

St Andrew's Hagbourne **PARISH MAGAZINE**

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Harvest Festival at St Andrew's – 4th October
Climate Change Q&A St Andrew's – 11th October
St Andrew's Light Trail – 31st October

News, Views and Information for everyone in the Hagbournes and Coscote

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CHURCH CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR OCTOBER 2026

The Prayer Intentions for October are for all who live in Blewbury

Prayer Focus:

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| 1 Thursday | 7pm Time for quiet and reflection: St Michael's B | 8pm online Compline |
| 2 Friday | | 8pm online Compline |
| 3 Saturday | Decorating St Andrew's for Harvest | |

4 +Sunday HARVEST FESTIVAL

- 8am Holy Communion: St Michael's B
 9am Parish Eucharist: All Saints' AU
 9.15am Lay led Service: St Mary's U
 10.30am Harvest Festival with Sunday Club
 followed by refreshments: St Andrew's H
 10.30am All Age Service: St Michael's B
 10.30am Parish Eucharist: All Saints' NM
 10.30am Online Benefice Service
 5pm Organ Recital: St Andrew's H
 6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H



*Outreach and
Parish magazines.*

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| 5 Monday | | 8pm online Compline |
| 6 Tuesday | | 8pm online Compline |
| 7 Wednesday | 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H | 8pm online Compline |
| 8 Thursday | | 8pm online Compline |
| 9 Friday | | 8pm online Compline |
| 10 Saturday | 10-11.30am Fr Jason's Science Club: St Michael's B | |

11 +Sunday NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U
 10.30am Taizé Service: St Michael's B
 10.30am Harvest Eucharist: St John the Baptist: SM
 10.30am Online Benefice Service
 12noon Harvest Festival and lunch: All Saints' NM
 4 – 6pm Climate and sustainability event, including Q and A panel with
 Olly Glover: St Andrew's H (please see details on page 5)
 6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H including a talk about AI and
 the World of Politics: is there a future for Democracy in the age of AI?



*Treasurers and
& church finances.*

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| 12 Monday | | 8pm online Compline |
| 13 Tuesday | | 8pm online Compline |
| 14 Weds | 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H | 8pm online Compline |
| | 7.30pm Fellowship Group: Charity School House, Blewbury | |
| 15 Thursday | 10am MU Holy Communion: St Mary's U | |
| 16 Friday | | 8pm online Compline |
| 17 Saturday | | |

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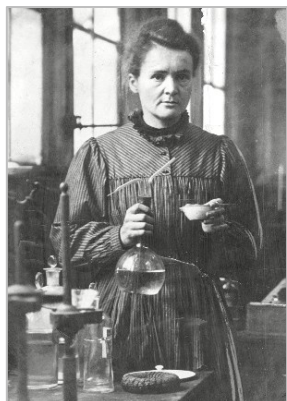


The Churn Benefice's Churches are:

St Andrew's Hagbourne (H), St Mary's Upton (U),
 St Michael's Blewbury (B), All Saints' Aston Uphorpe (AU),
 St Michael's Aston Tirrold (AT), St John the Baptist South Moreton (SM),
 All Saints' North Moreton (NM)

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, HAGBOURNE

The United Benefice of Blewbury, East and West Hagbourne and Upton together with Aston Tirrold, Aston Upthorpe, North Moreton and South Moreton.



Rector's Reflections A Remarkable Woman

For many years, there has been a tradition in the Church to hold a special celebration of the work of the medical profession on or about 18th October. Why this date? Because it's the feast day of St Luke, and by tradition St Luke, who lived back in the 1st Century AD, was a physician by profession. He was also the author of two of the most influential books ever written: the Gospel of St Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. Down the centuries, many Christians have been actively involved in providing medical care to the wider community, and this tradition continues to this day.

This coming St Luke's Day, I will be celebrating the life and work of Marie Curie, the first woman to win a Nobel Prize in Science. Marie was born in Poland in 1867 and moved to Paris in 1891. She entered the Sorbonne, where she read physics and mathematics. In due course, she met and married another scientist, Pierre Curie, and they worked together as a team pursuing their scientific researches. In 1903, Marie and Pierre were awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics jointly with Henri Becquerel. Tragically, Pierre was killed in an accident in 1906. But Marie continued her research, and she was awarded a second Nobel Prize in 1911. Her research led to the use of radiation and x-ray machines in a medical context, initially in the 1st World War, and it has saved countless lives ever since. Next time you are in a hospital and see a sign saying "Radiology", do think of Marie and offer a prayer of thanks. Where would we be without X-rays and their like?

If you are interested in learning more about Marie Curie and her research, do come to along on Sunday 18th October to any of the following Services: 10.30am at St Michael's Blewbury; 4pm at All Saints North Moreton; and 6pm at St Andrew's Hagbourne. You will be most welcome.

Marie Curie was a remarkable woman and a remarkable scientist. Science is one of God's greatest gifts to humankind, and there is no conflict between good science and good religion (there can be a conflict between bad science and bad religion, but that is another story!). Let me finish with two thought-provoking quotes from Marie herself: "*You cannot hope to build a better world without improving the individuals. To that end each of us must work for [our] own improvement, and at the same time share a general responsibility for all humanity, our particular duty being to aid those to whom we think we can be most useful*"; and "*Nothing in life is to be feared; it is only to be understood*".

Do come along on 18th October, and help us celebrate not only Marie Curie, but also the life and work of countless other scientists who have contributed so much to the well-being of their fellow men and women.

Praise be to God for scientists!

Father Jason

Free Organ Recitals at St Andrew's Hagbourne

Our next organ recital will be on Sunday 4th October, 5pm

Charles Kingston will play music by English organists, including W. Boyce, G. Thalben-Ball, E. Elgar, J. Ireland and P. Whitlock. We look forward to seeing you again!



