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Harvest Scarecrows at Kearsley

Carolyn Kennion writes:

Kearsley Church once again held its Harvest thanksgiving service the same weekend as the local scarecrow festival.

For several weeks the Sunday School had been creating scarecrows to tell the Nativity story and Keith Dunbar constructed a magnificent wooden manger. The grassy area at the front of the church made a pleasing setting for our Nativity scene. We

had some simple games for visiting children to play. They were also invited to find the mini-scarecrows which were among the harvest produce inside the church, and to glue pictures onto a large harvest poster.

Over the weekend we had a steady stream of visitors, mostly families with young children. Approximately 50 children and their parents went inside the church. They were given leaflets containing the Nativity story and details of Kearsley church activities. Both the visitors and Kearsley church members seemed to enjoy the activities and there was a very happy and friendly community atmosphere.



Harvest Festival at Bournemouth New Church

Revd Gillian Gordon writes:

It certainly felt like a festival on Sunday 2nd October because the church looked a riot of colour and the service on a harvest theme was inspiring and uplifting led by our Minister Clifford. The music was delightful played by Paul on the organ and on the piano accompanied by Marion playing the flute. Bright posters illustrating the 7 "I ams" in John's gospel were attached to the windows and the windowsills sported greenery and flowers artistically arranged. God's bounty was in evidence in the chancel and on the steps where copious amounts of fresh vegetables and tinned goods were displayed.

The ploughman's lunch afterwards in the church lounge was delicious due to a team providing a goodly variety of cheeses, breads, pickles, pickled onions, coleslaw and pate amongst other goodies. Home-made cakes with tea and coffee followed. A funny skit acted out by 3 committee members provided a feel good ending to a special occasion.

Thanks are due to everyone who donated food for the ploughman's lunch and to those washing up and putting chairs and tables away. The donations of food for the harvest festival were taken to the Bournemouth Women's Refuge and to the Christchurch food bank.

