

Top tips to support your Harvest fundraising this year



Fundraising suggestions

- Donate your Harvest collection
- Host a Harvest supper
- Organise a Songs of Praise evening

Donate your Harvest collection

There are many different ways to donate to Ripple Effect and some will work better for your congregation than others. Here are some tips to help you with your donations:

- If you choose to use **Gift Aid envelopes**, please get in touch with me ann.hatton@rippleeffect.org and I will send you the number of Ripple Effect envelopes that you need. **Please make sure people fill out the form clearly and fully or we will not be able to claim Gift Aid on their generous donations.**

- **You can donate online, bank transfer or by cheque.** Whatever is easiest for you. **Please make sure you tell us the name and location of your church** (i.e. St. Mary's PCC is too vague. St. Mary's Church, Wells, is very helpful).
- **Tell your congregation a few weeks ahead of the Harvest Festival service** so that they can come prepared having prayed about what they would like to donate.
- **Set up a Ripple Effect display** in a poignant place to inform your congregation about the difference their donations can make. Use seasonal fruit and vegetables to make it really attractive. You can download posters and leaflets from rippleeffect.org/harvest-resources.
- **Set a target of how much you'd like to raise** and invite the congregation to contribute whatever they are able. We value all donations however large or small.

How to make your donation

Online: rippleeffect.org/harvest

By post: The Old Estate Yard, Newton St Loe, Bath, BA2 9BR.

Bank transfer: email for details - supporter@rippleeffect.org

Phone: 01225 874 222 Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm



£250 could train smallholder farmers in climate-smart methods to improve soil quality and protect their land from climate shocks such as droughts and floods.

Fundraising top tips



Host a Songs of Praise event

- **Set a date**, book the church and an organist.
- **Advertise the event** to your congregation, friends, family and your neighbourhood - you might be surprised by how many people will enjoy a good sing along to familiar tunes.
- **Invite people to request their favourite hymns**. Set a deadline for this to allow you to compile a good variety of songs. Make sure you get the advice of your organist at this point.
- **Invite two or three people to speak** about why they have chosen a hymn and explain why it's important to them.
- **Set up a Ripple Effect display** in a poignant place and invite your guests to contribute to the retiring collection. You'll be able to download posters and leaflets from rippleeffect.org/harvest-resources.

£500 could support farmers to build resilient, eco-friendly income streams and learn money management.

£100 could provide farmers with drought-resistant seeds, helping them grow food year-round.

Host a Harvest supper

- **Gather a small team**, choose a date and a venue that suits most people.
- **Allocate tasks** (inform the congregation, make posters, book the venue, make sure you have enough tables and chairs etc).
- **Decide what kind of food you would like**: a bring and share event or hot meal (lasagne works well) and don't forget to provide for the dietary requirements of your guests.
- **For a simple but effective table decoration**, add some autumn leaves, mangoes for colour and some seasonal vegetables.
- **Show the Ripple Effect Harvest video** and distribute information leaflets on the tables. Set a target of how much you'd like to raise and invite your guests to contribute whatever they are able.

