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### **Harvest 2023**

Dear parents and carers

Every October we attend church as a Longstone family to celebrate the Harvest Festival. We warmly invite all parents to join us in this year's harvest celebrations on **Friday 6 October at 2pm at St.Giles' Church, Great Longstone.**

### **Bishop of Derby's Harvest Appeal 2023**

'And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations' - Revelation 22.2

The Bishop of Derby's Harvest Appeal 2023 will help the people in the Diocese of Bujumbura, Burundi, fight the catastrophic effects of seasonal rains that wash away their farms, homes, land and livelihoods.

'Trees for Life Burundi' will assist communities in planting thousands of saplings to help stabilise and strengthen the land, whilst at the same time helping wildlife and the environment in the area and beyond.

On launching the appeal, Bishop Libby said: "Burundi is ranked as the world's poorest nation and people there desperately need help to stop their crops, livestock and buildings disappearing down a hillside as the land gets eroded by the rains.

"It is a complex situation but, fortunately, the remedy is relatively straightforward, and I am delighted that this year's appeal will offer hope to those people and communities in danger of losing everything they have."

To donate to Bishop Libby's appeal please follow the Just Giving link:

<https://justgiving.com/campaign/trees-for-life-burundi>

### **Donations to Matlock Food Bank**

Harvest is also a time to think about how thankful we are for what we have. With this in mind, we are inviting children to bring in a donation for Matlock food banks. Donations of tinned and dried foods and toiletries will be warmly welcomed. Please bring donations to the school reception area on the morning of Friday 6 October.

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our school and Christian values as well as celebrating the achievements and efforts of our fantastic children during the service at church.

Kind regards

Simon Beahan  
Executive Headteacher