Cover picture: The painting on our cover this month is by the late Mary Jones, we thank her family for enabling us to use one of Mary's lovely illustrations.

Church Calendar and Diary for October 2026 *continued*

18 +Sunday LUKE THE EVANGELIST – SCIENCE SUNDAY



Those recently baptised and baptism visitors.

9am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's AT
 10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B including
 a talk on Marie Curie and her contribution to medical science.
 10.30am Family Communion: St Andrew's H
 10.30am Online Benefice Service
 3pm Pet Service: St Mary's U
 4pm Service of the Word: All Saints' NM including
 a talk on Marie Curie and her contribution to medical science.
 6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H including
 a talk on Marie Curie and her contribution to medical science.

19 Monday		8pm online Compline
20 Tuesday		8pm online Compline
21 Weds	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm online Compline
22 Thursday		8pm online Compline
23 Friday		8pm online Compline
24 Saturday		

25 +Sunday BIBLE SUNDAY



Our youth and teenagers.

9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U
 10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B
 10.30am Online Benefice Service
 4pm Service of the Word: All Saints' NM
 6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H

26 Monday		8pm online Compline
27 Tuesday		8pm online Compline
28 Weds	<i>Simon and Jude, Apostles</i> 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H 7.30pm Fellowship group, Charity School House, B	8pm online Compline
29 Thursday		8pm online Compline
30 Friday		8pm online Compline
31 Saturday	<i>Martin Luther, reformer</i> 5.30pm to 7pm Light Trail: St Andrew's H	

Weekday Evening online Compline – at 8pm for 10 minutes to reflect and wind down from the day, go to <https://meet.goto.com/312446493> to join.

How to contact the Churn Benefice:

BENEFICE OFFICE - 01235 850267 Churn Website: www.churnchurches.co.uk

The Benefice Operations Manager, Elaine de Ridder, is available from 9.00 am - 2.30pm Monday to Friday, contact on 01235 850267 or 07434 686044 during office hours.

Bookings for Weddings, Baptisms etc. may be made by contacting the office via telephone or email: office@churnchurches.co.uk

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Revd Louise Butler – 07837 009730 – revlouiseb@aol.com

Revd John Clarke – 01235 510073 – jphclarke@gmail.com

Revd Dr Mark Rhodes-Smith – 01235 850267 – mark.rhodes-smith@churnchurches.co.uk

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As promised during the previous heatwave, we will have a Climate Q&A at St Andrew's Hagbourne.

We are pleased to confirm that this will take place **Sunday afternoon 11th October 4-6pm**. The proposed programme will include an exhibition of local Sustainability groups and a "LOAF" tea (Local, Organic, Animal-friendly and Fairtrade) at 4pm, followed by a Q&A panel with MP Olly Glover at 5pm.

You are also warmly invited to the showing of People's Emergency Briefing Film, Tuesday 6th October, 8pm, Blewbury Village Hall.

The *People's Emergency Briefing* – an eye-opening film bringing together nine leading UK scientists and experts with the latest evidence on what's happening with climate and nature and why it matters, covering areas including extreme weather, food security, health and cost of living. The film is based on the National Emergency Briefing in Westminster (featured by ITV, Channel 4 and The Times). Offering an exploration of how the climate and nature crisis is affecting everyday life in Britain. <https://www.nebriefing.org/the-film>



**Churn Benefice
All Souls' Service
St Michael's Blewbury
Sunday, 1st November, 3pm**



Remembrance List

All are very welcome at our annual Service of Commemoration which includes the lighting of commemorative candles and reading out the names of loved ones we have lost.

Anyone who would like to have a loved one remembered at this Service is welcome to send names to Elaine in the Benefice Office on 01235 850267

Baptisms in the Benefice

5th September **Jowan Guy Marffy** was baptised at St Michael's Aston Tirrold.

26th September **Max Harry Richard Rogers** and **Isabella Calazans Rogers** were baptised at St Michael's Aston Tirrold.

May God's blessing of peace and joy be with them and protect them all of their days.



Weddings in the Benefice

12th September **Matthew Addison** and **Airish Suarez** were married at St Andrew's Hagbourne.

18th September **Daniel Sefton** and **Grace Freeland**, were married at St Michael's Aston Tirrold.
We pray for God's blessing on them as they continue to build their lives together

Funerals in the Benefice

23rd September at St Andrew's Hagbourne **Rita Cosson**, aged 88.

25th September at the South Oxfordshire Crematorium, **Stanley Edward Eldon, MBE**, aged 90.

There will also be a Memorial Service for Stan at St Andrew's Hagbourne, on Monday 12th October at 2.30pm. Everyone Welcome.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.



Tower Talk

We are now into Autumn, and the evenings are drawing in; the clocks go back soon.

On Saturday the 12th of September it was the Wedding of one of our young ringers Matthew Addison who married his partner, Airish. Matthew met Airish while working as a teacher in Chile. Such a lovely Service and a lovely day. Matthew asked the ringers to ring a touch of Grandsire Triple which we were very happy to do. The ringing was lovely and we were joined at one stage by one of the guests at the wedding. The ringers wish Matthew and Airish every happiness for the future.



On Saturday 19th September Jill ran another of her training sessions from 10:30-11:30. This time it was on ringing Single Oxford and touches of Single Oxford. Eight of us attended the course but we could have used at least 2 to 3 more ringers as a few of us needed guidance on ringing the touches.

A few events in Church before Christmas include the Harvest Festival on 4th October, Ringer's Sunday date to be arranged, Remembrance Sunday on 8th November and then The Christmas Tree Festival. The next quarterly meeting of HSCR will take place on Tuesday 6th October following a shorter ringing practice.

