



Everything was in place. Onions, yes...  
sultanas, yes... Broom Meadow tomatoes  
harvested from the garden, yes...  
Tapenhall Apples plucked from the  
tree, yes. All was ready to start the  
preparation and cooking of the spicy tomato chutney.

But something was missing. Looking down  
the list I suddenly realised I had no sugar.



Fortunately we live in a country where that minor  
problem can be sorted quickly as I called into the local  
shop and bought what was needed. Can you guess  
where the sugar came from originally? You may be  
surprised to hear the sugar beet was grown by British  
farmers in East Anglia. Mind you the sultanas were  
grown in Turkey. In fact in a simple jar of chutney  
the world was present, from Fernhill Heath  
to East Anglia to Turkey and beyond. Seeing  
that the nations of the world are invested in  
my chutney, I just hope it tastes ok!



I'm so pleased that Harvest is still celebrated as an  
important festival in many churches, including Fernhill  
Heath Baptist Church. It is easy to take so much for  
granted. To pause and give God thanks for his  
provision not only keeps you thankful and humble, but  
it reminds you that God's creation is for everyone to  
enjoy.

Our harvest appeal this year is  
supporting the work of BMS  
World Mission in Bangladesh.  
Climate change is adding to  
the challenges of poverty, but  
there is also a spiritual need.  
Some are finding that the  
missing ingredient in their lives  
is Jesus and are finding a new  
hope and purpose.

So may this harvest time be one of  
thankfulness and generosity for us all.

Jeff Porter (Minister)



**A very warm  
welcome to you  
to join us for our  
Harvest Service**

*led by our minister  
Rev Jeff Porter*

**11.00am**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

*Or join via livestream  
by clicking on the link  
from the FHBC Website*

[www.fernhillheathbaptist.org.uk](http://www.fernhillheathbaptist.org.uk)

*We are planning to hold an  
**Alpha Course**  
beginning in January 2025*



A series of interactive sessions for  
anyone who wants to explore the  
basics of the Christian faith.

The talks are designed to encourage  
conversation and explore the basics  
of the Christian faith in a friendly,  
open and informal environment.  
You are free to discuss as much or  
as little as you wish.

Each session includes food, a short  
talk and a discussion. There's no  
pressure, no follow up and no  
charge.

**Look out for more information  
later in the year.**

**The Sunday Message**

from FHBC is livestreamed at  
**11.00am** each Sunday.

Previous recordings are also  
available via YouTube.

See the church **facebook** page  
for updates on church life

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## The FHBC Harvest Appeal 2024

is to support work amongst village communities in Bangladesh by providing practical support and sharing the gospel.

Bina and James are already doing this work amongst people working on tea plantations but the aim is to train at least 120 others in community skills over the next five years so that they can bring holistic mission to more areas in Bangladesh.

£30 could help fund a BMS-supported worker like Bina or James for one month, bringing hope and help to communities in Bangladesh

£150 could provide one month's worth of food for a village affected by flooding - a frequent occurrence in Bangladesh  
£1,200 could provide evangelistic training for emerging leaders, equipping more couples like James and Bina to go out and share abundant life across Bangladesh



Bina has a particular heart for the children - she has seen remarkable progress in the lives of those who are now enrolled in school and are learning skills that are transforming their lives.



**Ploughman's lunches** will be available on *Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> October* to collect from the church with all proceeds (after expenses) going to the BMS Harvest Appeal.

Donations (£2.50 minimum) on collection. Lunches will be ready to collect 11.30am-12.30pm.

Pre-ordering is essential by phone 01905 451293 or email: roymitchell72@gmail.com Orders will be taken until 6pm on *Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October*.

**Coffee & Cookies** will also be served at *Snack & Chat* in the church hall 10.30-11.30am on *Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> October* with *Ploughman's Lunches* being served 11.30-12.30.



### **Cakes, pies (apple etc) & marmalade:**

Orders can be placed with Margaret in the next couple of weeks with monies raised going to support the Harvest

Appeal. Please telephone 01905 457696 if you're interested. Margaret is happy to deliver items to homes within the village if necessary.

**Looking Ahead...**

**Snack & Chat – Come & enjoy a free cup of tea/coffee with a slice of cake**

Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 10.30-12.30

**Carol Service** in the Memorial Hall with the Worcester Salvation Army Band

Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 11.00am

Look out for details of this and other Christmas activities in the Christmas Newsletter



**A Very Big Thank You...** to everyone who helped us raise **£1400** at Easter for the Worcestershire Association of Carers. WAC offers advice & support to unpaid adult carers across the county. Helpline: **0300 012 4272**

## **Fernhill Heath Baptist Church: You are warmly invited to our regular activities - details at [www.fernhillheathbaptist.org.uk](http://www.fernhillheathbaptist.org.uk)**

We hold **services** at 11.00 every Sunday and these are also available via YouTube. There is **Junior Church** and a **Creche** for younger children.

**Prayer, Bible Study & discussion groups** are held on most Tuesday evenings.

**Ladies Keep Fit** is held on Wednesday mornings at 10.15 - with the opportunity for a cup of coffee & a chat afterwards.

The **Grumpy Men's Club** meet fortnightly for activities & games - Fridays 7.30-9.00pm.

**Thursday Diners** meet last Thursday of month. 2-course lunch: £4.00. Booking essential.

**Fernhill Heath Toddler Group** meets Tuesdays (termtime only) 9.45-11.45am.

**SHAPE** (Self-Help Achievement & Personal Empowerment) meets most Tuesdays 4.00-6.00pm.

