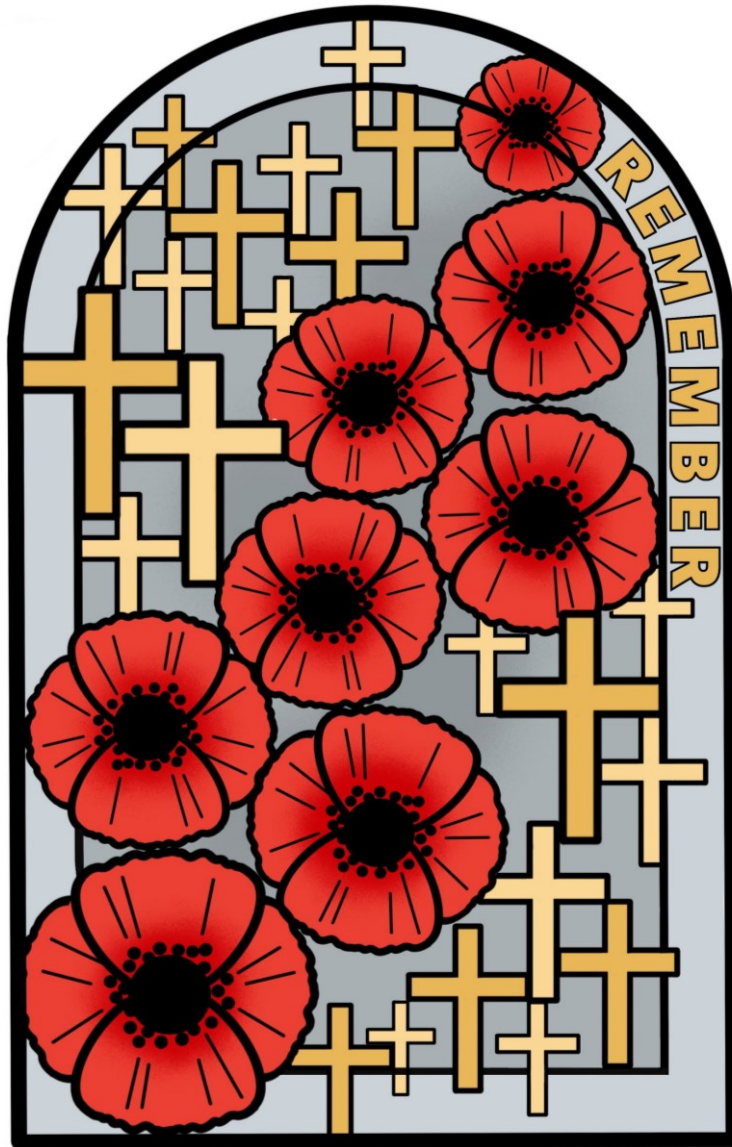


St Andrew's Hagbourne
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WE WILL REMEMBER
Remembrance Sunday 8th November

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

Thank you very much to the East and West Hagbourne Parish Councils
for giving the Parish Magazine a home on their websites
www.easthagbourne.net www.westhagbourne.org

CHURCH CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 2026

The Prayer Intentions for November are for all who live in East Hagbourne.

1 + Sunday ALL SAINTS' DAY

8am Holy Communion: St Michael's B
 9am Parish Eucharist: All Saints' AU
 9.15am Lay led Service: St Mary's U
 10.30am Parish Eucharist: 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
 3pm All Souls Service: St John the Baptist, SM
3pm Benefice All Souls Service: St Michael's B
 5pm Organ Recital for Remembrance: St Andrew's H
 6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H



Prayer Focus:

*Our worship,
 musicians,
 organists & choirs.*

2 Monday		8pm online Compline
3 Tuesday		8pm online Compline
4 Wednesday	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm online Compline
5 Thursday	7pm Time for quiet and reflection: Lady Chapel in St Michael's B	8pm online Compline
6 Friday		8pm online Compline
7 Saturday	10am to 1pm Autumn Fair: St Michael's Blewbury	

8 + Sunday REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10.30am Online Remembrance Day Service
 10.30am Remembrance Day Service: St Mary's U
 10.45am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial,
 followed by the Astons Remembrance Day Service at Aston URC
 10.45am Remembrance Day Service: South Moreton Recreation Ground
 10.50am RBL Remembrance Day Service: All Saints' North Moreton
 10.55am RBL Remembrance Day Service: St Michael's Blewbury
 12noon Act of Remembrance: Lower Cross War Memorial: East Hagbourne
 6pm Remembrance Day Service: including talk about "War and Peace in the
 age of Artificial Intelligence": St Andrew's H



*Churchwardens,
 fabric and
 churchyards.*

9 Monday		8pm online Compline
10 Tuesday		8pm online Compline
11 Weds	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm online Compline
	7.30pm Fellowship by the fire: Charity School House, Blewbury	
12 Thursday		8pm online Compline
13 Friday		8pm online Compline
14 Saturday	10.30 to 11.30am Fr Jason's Science Club: St Michael's Blewbury	

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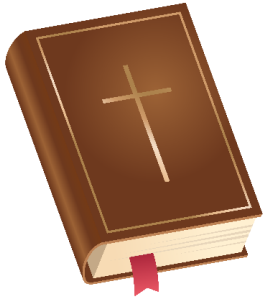


The Churn Benefice's Churches are:

St Andrew's Hagbourne (H), St Mary's Upton (U),
 St Michael's Blewbury (B), All Saints' Aston Upthorpe (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 wholesome and strengthening influence"

As you read these words, you may well be wondering to yourself: where do these words come from? Who wrote them? To what do they refer?

The words come from King George VI, and they appear at the front of the Bible given to all who were serving in the Armed Forces during the early years of the Second World War.