"Ringer's Sunday" coming soon, date to be arranged, when there will be a special Evensong at 6pm to celebrate this special day. Shirley Goss.

Birthdays: None in the Tower to my knowledge

Dates for your Diary: Sunday 4th October – **Harvest Festival**

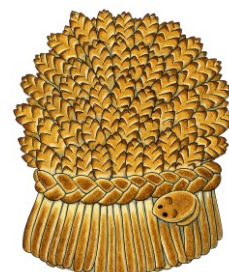
Tuesday 6th October - **Tower Quarterly Meeting**



Harvest Festival at St Andrew's

**Harvest Festival is on Sunday
4th October 10.30am.**

**It will be lovely to see the glorious colours of
late summer and autumn filling the Church.**



There will be refreshments to enjoy after the Service.

There will also be an Organ Recital at 5pm and a Service of the Word at 6pm.

Come along and enjoy the decorated Church.

Dear Flower Arrangers and Decorators, please do come along so that we can all get together on the Saturday morning, 3rd October to place some beautiful arrangements ready for the celebration of thanksgiving for all good gifts around us at this traditional Harvest Festival Service time.

Some lovely produce to fill the church would always be good if you have any. It has been a poor year for some things with the heat and dry conditions, but some things have grown well. If a different day other than the Saturday suits you better, that is fine. We look forward to seeing the seasonal colours once more. Thank you, Helen Clayson



Good News - the Christmas Tree Festival will be back for 2026!

**St Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival is coming
very soon – 4th to 12th December**

Festival Week – 4th to 12th December

Carols in the Close – 4th December

Carols on the Farm – 6th December

The Big Festival Quiz – 11th December

Wreath Workshops:

2pm and 7.30pm - 9th December,

7.30pm - 10th December.

and the Grand Christmas Raffle . . .



**Theme: Christmas
all over the World**

**Be a Tree Angel and Dress
a Tree in the Church . . .**

30 trees will be waiting for local groups and businesses to create their masterpieces. Why not reserve a tree and maybe follow this year's optional theme,

Christmas All Over the World

A Christmas Tree Festival at your own front door

Let's brighten the gloom and illuminate our villages. You can join in by placing one of our Festival Trees in your front gardens for everybody to enjoy. It's a real festive treat to wander around East and West Hagbourne and marvel at how everybody supports the Festival and its fundraising.

Lots more details coming soon!

St Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival Full details will be in the November parish magazine including an **entry form for ordering your trees**. We will also announce the **chosen charity for this year**. A **new event** for 2026 will be the **Big TreeFest Quiz** which will take place at the Village Hall on Friday, 11th December at 7.30pm. **The Soup'n'Tunes Lunches** will also be taking place on Saturdays 5th & 12th December.



I have said before that MU is a "grassroots" organisation. Our members work towards our five objectives. Here are some things we have done locally and are doing now.

Supporting and promoting marriage: we instigated marriage preparation in the 90's, send first anniversary cards to couples and periodically hold Marriage Thanksgiving Services.

Encouraging parents in their role to develop the faith of their children: we support and keep in touch with baptism families and give Bible story books to children who start school.

Maintaining a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service: we meet monthly for the Eucharist, annually gather for our "wave of prayer" and also join national prayers against gender-based violence.

Promoting conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children: we run a monthly baby and toddler group and a weekly drop in for elderly folk.

Helping those whose family life has met with adversity: we make and send Easter cards to people who live alone or are in poor health. We raise money to provide holidays for families in particular need.

Our branch meets monthly for a Holy Communion service followed by refreshments, moving to Upton Church in the cooler months. This service will be on **Thursday 15th October, 10am at St Mary's Church, Upton**. All are very welcome. Join us and Join in. Help us to do these things and more.

Revd Louise Butler 07837 009730, leader, Churn MU branch

Churchwardens Chatter September is always a time to look forward to the Pet Service, and this year was no exception. But we also had the Car Boot Sale to enjoy, thank you Jane for organising everything so well. Our next event is of course Harvest Festival, and I am wondering how that will be. It has been a particularly trying time for our farmers, but they always seem to manage to provide for us, don't they?

Remembrance Day is fast coming too, and I am hoping that some of you can make some more poppies to add to our display in church. We can never have too many poppies, I think.

Do you feel that you would like more impact on the services that we have at the moment? If so, please feel free to contact either Jane or Me. We are both always glad to receive any thoughts that you may have regarding this. For instance. When, or even if, do you want a carol service? Would you like to have a session when you get to choose the carols that you like the best? Would you prefer the service of lessons and carols? It's always great to have your ideas and thoughts regarding this. Bless you all, Jill and Jane.



Spreading the light this Halloween! We are joining many churches across the world spreading the light this Halloween.

St Andrew's Light Trail, Saturday 31st October, 5.30pm - 7pm

Some churches host "light parties" or in our case, a "light trail" at Halloween as a positive, faith-based alternative to traditional spooky celebrations, offering a way to **celebrate Jesus as the "Light of the world"**. Everyone welcome to come and look at our light trail. There will be goodie bags and refreshments too!

Golden Wedding Congratulations!

A very happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to Terry and Jane Yates who were married at St Andrew's, Hagbourne, on the 9th of October 1976. Happy Anniversary from all the family!

A RECORD BREAKING PRODUCE SHOW!

This year broke new records with the highest ever number of entrants! Yen Rickeard's fine floral Tribute to Summer reflected many of our gardens, and we also saw many floriferous blooms and beautiful fruit and vegetables, plus exquisite craft, art and imaginative children's entries.



Hearty congratulations to the cup winners.

Children's Cup: Oscar Garland;

Baking and Preserves: Susan Quinlan;

Egg Cup: Leanne Longland;

Fruit and Vegetables: Andy Stocks;

Art & Craft: Therese Feest;

Best in Show: Emma Taylor;

Overall Show Winner: Susan Quinlan.

