

St Cross Harvest Festival

Sunday Oct 4th 10am



You are invited to join us for our all age family worship and Harvest Festival at **St Cross Church, Knutsford**.

Refreshments served after the service in the parish room. All are welcome.



Harvest gifts donated to
Hope Central Food Bank

See our website:

<https://stcrossknutsford.org.uk>

Every year in Autumn Churches around the country celebrate 'Harvest'.

Congregations in our churches thank God for the annual food harvest and as part of that thanksgiving people have traditionally brought fresh fruit, vegetables, produce and flowers which have then been distributed primarily to housebound or needy parishioners. The Festival also reminds us of our global responsibility to think about what we can do to love our neighbours overseas by supporting relief charities.

These days the food gifts tend to be more practical with donated food being 'non-perishable' and at St Cross these are donated to the foodbank located in our Church. Many families facing hardship in our locality are supported by the foodbank which is run by Hope Central which draws in volunteers from the wider community and all the Churches. Hope Central is always looking for more assistance and you can find information about this on their website. <https://hopecentral.org.uk/>

Current urgent shortages on the foodbank are: Tinned Spam, Tinned Custard, Soup, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Rice Pudding, Coffee, Instant Noodles, Pot Noodles, Breakfast Cereal, Tinned Carrots.

We will also deliver floral arrangements to our elderly housebound parishioners.

We welcome everyone to our Family Church service but there is no obligation for anyone to bring a Harvest Offering as we appreciate times are tough for some people at the moment.



Hope Central volunteers working at the foodbank



Harvest gifts donated by the Church family



Floral arrangements by the font