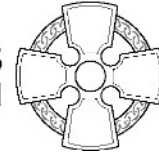


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The Revd  
Peter Mackriell  
Priest-in-charge in the Maelor Mission Area  
*responsible for St Hilary, Erbistock  
& St Mary-the-Virgin, Overton*

26 August 2020

Dear friends,

As this strange Summer turns towards Autumn, our thoughts at St Mary's are turning towards Harvest, a traditional festival of celebration and thanksgiving. We would like to invite you to take part in our Harvest celebrations this year.

We don't know yet whether we will be allowed to sing hymns, but we would like to fill St Mary's with the sights and smells of a traditional Harvest Festival on Sunday 4 October. Hygiene measures and social distancing will be in place. We would like individuals or groups to take responsibility for a basket on the theme of 'The Harvest of Talents'. Could you (or your group) produce a basket for us? You might like to include traditional Harvest items such as fruit and vegetables, or packets and tins, flowers or other symbols of your gifts. These will all be auctioned, in aid of Christian Aid, so please don't include anything you want to get back. In addition, you can display leaflets or other items promoting your community activities.

Baskets will be received at St Mary's on Saturday 3 October and we will ask you to place yours on display. On Sunday 4 October, church will be open for a short service at 10.00 a.m. and there will also be times of prayer at 12 noon and 2 p.m., with a short closing service at 4 p.m. Church will be open for people to come and view the baskets. During the day we hope to have music of different kinds being played live, so please get in touch if you would like to come and play an instrument or sing.

During the day, people can place a bid for any basket that they would like; at 4 p.m., bidding will close and baskets can be paid for and removed (phone numbers can be left by people who won't be present at 4 p.m. and we will arrange collection).

Proceeds from the auction and offerings made on the day will support the work of Christian Aid, one of the many charities supporting vulnerable people in our world today.

If you would like to participate in this community activity, please drop me an email or a note (addresses below) so that we can finalise arrangements with you.

Yours, with thanks,

*Peter Mackriell*  
*Priest-in-charge*  
*Erbistock and Overton*