Best Butts Piece Plot: Witold Michonski.

The Community Cup went to Jane Drew for her tireless contributions in the village over many years, including reinvigorating the Church Fete, supporting multiple village events and impressive fund-raising work.

It was a pleasure to welcome back our judges. Baking and preserves judge Jean Millar valiantly steeled herself to hazardously high sugar levels from cake and jam tasting; head gardener Richard praised those entering fruit, vegetable and flowers, commenting on the high quality of entries despite lack of rain; while art teacher Jeremy admired the quality and beauty of the works in art and craft sections and was enthusiastic about the standard and care taken in the entries in the children's category.

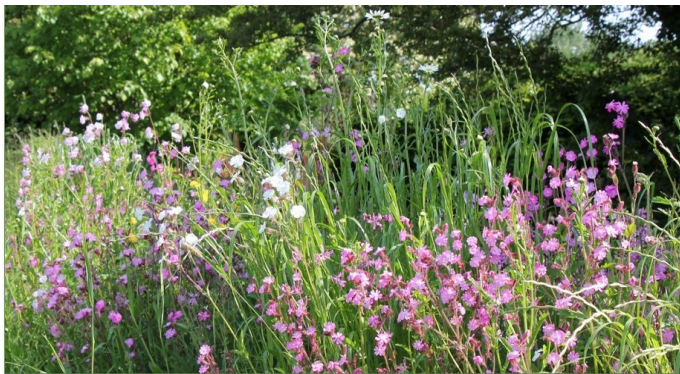
We are grateful to Linda and Geoff for turning up late Saturday evening to help us set up around an ongoing national Fijian gathering! Heartfelt thanks go to our hardworking young tea helpers - Livi and Evie for tireless tea making and cake serving. We are indebted to our lovely sponsors: Darren and Ruth at the Fleur for generous ongoing support and much appreciated £50 meal voucher raffle prize, the Village Shop for their jolly stall and the beautiful bag of shop goodies for the raffle, the Gardening Club for coming to the Show and for a stunning gift for the raffle, and to The Didcot Allotment Society for their support and joining us with their fine plant stall.

The excellent Produce Show committee ensures everything runs smoothly on the day - even more so this year thanks to a computer-based points collation system introduced by Harry Badham, allowing the committee time to eat lunch before the show opened! Profits from the Show go to charitable donations (charities to be confirmed) and to the Christmas Tree Festival. Thank you especially to the gardeners, bakers, preservers, chicken keepers, crafts people and children who brought in entries, and to everyone who came, brought their families, admired the displays, enjoyed tea and cakes and made the atmosphere of this annual village event so special.

Felicity Topping, Chair, Village Produce Show

If you have feedback or ideas for new categories, please email us at:
hagbourneproduceshow@gmail.com

HUGS - Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability



Picture: Heather Comina

Make a metre matter

That's the name of the BBC Gardeners' World Magazine campaign. It's aimed at everyone with a square metre to spare in their garden. In that space, you might be -

- planting veg or herbs
- building a pond
- growing wildflowers
- constructing a metre square bug hotel
- starting to compost

It could be something you do now or get planning for next year. After the weather extremes of this year, you might want to get ahead in helping the wildlife in your garden for 2027.

The BBC are working with the non-profit 30x30UK on the campaign. Working to the goal set by most countries of restoring 30% of their land and sea for nature by 2030, the ambitious target set back in 2022 within the UN framework.

For your garden, if you're interested in establishing wildflowers in your square metre, do get in touch as we might have a small supply of wildflower turf. It's a great way to support pollinators, create a micro habitat and beautify your garden too!

Send us an email - hugsustainability@gmail.com

For more info on Make your Metre Matter - <https://www.gardenersworld.com/make-a-metre-matter/>

Summer Teas at St Andrew's A big **THANK YOU** to all those who hosted one of the Summer Teas during August. Thanks go to those who supported this fellowship on one or more Sundays during August. They have been very popular especially with our regulars and I am sure some are quite disappointed that they have now come to an end. We raised just over **£600.00**; the money will be used towards the upkeep of the Church and the bell tower. This was never just about making money it has been a lovely fellowship, and I hope that you will support us again if we decide to run them again next year. Shirley Goss

Sunday Club In the Parish Room at St Andrew's, Hagbourne on the first Sunday of the month at 10.30am, joining parents in the Church Service later. Bible stories, circle time, drawing, colouring, painting, crafts and more. Ages 4 - 11. Encourages children to interact with each other and adults, make friends, be creative. A gentle introduction to Christian values.

Next date: Sunday 4th October ALL WELCOME!



Hagbourne Garden Club

We will be meeting on **Thursday, 22nd October** at the Pavilion. Doors will open for refreshments at 7pm. The talk will start at 7.30pm. The topic this month is **The Shrunken Garden – a talk by Timothy Walker** on making a new, small garden from scratch – looking at the many different options available based on type of site and personal preferences for plants, landscaping, attracting wildlife etc ...

Plenty of parking at The Pavilion. Visitors most welcome £5, first visit free.

For further information contact Sally Barksfield sally.barksfield@gmail.com on 01235 352275



Coffee & Kids! - a monthly baby and toddler group based in Blewbury.

Please note: we are starting earlier to help families who are dropping off older children at school and pre-school. So that will be **9am - 11am** on **Monday 5th October** in the Vale Room, Blewbury Village Hall. Do join us at a time that suits you. We welcome all bumps! babies & toddlers, along with parents, grandparents or carers.

Here is a warm, friendly and safe place to enjoy the company of others and have some refreshment as the little ones have fun with toys, learn to play together, do some craft activities and sing together! A donation of £2 is appreciated towards our costs.

