

Sunday 9 October 2022

Harvest Thanksgiving



Today we celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving. Our first reading tells us that people in Old Testament times were instructed to bring offerings to God at harvest-time.

In the time of Jesus, the Feast of Weeks (Shavout) marked the first-fruits of the harvest and the Feast of Ingathering (Sukkot) marked the end of the harvest.

The modern Harvest Festival was introduced in Cornwall in 1843 by Reverend Robert Hawker, Vicar of Morwenstow. Most churches now hold a Harvest Thanksgiving service around the beginning of October. It is a time to say “thank you” to God for all the good things which which we are blessed, and also to think about how we care for God’s creation and how we share what we have more fairly.

 **To think about....**

What do you think are the most important things to say “thank you” for at Harvest time?

What practical things can we do to share the good things God gives to us?

In what ways do you think we should care for God’s world?

What two food and drink items can you see being offered back to God for his special blessing during the Eucharist service today?

Did you know that the word ‘Eucharist’ means ‘Thanksgiving’?



This week's prayer:

Lord of the harvest, who has given us so much,
Help us to be generous like you,
That the world may know your goodness and blessing.
Amen.

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Harvest Wordsearch

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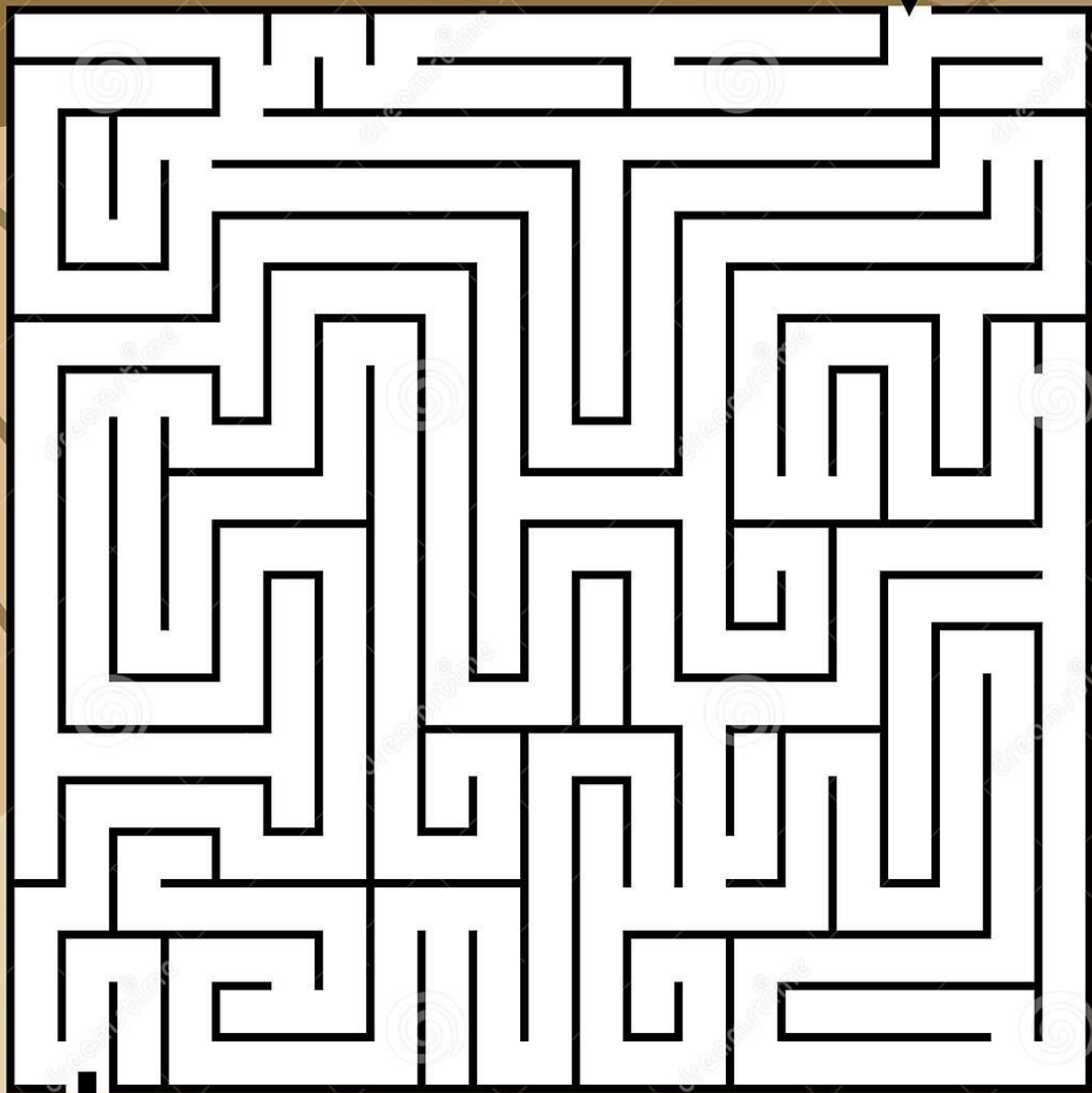
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Harvest Picture Crossword

