

# Your guide to hosting a life-changing harvest supper

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When communities come together amazing things can happen; friends are made, ideas are formed and lives are changed. This harvest your congregation can make sure poor communities across the world also have a harvest worth celebrating.

We've put together a handy checklist for everything you need to make your church's harvest supper life-changing.



## Before the day:

- Make the most of our fantastic free resources!** Your pack contains resources for everyone in your congregation with even more available online: [www.wateraid.org/uk/harvest](http://www.wateraid.org/uk/harvest). You can also request balloons, collection boxes and bunting from our Supporter Care team. Just give them a call on 020 7793 4594 and they'll be happy to help.
- Recruit your super supper team.** Your supper will be a roaring success with the help of the congregation. Can you recruit people to help promote your supper to other churches in the area? Or perhaps you have some fantastic chefs in the congregation willing to bring a delicious dish?
- Decide on the date.** Get the date in the diary as soon as possible. You could host the supper after your harvest service or you could get the whole community involved with a supper in the week running up to harvest.
- Tell everyone!** Spread the word about your the supper far and wide. Use the posters in your pack, the template newsletter announcement and template press release both available to download online: [www.wateraid.org/uk/harvest](http://www.wateraid.org/uk/harvest). And why not ask your young people to design some flyers promoting the supper?



### One day to go:

- Prep, prep, prep!** The majority of dishes can be prepared the night before so make sure you leave yourself time to enjoy the harvest celebrations by preparing as much as possible the day before.
- Decorate.** You could even set up the hall in advance. Set the tables, get crockery and cutlery ready and blow up the balloons ready for your guests to arrive the next day.

### On the day:

- Final reminders.** If your supper is after your service make sure it gets a mention in the notices – you could even offer samples of some of the dishes available to entice your congregation.
- Let everyone know about WaterAid.** Share our appeal film at the supper so everyone knows the incredible changes they are going to make possible (available at [www.wateraid.org/uk/harvest](http://www.wateraid.org/uk/harvest)). Make sure everyone has a Gift Aid envelope to help their donations go further.
- Tuck in!** Take a seat and enjoy your supper.

### Afterwards:

- Send in your donations.** Use the enclosed paying in form and return it with the Gift Aid envelopes so we can put your collection to work right away. Thank you!

Want to try and make traditional Burkina Faso dishes for your supper? We have put together a set of easy-to-make recipes alongside truly inspiring stories from our work.

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Moustapha and his friends watering their crops.