Mothers' Union hosts and looks forward to welcoming you. Any queries, text Louise on 07837 009730

Home Communion Home Communion is available to anyone who is unable to get to church through sickness or frailty, either for a short time or on a long term basis.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the Benefice Office 01235 850267 and Elaine will arrange it for you.

ROTAS	4th October Harvest Festival	18th October Science Sunday	1st November All Saints Day	General Notes: <i>If you are unable to do duty, please let your organiser know or find a suitable replacement. .</i> Volunteer flower arrangers and cleaners are in big demand. If you can help or know of someone who could help, please let us know. The more the merrier
Readers	Deuteronomy 8.7-18 Jenny Smith 2 Corinthians 9.6-15 Margaret Antcliff	Isaiah 35 vv 3-6 Jeff Powell 2 Timothy 4 vv 5-17 Justine Shepperson	Revelation 7 vv 9-end Colin Windsor 1 John 3 vv 1-3 Mo Windsor	
Intercessions	Jenny Smith	Celebrant	Celebrant	
Sidesmen	Marian Powell Richard Powell	Jacqui McKenzie Jane Blond	Chris Price Wendy Price	
Coffee	Shirley Goss Helen Clayson	Jeff Powell Justine Shepperson	Marian Powell Gillian Harries	
Flowers Lady Chapel	Marian Powell	Alison Davis Amanda Davies	Joy Napper	
Flowers High Altar	Felicity Topping	Jenny Smith	Myra Hardiman	



East Hagbourne Community Shop

For over 20 years, East Hagbourne Community Shop has been proudly run entirely by volunteers. We are seeking new Committee members and volunteers to help keep it going and growing!

To learn how you can help in 1 or 2 hours a month:

mailto:easthagbourneshop@gmail.com

or pop in and chat with the Volunteer on duty.

Visit us on FB or on the village website at:
easthagbourne.net/our-village/shop-post-office/

OCTOBER SHOP HOURS:

Monday to Friday 9am – 4pm Saturday 9am – 12:30pm

Please note: We are particularly in need of Saturday morning volunteers at the moment please contact easthagbourneshop@gmail.com if you are able to help. Thank you

SHOP REFRESH AND REDESIGN UPDATES

The refresh and redesign of our shop space is moving forward, with bids are now being sought for re-wiring, re-walling, re-plastering to make whole the former PO fortress space, secure level flooring and a fresh lick of paint throughout – all so that our Community Shop more clearly reflects the inviting and welcoming neighbourhood space that is our aim.

We look forward to sharing a sneak-peak at our volunteer event on 2nd October; and will share more with our community once timelines firm up.



NATURAL BREADS – AVAILABLE EACH SATURDAY

Pre-order sourdough or other breads and delicious pastries by 4pm Wednesday for collection the following Saturday! Family-run artisanal Oxford bakery Natural Breads provides a wide range, which you can browse either in the Shop or download

here: <https://drive.google.com/.../1hpdJL4s64-qr.../view...>

Simply place your order in the Shop on the signup sheet, or email us with your selections at: easthagbourneshop@gmail.com. **They even offer sliced bread for a mere 20p extra! It's the greatest thing since...well...you get the picture...**



While you're visiting: be sure to check out our expanding range of locally made products including Kings Piece hand-pressed pear juice from Harwell, Dark Horse whole bean and ground coffees from Brightwell-cum-Sotwell, free-range eggs, Andrew's unprocessed honey from East Hagbourne hives, and the Community Shop's own handmade marmalade. **Thank you for your support!**

Save the date: ANNUAL CHRISTMAS STALL 9am – 12:00 Saturday 12th Dec

Mark your diaries for our festive annual Christmas Bakery Stall, held on the final day of **St Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival!** Join us for free mulled wine or juice and warm mince pies while you browse local crafts, cards and Christmas treats including **breads & pastries** from the Natural Bread Company and, of course, pick up your lucky **Treefest raffle tickets**, just minutes before the drawing!

TABLE TENNIS at the Hagbourne Pavilion Join our friendly table-tennis groups at the Pavilion at the Recreation Ground for exercise and fun:

Tuesday mornings 10am to 12noon, £3 per session. All ages, skills, welcome; bats available. New players would be most welcome. Session fee waived for introductory session. More info from Julian 01235 813599 jgallop@freeuk.com and Anthony 01235 511920 aannanjones@gmail.com

Wednesday evenings 7:30-9:30pm contact Adrian Coles 0771135001 1adrian.coles@gmail.com

HAGBOURNE BOWLS CLUB Hagbourne Bowls Club is a friendly inclusive club and welcomes members old and new to the Club House in the heart of East Hagbourne village. We are open from April to September. Club nights are Monday evenings, why not come along – a warm welcome awaits you. <https://hagbournebowls.co.uk>

FOOTBALL in East Hagbourne: Hagbourne United FC plays regularly at East Hagbourne at the Recreation Ground and welcomes new men and youth players.

Contacts: John Symonds 07831 714076 jesymonds29@gmail.com
or Keith Davies 07810 504155 keithdavies4@hotmail.co.uk

Tai Chi Classes I am running a Tai Chi class in West Hagbourne, it is small and personal, and we have a first-class teacher with over 30 years' experience, it is for health and mobility. Any ages welcome. It is on a Monday afternoon from 3.45 – 4.45pm and runs continuously except for the teacher's holiday and Bank Holidays. Payment is in 6 weeks blocks, individual classes can be taken if unable to make all six, at a slightly higher cost. All booked in advance. Maximum in class 12. For further details please contact Sue Lay on 07900010367 – text or WhatsApp.

