



rather than sitting back,  
farmers know they must look  
ahead to prepare for the next  
year if they want another harvest.

Just like the farmers, we must look  
ahead and prepare for the future. We  
must get right with God before it is too  
late. He is our Maker, and though we  
have ignored Him and turned away from  
Him, He still loves us. He shows it every  
year by providing for us.

But His greatest gift was sending His  
Son to earth to save us. Jesus lived the  
life we should have all lived, but then  
died paying the penalty for all of our sin.  
All our wrong was laid on Jesus as He  
suffered on the cross. Three days later,  
Jesus conquered death, rising from the  
grave. Jesus is alive.

Each of us need to turn from our own  
way and ask Jesus to become our Lord  
and Saviour. We need to ask Him to  
forgive us for our sin and give us new  
life in him. Nothing could be more



1. Genesis 8:22; 2. Psalm 24:1; 3. Mark 4:26-29

important, for what we do with Jesus  
determines our eternal home of either  
heaven or hell.

The hymn "Great is Thy  
faithfulness" says it well:



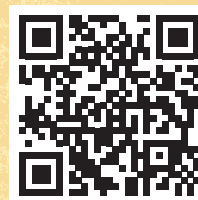
*Pardon for sin and a  
peace that endureth,*

*Thine own dear presence to  
cheer and to guide;*

*Strength for today and bright  
hope for tomorrow,*

*Blessings all mine, with ten  
thousand beside!*

This harvest time, will you thank God  
for His goodness, trust Jesus to forgive  
you, and turn to Him to be your Lord and  
Saviour? God, by His Spirit, will live in  
you, making you His forever.



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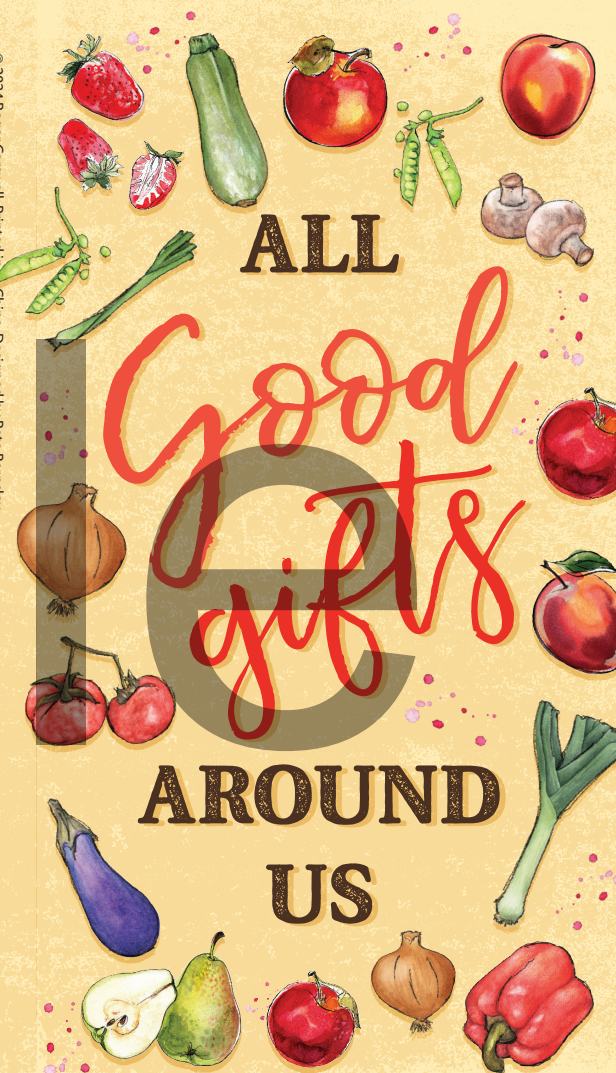
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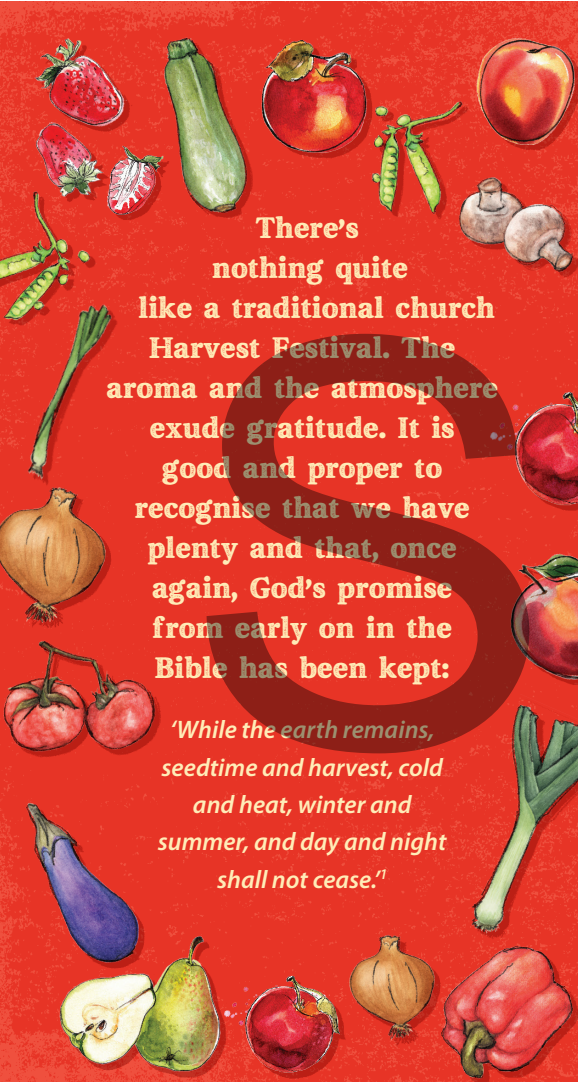
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There's  
nothing quite  
like a traditional church  
Harvest Festival. The  
aroma and the atmosphere  
exude gratitude. It is  
good and proper to  
recognise that we have  
plenty and that, once  
again, God's promise  
from early on in the  
Bible has been kept:

*'While the earth remains,  
seedtime and harvest, cold  
and heat, winter and  
summer, and day and night  
shall not cease.'*<sup>1</sup>

## HARVEST IS A TIME OF THANKS



Months ago, fields were prepared and seed was sown. Now the harvest has been gathered in and we again wonder at the miracle of it all. Behind the hard work of the farmers stands the Creator God who gives life to each seed:

*We plough the fields and scatter  
The good seed on the land;  
But it is fed and watered  
By God's almighty hand.*

*He sends the snow in winter;  
The warmth to swell the grain;  
The breezes and the sunshine  
And soft refreshing rain.*

*All good gifts around us  
Are sent from Heaven above;  
Then thank the Lord, oh, thank the Lord  
For all His love.*

At harvest we pause to remember that 'The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness.'<sup>2</sup>

It brings to mind a cartoon of two farmers looking at the countryside. One turns to the other and says, 'I like the Artist's use of green in the bottom left-hand corner!'

Whether living in the city far from fields, or in the countryside surrounded by farms, we are all grateful that food has been provided for another year.

It is a good thing to give thanks for the abundance we have.

## HARVEST IS A TIME TO TRUST



It is with a sense of trust that farmers plough the ground and sow their seed. Then they wait. Eventually, the weather is just right for harvest and quickly the crop is gathered in.

Jesus used this analogy to illustrate God's work in people's lives when He said:

*'The kingdom of God is as if a man  
should scatter seed on the ground, and  
should sleep by night and rise by day,*

*and the seed should sprout and grow,  
he himself does not know how. For  
the earth yields crops by itself: first the  
blade, then the head, after that the full  
grain in the head. But when the grain  
ripens, immediately he puts in the  
sickle, because the harvest has come.'*<sup>3</sup>

The good news of Jesus is like seed being planted in your mind and heart. Sometimes seeds grow quickly, and at other times the process is slow, but as soon as you realise your personal need to ask for forgiveness and new life in Jesus, the time has come for harvest! God has caused His seed to grow, and you mustn't delay. The moment you turn to Jesus, you become a citizen of the kingdom of God – forgiven and saved to have life with God forever.

## HARVEST IS A TIME FOR TURNING



Once in a while it is good to stop, re-evaluate and start again. Every autumn,