian Partington is Gloucester Cathedral's director of music, conductor of the Three Choirs Festival and an organ soloist with the Berlin and BBC Philharmonics. The first half of their concert will be a violin/organ recital, and the second half a violin/piano recital. A wonderful opportunity to hear two top musicians play at St Mary's and to hear the violin accompanied separately by the organ and piano.

Leora and Adrian's concert starts at **7.30pm at St Mary's Church**. Tickets price £15, YMS members and students £10, accompanied children under 16 free. Details of this concert and their programme are on the Yatton Music Society's website www.yms.org.uk



Claverham News



This month's Market at the Village Hall is on **Saturday 20th September** from 10 - 12noon. Come along, browse the local craft and food stalls, meet your friends and have a chat and cup of tea with them.

Claverham Ladies' Guild is on **Thursday 2nd October** when we will be having a talk entitled 'We are what we eat' by Mike Amos.

His last talk was very interesting so should be again *Jean*

Nigel has sent us this sad news:-



Our lovely friend Alissar Amili, Palestinian pop-up café queen and poet, has finally lost her battle with cancer.

The funeral was held on Tuesday 9th September.

Please pray for her teenage son, Yusef

Photo - Alissar reading her poem 'I come from there.' at Holy Trinity



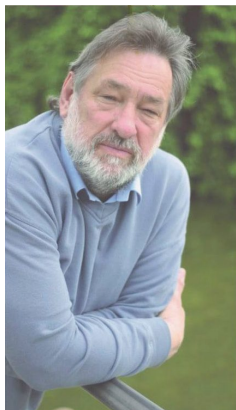
Yatton History Society

Tuesday October 7th at 7.30

Yatton Local History Society talk by Steve Osman on Swiss Air Crash 1973

Yatton Methodist Church BS49 4DW. Contact yattonlocalhistorysoc@gmail.com

Adrian Plass



I wonder if any of you can still remember Adrian Plass? His witty Christian books ('Sacred Diary of Adrian Plass aged 37 ¾' et al) were popular in the 1980s and enjoyed by many of us during Michael Jones' time.

Those were heady years!

Full pews, a thriving choir, 20 to 30 kids regularly in Junior Church, CD for the teens, several active prayer groups, the promise (or

threat?) of change and renewal throughout the Church!

How times have changed! But remarkably, Adrian Plass is still on the go and still witty.

He is doing a speaking tour and will be coming to Banwell Church on **Saturday 25th October** at 7:00 (tickets £8).

Jeannie and I will be going and I'll have 2 spare seats if anyone needs a lift.

I am often in Congresbury and am happy to get tickets on request.

Jennie Ford

A Thank You from Libby _

With the seemingly never ending disruption to their day to day living, the incredible Ukrainian people find within themselves the strength to carry on.

Once again, you all came forward with the most amazing donations for Ukraine and I can't thank you enough for spreading the word as folk were contacting me from far and wide.

Bedding was arriving in all shapes and forms from duvets to yoga mats from sheets to pillows. There was a tent, camping equipment, a blow up double mattress and a large foam bed which catapulted out of a large zipped square. Blankets so welcome too. Knitted and crocheted....just beautiful. Towels by the dozen.

Scarvesthere are going to be some very happy soldiers out there...just an amazing array arrived for onward delivery, machine and handmade.

Medical equipment and aids are always required and we sent over a virtually new Rollator, plus walking aids, zimmer frames and pharmaceutical supplies.

For this run Andy had requested anything pertaining to Babies and Infants. Wow, I think a lot of you went down memory lane or ought I say up to your attics and brought me the most beautiful items. From hand stitched matinee jackets to bags of children's and baby clothes. Carry cots, buggies, high chairs, a car booster seat, potty, push chairs...it all came in. (DOLLS/TEDDIES for next collection if you have any please)

Sewing machines seemed very popular....four donated. Candles, the larger Church ones plus beeswax arrived.... Tools arrived in small suitcases filled to the brim along with garden equipment. Saucepans, cutlery, large thermos containers. Fabulous household items.

Sadly we find ourselves clearing out sheds and cupboards from loved ones recently passed but heart-warming to know that these items will still be used. Thank you all.

I was offered microwaves, fridges and table top ovens and arranged with Andy to collect these direct.

I feel I'm a bit like The Windmill.....never close....and the Ukranian Humanitarian Aid donations will always be very welcome. Please contact me anytime :

terandlib@yahoo.co.uk .

Thanks to you all!

Libby

Libby, we should be thanking you for your unfailing support for the people of Ukraine who have suffered for so long in this awful war.



I was in Bristol by City Hall (Council House we old Bristolians used to know it by!) at the weekend, and while debating whether to walk up Park Street or get the bus I noticed a small garden by the side of the building which was populated by tall beautiful sunflowers. As you know, the sunflower is Ukraine's national flower.

I found out that last June a local artist had planted 100 sunflowers to remember the many people who had lost their lives during the war in Ukraine.. They have been watered and nurtured by local people and now make a spectacular display. There was a tour group looking at them with the guide explaining that the sunflower garden was there to show the solidarity of Bristol with the people of Ukraine.

I found it very moving and stayed there for a while in contemplation before I got the bus up Park Street!

Ed.

Holy Trinity Cleaning Rota

Jenny Haworth	September 21st
June Richards	October 5th
Sarah Cush Nick Cush	October 19th

*Happy Birthday
Sheila*



Have a lovely day!

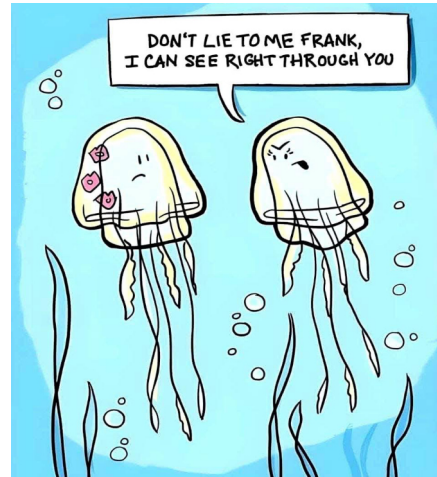
A few funnies .. First two from Ron...
I cracked a joke on a zoom meeting the other day but no one laughed. Just goes to show I'm not even remotely funny.

"You haven't listened to a word I have said, have you"

Always seems like a strange way for my wife to start a conversation with me.

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	yattonchurches.org		
Facebook	facebook.com/Cleeve-and-Claverham-Messenger		



Why do bananas never get lonely?
Because they hang round in bunches!

Did you know that because the platypus lays eggs and produces milk it is one of the few animals that can make it's own custard!



Thank you for your contributions to this month's Messenger. Articles, jokes, photos, words of wisdom for the **October** edition should be with me by **Wednesday 8th October**. They can be emailed to carole.perrott@gmx.com, given to me at church or put through the door of 15 Chestnut Drive, Claverham.