Hagbourne Barn Dance Club an evening of Traditional English Dance is usually held on the third Friday of the month at the Hagbourne Village Hall at 8pm to 11pm. Please bring your own mug and plate, saves on the washing up! **Next session: 16th October.**

Scottish Country Dancing – if you enjoy dancing then why not give Scottish Country Dancing a go? We meet at Chilton Village Hall on Tuesday evenings at 7.45pm. We are a friendly club that welcomes beginners and experienced dancers alike. You don't have to be Scottish to join! No partner is required, and it is a sociable way for all ages to have exercise and fun! There are also **Tea Dances** on the third Wednesday afternoon of the month at 2pm. Please visit our website: <https://harwellscdc.mno.org.uk> for more details.

Arts and Crafts Fair

St Andrew's Church, East Hagbourne

Saturday 21st November 2026, 10.30 to 4pm

- Meet local crafts people, artists and writers.
- Free admission
- Refreshments available all day, (proceeds in support of The Friends of St Andrew's)
- Ample parking at the Village Hall



Payments by cash or cheque please (due to limited internet signal)

Further information: Linda Benton, 01235 817891, Linda.Benton@live.co.uk



**East
Hagbourne
Parish
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**PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENT - LAND AT NEW ROAD
MONDAY 5th OCTOBER 4 – 8pm AT HAGBOURNE VILLAGE HALL**

Nurton Developments is holding a public consultation event for proposals to shape the future of the land between Didcot and East Hagbourne. There will also be a 3-week consultation period from 28th September to 16th October – please visit www.landatnewroad.co.uk for full details.

For further information please see the Chairman's letter on page 15



BUTTS PIECE ALLOTMENT AVAILABILITY

We will have some allotment plots available following the renewals on 1st October. If you would like to have an allotment, please contact the Parish Clerk, confirming your address and whether you would like a full or half-sized plot.



CHAIRMAN'S SURGERY – FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER

Iain Duff will be at the Fleur de Lys on Friday 16th October from 5.00 to 6.30pm to welcome any residents with concerns or queries relating to matters in the parish.



ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE:

SOFEA Didcot Community Larder is open on Thursdays

Didcot Emergency Foodbank is open at Didcot Baptist Church on Tuesdays and Fridays

First Steps Baby Bank at Didcot Baptist Church on Tuesdays and Fridays

Cost Of Living Crisis An SODC page with a range of advice and support

The Community Hub can assist with isolation and financial help

Warm Welcome Space at Didcot Library, click the link for opening times and other nearby venues

Hagbourne Charities – hagbourne.charities@gmail.com or 01235 814024

East and West Hagbourne Fund – Contact David Stainthorp on 07711 802887 or email hagbournevillagefund@gmail.com

East Hagbourne (Coronavirus) Community Support Group - easthagbournecovid19@gmail.com or 07568 395228



DEFIBRILLATORS: The village defibrillators are available 24/7 at the following locations:
Outside the Village Shop at 114 New Road **Hagbourne Village Hall** (next to the main entrance)
Hagbourne Bowls Club on The Croft (defibrillator is wall mounted outside the gate)
In an emergency, call 999 – they will give you the access code.



USEFUL INFORMATION LINKS:

Fix My Street for reporting a wide variety of issues from potholes to fly tipping.

The **Countryside Access Map** can be used to report an issue with a countryside path or public right of way.

SODC Waste Services for information on waste services and reporting missed bin collections.

You can also use SODC's new **Bin Days web app** **One Network** for checking roadworks in the area.

SSEN Powertrack for information on planned/unplanned power cuts.

Thames Water Reporting to report issues to Thames Water

Planning applications received since the last newsletter:

P26/S3811/HH 7 Rymans Crescent, East Hagbourne - loft conversion including dormer to rear (East) roof slope and rooflight to front (West) roof slope

P26/S3990/HH 108 New Road, East Hagbourne – Replacement of conservatory with a single storey rear extension. Extension of existing utility lobby with single storey utility room and shower room.

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 15th October 2026
at The Pavilion, Great Mead**

All Council meetings are open to the public and we welcome your participation.

Agendas and Minutes of previous meetings are published at www.easthagbourne.net

Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman

Leaflet from Nurton It would seem that most, if not all, residents in the village have received an envelope containing a flyer from Nurton Developments announcing a public consultation event entitled "Shaping the Future of the Land Between Didcot and East Hagbourne". Many people have directly or indirectly asked me what the Parish Council is going to do about this.

Some of you may have seen the message from our Clerk on the village Facebook page explaining that, although the Parish Council had been aware of the possibility of development in this area, we had received no details of any firm proposals and were not aware that a public consultation was taking place until we received our own leaflets. We have since received an email from their Planning Director inviting us to attend the meeting.

So we really are as much in the dark as you are at present and look forward to finding out more about their plans from their website when it goes live on 28th September and from the consultation, but we are very conscious of the potential significance of a proposal of this scale for our parish. We understand from the information provided that Nurton intends to submit an outline planning application to South Oxfordshire District Council later this year.

The Parish Council recognises that a proposal of this scale could have significant implications for the village, and will examine the plans in detail against our Neighbourhood Plan and other relevant planning and local considerations. As we have not yet seen these detailed plans, it would be premature for the Parish Council to express a formal view at this stage. We will of course be actively involved in the planning process as it develops.

The consultation provides an opportunity for all of us to find out more about what is being proposed, to see the plans and supporting information, and to raise questions or provide feedback directly to the developer. Given the potential scale of the proposal and its implications for the village, I would encourage residents to attend the consultation on 5th October from 4-8pm at Hagbourne Village Hall and make use of this opportunity to find out more and express their views both to the developers and to your parish councillors.

Local Government News It was almost embarrassing to read my own note on this in the September Parish Magazine. As you may recollect, I reported that the Government decided on 16th July to support the three-council option for unitary councils in Oxfordshire. On September 7th, the Government then announced that these decisions would be postponed and that it would review its decisions on preferred options for Local Government Reorganization across England. While it appears that this is because of legal challenges in a few cases, it will cause at best a delay in any change to the council structure in Oxfordshire. Independently of any earlier criticism of the three-council option, both SODC and VWHDC and our County Council have voiced their disappointment and concern about this and the cost to them, and to us as taxpayers, of this delay.

