

FFWPU Wales and West Country, UK: Harvest Festival 2025 - A Joyful Celebration

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Harvest Festival 2025 - A Joyful Celebration of Gratitude and Community

This year's Harvest Festival brought together 95 attendees for a heart-warming autumn celebration hosted by the Wales and West Country community at the beautiful Cleeve House, with support from the national Children's Ministry. The three-hour programme was filled with joy, laughter, and togetherness as families and children gathered to celebrate gratitude, nature, and God's abundant blessings.



The festival opened with uplifting songs and a message of gratitude and harvest celebration delivered by Bogdan Pammer, setting a warm and reflective tone for the day. A festive lunch followed, where families shared food and fellowship before heading outdoors for an exciting scavenger hunt led by Dawn P. The young "harvest detectives" explored the grounds, using their God-given senses to spot, smell, touch, and hear the wonders of Mother Nature.

The outdoor adventure flowed naturally into a series of autumn-inspired games in the main hall, led with great enthusiasm by Len C. and Jamie K. Children competed in relay races, tested their balance in the apple challenge, launched conker comets, and bowled with pumpkins - a joyful blend of laughter and teamwork that filled the hall with cheerful energy.

Adding to the festive spirit, live music by Malcolm Spencer and David Rennie created a vibrant atmosphere, leading beautifully into a lively barn dance guided by Betty R. This became one of the day's most memorable highlights, as families of all ages joined hands and danced together in celebration.

To bring the excitement to a peaceful close, children gathered for a craft activity, allowing time to reflect and unwind. The day concluded with the much-anticipated competition announcements - from guessing the number of sweets in the jar to estimating the weight of the pumpkin. There was also a delightful dress-up show and a group photo capturing the festival's joyful spirit. Each child received a gift bag with a small copy of "Nature is My Friend: A Gift from Heavenly Parent" and a sweet.



Beyond the main programme, families enjoyed a beautifully decorated photo booth, face painting, and plenty of time for fellowship. The atmosphere was filled with warmth and a sense of connection. Many parents, including guests, expressed their appreciation, saying their "children had such a lovely time and memories like this are so precious."



What began several years ago with Dawn P. and the River South community has now grown into a cherished national tradition. Each year, the Harvest Festival continues to spread joy, gratitude, and blessings through the dedication of the Children's Ministry team and the communities that host it.



As we recited Family Pledge number 6 during the family service - "Our family promises to share God's

blessings with others with the heart of a true parent" - we were reminded of the purpose behind this joyful gathering: to celebrate, give thanks, and share love.



The 2025 Harvest Festival truly embodied that promise, nurturing gratitude in every heart and sowing seeds of joy for the year ahead.



A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers and families whose efforts made this year's Harvest Festival such a joyful and well-organised celebration - especially to the Wales and West Country team for their dedication and hospitality and to Simon C. and his amazing team at Cleeve House. Truly, Heaven's abundant blessings continue to shower our communities across the UK.

We offer our sincere gratitude to Heavenly Parent and True Parents for guiding and inspiring this beautiful achievement.

