



QUEENS ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

where disciples of Jesus Christ grow together

This is what the LORD says: 'Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. Jeremiah 6:16

Harvest

26th Sept 2021

Harvest. The image this word conjures up in our mind probably depends on how close we have lived to farming communities and how old we are. For those with more rural links, harvest will bring up images of tractors, combine harvesters, uprooting vegetables, picking fruit, haystacks and associated barn dances. Older church people will remember times when the chapel was completely transformed and the front could not be seen for all the produce brought in and displayed and then given out to those in need – followed of course by the harvest lunch or preceded by the harvest supper. My mind's eye still sees the unique Harvest loaf there in the centre of the display.

At the heart of all the celebrations was the thought of thanksgiving that the God had been faithful again and all the hard work of the year in ploughing, planting, watering, weeding and everything else had been rewarded with a good crop. The Biblical concept is that the 'first fruits' belonged to God.

Nowadays our lives are not controlled by the agricultural calendar and the seasons as we can get most vegetables or fruit at any time of the year thanks to the shrinking of the world by technology and mod-

ern transport and refrigeration.

As we give thanks for all God's goodness to us in UK, we want to join with others who are not so well off. We want to thank this same God for His goodness to them during this past year as well. In a number of developing countries farmers are enjoying much better harvests than usual because of the improved techniques they have been introduced to by Christian workers and missionaries. Today we are celebrating what God has been doing through Operation Agri over the last 60 years in this very area.

One of the Christian workers supported by Operation Agri (OA) has been our friend, Paul Kyalimpa from Uganda. We want to thank God for all those farmers Paul has trained and whose lives have been transformed by what he has taught them. The Harvest has been good. God has seen fit to take Paul to himself, but the work started by Paul continues, largely led by two of his graduate children. As we hear of this work today our offering and gifts will be sent on to Operation Agri to help more people improve their harvests through their ministry.

Harvest Service
at 10.30am:

The Chapel has a hearing loop system – you can access it by sitting centrally downstairs.

News sheets and Songs/Hymns are available in LARGE print – please speak to a steward

Prayer ministry is available in the chapel following the service.

Coffee will be served after each service. Please feel welcome to stay and chat.

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NEXT SUNDAY

10.30am : Worship in the Chapel and online

Information Online

The service this Sunday 26th September 2021 can be found online at www.qrbc.co.uk On the homepage of the website there are easy to follow links pages about key activities including a link to the News page which gives the latest information. There is also a calendar for checking dates and times of activities.

Find us on Facebook by searching for "Queens Road Baptist Church"

Prayer Focus

This week contributed by Helen, Administrator

Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done. Psalm 105 v 1

Personal Focus: Give thanks that God will supply all your needs, give thanks too for the blessings you have received this week.	Coventry Focus: Pray for those people who find themselves newly arrived in this city, be they students, refugees, people moving here to work.
QRBC: Pray for our Foodbank Team here at QRBC as they care for and minister to those who come to Foodbank every Monday morning.	International: Pray for the work of Operation Agri as we hear all about their work during the Harvest service

Giving to Operation Agri

Having seen and heard about the work of Operation Agri, if you would like to make a donation as part of the Queens Road Harvest Appeal there are a number of ways this can be done.

By Direct Bank Transfer to Operation Agri,

Sort code – 80-22-60 Account number 20935768

Leave a donation (cash or cheque) in one of the boxes by the exits from the chapel .

By post – send a cheque made out to Operation Agri to – The Administrator, Operation Agri, 361 Firs Lane, Palmers Green, London N13 5LX

If you want OA to collect Gift Aid on your donation fill in your details on a gift envelope and either put it in the box with your gift or send it with your gift through the post. If you pay through the bank you will need to send a note to OA (address above) to identify your gift and give them permission to collect Gift Aid. Thank you.

Light Party 31st October

This year, covid permitting, we would like to hold a small, craft-based light party on the afternoon of Sunday 31st Oct, hopefully followed by an informal prayer and praise service. This will only be possible if we have enough volunteers. Please contact Sarah on 07967 374625 or sarah@nonsenseland.co.uk if you are able to help in any of the following roles:

In advance - craft ideas and preparation, buying food, advertising. On the day - set up, room hosts, reception, prepare food, door, tidy up. Thank you!

An Appeal for Lego, Meccano etc

Feed the Hungry and Coventry Foodbank are collecting constructions toys such as Lego, Meccano, K'nex and Magbetic Tiled to support orphans of the Bread of Life Orphanage in Bostini, Romania. If you have any of these or similar toys that are pre-loved and no longer needed we would love to give them a new lease of life. Please leave your contribution in Reception marked for Foodbank. Thank you.

Foodbank Harvest Appeal

QRBC Foodbank would appreciate donations of the following:

Tinned fish

Any vegetarian food

Jam

Marmalade

Bars of Chocolate

Packets of Biscuits

Please bring them to Church on Sunday.

Home Made Jams and Chutneys for sale

I shall have jars of homemade jam, marmalade and chutney available before and after the service 3rd October in return for a donation for Foodbank. Find me in the Large Hall vestibule! Barbra Depledge