The main effect will be that the local council elections in 2027 will be as normal, with elections of district councillors, in our case for two councillors for our SODC ward. As in the delayed plan, the Parish Council elections in May next year will proceed as normal. However, given the apparent political turmoil over this, who knows what I will be saying next month!

Pavilion Car Park The resurfacing of the pavilion car park in the recreation ground was finished on schedule and the nice tarmac surfacing with neatly delineated parking spaces and a disabled bay has been much admired. As I am writing this, the final stage of a disabled vehicle friendly ramp from the car park to the pavilion is now being finished. Hopefully this will all be even more worthwhile when the promised El Nino fuelled rains arrive.

Speed Signage There has been more progress with vehicle activated speed signs since the last magazine with pole installation by the county council scheduled for early this month. Hopefully, the speed signs will follow shortly thereafter.

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Cemetery drainage Although we really can't understand why it should be necessary and are still contesting it, we are having to submit a full planning application to SODC for the drainage works at the cemetery. Sadly, this has various statutory delays built into it so the work on the project will be delayed for at least a couple of months. We are very unhappy about this and just hope that we are able to do the work before we experience any significant rain fall.

Parish Surgeries My next parish surgery will be in the Fleur de Lys on Friday 16th October from 5.00 to 6.30 pm. As always, feel free to contact me (iain.duff@easthagbourne.net), the clerk or any other councillor should you have urgent concerns.

Parish Council meetings The next meeting of East Hagbourne Parish Council will be held in the Pavilion in the Recreation Ground starting at 7.30pm on Thursday 15th October. Members of the public are welcome, indeed encouraged; to attend the meeting and the agenda is posted on the Parish Council noticeboard outside the Community Shop and on the village website <https://easthagbourne.net/parish-council/meetings-minutes-agendas/> at least three clear days before the meeting.

Although I often ask the clerk or a council member to review parts of this page, and I am grateful for any improvements, this is not a formal or even approved article from the Parish Council. I accept full responsibility for any errors or omissions and do please alert me to any you find! Iain Duff

Didcot and District University of the Third Age

Learn, Laugh, Live! if you are retired or semi-retired why not consider meeting up with like-minded individuals and enjoy a healthy, convivial walk or learn to play an instrument, exchange horticultural ideas in a gardening group, or try one of the Wine Appreciation groups, then consider joining the Didcot & District U3A with over 30 Interest Groups there must be something for You! Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 2.30pm at Didcot Civic Hall. Visitors are welcome to come to one meeting as a taster before joining.

The next talk will be on Tuesday, 20th October at 2.30pm - Sing with Mandy who will present a "Brief History of Folk Music" (but beware - you will be invited to sing along!).

For more information: <https://www.didcot.u3asite.uk/>

Wednesday Sewing Class Places available in the Wednesday Sewing Class for complete beginners through to the more experienced sewer. The class is from 12:30 to 3:30 in Hagbourne Village Hall. Please contact sue.somani@sky.com 07748 771188

Ladies Thirsty Thursday LTT meets on the third Thursday of each month at The Fleur at 7.30pm for a friendly drink and an opportunity to meet other ladies in the village. Everyone welcome – come along to the next gathering on **Thursday 15th October.**

Hagbourne Bridge Club **If you can play bridge but haven't done so for a while – give us a go!** If you have never learnt to play bridge but would like to give it a try, why not come and see us? We meet every Thursday in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. We have a break around 8.30pm for light refreshments and usually finish playing cards by 10pm. It will cost you £3.

We look forward to seeing you. We are: Jill Garlick – 07873431144 hjgarlick@gmail.com
and Shirley Goss – 815605 shirley.goss@btinternet.com



Father Jason's Science Club is back!

This club is for EVERYONE. Every second Saturday of the month, 10 -11.30am at St Michael's Blewbury, **starting 10th October.** Each session will cover a different topic and will include the option to take part in an interesting experiment.

We need your books!

The South Moreton Community Book Sale is coming up on **Saturday 12th December 2026, 10am to 3pm at South Moreton Church** and we need LOTS more books to make it a brilliant success! If you're having a clear-out, please don't throw those books away. We want them! We'd love donations of: Fiction and non-fiction, children's books, cookery, gardening, history, travel and hobby books, Hardbacks and paperbacks, collectible, unusual and special books.

Donating is easy: Books can be left at the collection point in South Moreton Church porch. Please call us when you've dropped them off. Can't get them to us? No problem! We can arrange collection. Please call 07768 448351.



Looking for something different? Blewbury's Taizé service: every second Sunday of the month at 10.30am at St Michael's

This is a quiet, reflective Service with Bible readings, prayer, silence and singing as well as the opportunity to light candles. It is easy to learn Taizé chants as they are repeated again and again, using just a few words. These chants become a way of speaking to and listening to God. Our service shares the ethos of the Taizé Community which is located in the village of Taizé in Burgundy. We welcome people from all denominations and cultures – those who have a Christian faith and those who struggle to believe.

We sing in different languages to reflect this but English translations of what we are singing are also provided. Please do join us and bring your friends.



Wednesday Church: who are we and what are we for? Why do we call ourselves 'Wednesday Church?' The name was suggested back in 2011 when we began to meet on the first Wednesday of each month. A number of us from several different churches in the Didcot area, St Peter's and other C of E churches, Methodists, Baptists, and people from the King's Church, were concerned that there did not seem to be any provision for adults with special needs to meet and worship.

So, we have been meeting at St Peter's Church in Newlands Avenue, Didcot, since March 2011. St Peter's is an easily accessible modern building which is ideal for our purpose. Our members are adults of all ages who come because they want to and are brought in by their carers from several Day Centres around the area. They are welcomed at 10am with drinks and biscuits and various craft activities until 11am when we go into the church for our worship.

Our members contribute to our worship in many ways: lighting candles, ringing the bell, singing, making suggestions for thanksgiving and prayer. Sometimes we include percussion, wave streamers or dance! Even those in wheelchairs can join in!

The songs and prayers are projected onto the wall and Rosie Jackson Kilham interprets them with Makaton signing for those who appreciate that help. We would normally expect between forty and fifty people at our meetings but from time to time we have had up to seventy or more.

Our team continues to be ecumenical with many different skills. We welcome everyone and have many friends. Do drop in and share our worship sometime. It's fun! *Jenny Loder*



Churn Benefice Online Sunday Morning Church Service

Please help spread the word about our regular Online Service. This Service is at 10.30am each Sunday and became a necessity during Covid but has become popular with those people who are unable to attend Church.

The technology is easy but Elaine at the Benefice Office is happy to assist you.

Join in every Sunday using this link: **New user** <https://meet.goto.com/install>
Computer, tablet, smartphone <https://meet.goto.com/ChurnBenefice/sundayservice>

Bus service to the Churchill, Nuffield and Warneford Hospitals

The bus to catch for any of these hospitals from the centre of Oxford is number 15 which is every 1/4 hour during the day, taking 10-12 minutes, longer at busy times.

You can catch it near the entrance to the Covered Market or near Queen's Lane. Those stops work whether you're connecting from Didcot with the Thames Travel X32 or, quicker but more walking, using the train from Didcot. The set down points are announced on the bus; for the Warneford, Warneford Road; for the Churchill, Roosevelt Drive; for the Nuffield, the stop is further on, called Lime Walk, and is actually in Old Road near the Old Road entrance to the hospital.

The website for the 15 is <https://www.oxfordbus.co.uk/services/OXBC/15>, where you can also find a useful bus map and even live information. When using the X32 to Oxford, it's also possible to connect with the 15 near the Police Station, generally fewer people trying to get on at once.

Thames Travel bus service to Oxford and the JR Hospital from Didcot – X32

The X32 service starts at Cockcroft Road, Didcot, which might be a convenient point for some people to catch it - every 20 minutes. It then goes to GWP South and down Wantage Road, past Didcot Hospital, to the Orchard Centre, Station, and on to Oxford and the JR.

Useful extra local 94 bus on Saturdays There is a bus, just on Saturdays, at 8.45am from the Lower Cross East Hagbourne to the Didcot Orchard Centre and Didcot Station.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards Do you know someone who is interested in working towards a Duke of Edinburgh award? The Churn Benefice offers a wide range of opportunities for young people who wish to volunteer in the community, including work on eco projects. Please contact Elaine at the Benefice Office: 01235 850267

October Concerts in the Benefice Churches

John the Baptist, South Moreton 9th October -7.15pm Music for woodwind by J. S. Bach and Mussorgsky performed by sixth form musicians from Oxford High School. A concert in aid of St John the Baptist's Church, South Moreton. Musicians are Sixth Formers from Oxford High School, some of whom are already on the Junior Programmes of several conservatoires. Tickets £15 include interval drinks and canapes can be obtained <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/2000208835471?aff=oddttdtcreator>

St Michael's Blewbury 11th October at 5.15pm Jazz concert Tickets at £20 including a glass of wine or a soft drink are available from Gill & Richard Loyd on 07767 463285

The Dukes – our local Ukulele Band will be holding a “strum along” at Hagbourne Village Hall on Saturday, 10th October from 3pm until late. Tickets are £15 which includes food. The event will be raising funds for the Cornermen charity. 3pm Strum along and learn a new song. 7pm Food. 7.45 to 10pm Performances by special guests: Fragile Lucy and Matthew Quillian. Tickets can be obtained from <http://www.ticketsource.com/the-dukes-didcot-ukuleles>



First Steps Baby Bank supports families in need with free essential baby items. Through a simple referral they support families with all sorts of essential items for their little ones, including clothes and coats, Moses baskets, blankets and sleeping bags as well as nappies, toiletries, bottles, food and formula. We also support mums with essential hygiene items.

Please follow them on Facebook - First Steps Baby Bank - to keep up to date with what they are doing and what items we are most in need of.

You can also find out more on the website <https://firststepsbabybank.co.uk>.

Local Bus Service 94 and 94A between Didcot, East and West Hagbourne, Upton via Blewbury, Aston Upthorpe and South and North Moreton.

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No service on Sundays or Public Holidays																	

To look up timetables for all bus services please visit: www.oxfordbus.co.uk
 There are some printed timetables in the Community Shop. Buses from the Orchard Centre, Didcot, go to Wallingford, Henley, Wantage, Abingdon and Newbury.

Please use our local 94 and 94A bus to help keep the Service going.

Didcot Emergency Foodbank – food donations urgently needed.

If you are able to donate, these are some of the items most needed: Tins of meat, fish, vegetables, soup, fruit, puddings; Jars of pasta sauces, jam, peanut butter, coffee (small); Packets of pasta, rice, packets of dried potato, breakfast cereals, biscuits, treats, tea, hot chocolate; Cartons of long-life milk and long-life juice; Toiletries, toilet rolls and clothes-wash items. NO alcohol, razors, medicines or homemade preserves. **There is a collection point at Sainsbury's in Didcot.** All donations are gratefully appreciated.

If you need to use the Foodbank you can leave a message on the Baptist Church Office answering machine on 01235 813 187 or you can email the Foodbank: foodbank@didcotbaptist.org.uk or use the [contact form](#) on the website.



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