I have a copy of one of these Bibles, given to a certain John Hudson on 8th November 1940. I don't know if John survived the war, but his Bible did, and I have it in front of me as I write these words. The Bible issued by the King contains only the books of the New Testament – this kept the book small and easily portable.

The King's message in full reads as follows: "*To all serving in my forces by sea, or land, or in the air, and indeed, to all my people engaged in the defence of the Realm. I commend the reading of this book. For centuries the Bible has been a wholesome and strengthening influence in our national life, and it behoves us in these momentous days to turn with renewed faith to this Divine source of comfort and inspiration.*" These words are dated 15th September 1939 – right at the very beginning of the War.

Many have found the Bible to be indeed a source of "comfort and inspiration". It is a book for everyone – and not just a book for people who happen to believe in God. Everyone can benefit from engaging with it, just as everyone can benefit from experiencing a bit of Shakespeare.

But, like Shakespeare, it can be a challenging text. If you are interested in exploring the Bible further, I recommend having a look at the excellent resources provided by the Bible Society (www.biblesociety.org.uk). I would also recommend coming along to one of our Church Services, especially the 6pm service every Sunday at St Andrew's Hagbourne, where there is usually plenty of opportunity to discuss (and debate!) passages from the Bible in more detail.

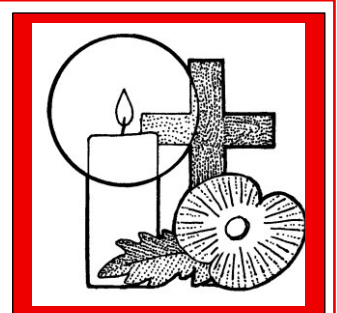
The Bible is indeed a "wholesome and strengthening influence" – but only if we are prepared to engage with it, and bring an open and inquiring mind. *Father Jason*

Free Organ Recital

St Andrew's Hagbourne, 5pm, 1st November

As our next recital will be in the week leading up to Remembrance Sunday, Father Jason will play a specially composed Organ Requiem dedicated to the Berkshire Yeomanry and the Royal Berkshire Regiment, both of which have strong local connections.

ALL WELCOME TO THIS FREE ORGAN RECITAL!



Remembrance Sunday, 8th November 2026

**There will be an Act of Remembrance and Laying of Wreaths
at the Hagbourne War Memorial, Lower Cross,
East Hagbourne at 12noon on Sunday, 8th November.**

6pm – Remembrance Sunday Service at St Andrew's

Church Calendar and Diary November 2026 continued . . .

Prayer Focus:



*Clergy and all
who preach or lead*

15 +Sunday SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

9am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's AT
10am to 1pm Christmas Market: North Moreton village hall
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B
10.30am Family Communion: St Andrew's H
10.30am Online Benefice Service
4pm Service of the Word: All Saints' NM
6pm Ringers' Service: St Andrew's H
6pm Talk about how "A Christmas Carol" came to be written: St Michael's B

16 Monday		8pm online Compline
17 Tuesday		8pm online Compline
18 Weds	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm online Compline
19 Thursday	10am MU Holy Communion: St Mary's U	8pm online Compline
20 Friday		8pm online Compline
21 Saturday	10.30am to 4pm Craft and Gift Fair: St Andrew's H	

22 +Sunday CHRIST THE KING

9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U
10.30am No Service in St Michael's B due to
"A Christmas Carol" in Church (details on page 14)
10.30am Online Benefice Service
4pm Service of the Word: All Saints' NM
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H



*PCC's all in
leadership
& our
Benefice
Operations
Manager.*

23 Monday		8pm online Compline
24 Tuesday		8pm online Compline
25 Weds	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm online Compline
	7.30pm Fellowship by the fire: Charity School House, Blewbury	
26 Thursday		8pm online Compline
27 Friday		8pm online Compline
28 Saturday	10.30am – Draw for Christmas Tree Festival locations: St Andrew's H	

29 +Sunday ADVENT SUNDAY

10.30am Online Benefice Service
4pm Benefice Advent Carol Service: St Michael's Blewbury
6pm St Andrew's Day celebration: St Andrew's H



*Pastoral care
and visiting.*

30 Monday		8pm online Compline
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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

Father Jason St John Nicolle – 01235 850267 – office@churnchurches.co.uk

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

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook:

Look for @churnchurches on Instagram and Churn-Benefice on Facebook.



Tower Talk

We held our tower quarterly meeting on Tuesday 6th October following a shortened ringing practice. The meeting was well attended with lots to discuss re; the future of the tower.

Jill's next training day is Saturday 14th November at 10.30am for an hour, method to be confirmed.

Hopefully we will ring the bells half muffled on 8th November, **Remembrance Sunday** and leave the muffles on for the practice on the Tuesday evening. It is a little bit different ringing bells half muffled, and it will give all of our ringers the chance to have a go.

Ringer's Sunday will take place on Sunday 15th November; there will be ringing as usual for Morning Service. Some of the band are hoping to ring a quarter peal that evening, starting at 5pm, for Ringer's Evensong which starts at 6pm. Many thanks to Fr Jason who will take the Evening Service which will be followed by light refreshments. Shirley Goss.

Birthdays – 2nd November – Alan Foster

Dates for the diary: Sunday 8th November – **Remembrance Sunday**

Sunday 15th November – **Ringer's Sunday**

Churchwardens chatter

The Churchwardens have been a bit busy just lately. As well as the usual events and happenings, we have been trying to get the kitchen refurbished in a timely manner. Jane has been doing a wonderful job of project management, and we are now in sight of the end, just the floor to go. What a difference it has made. I hope you will all enjoy using it to its fullest.

But back to the usual state of affairs - I hope many of you were able to enjoy the Light Trail organised so beautifully by Justine. Please let us know your thoughts on this. We always welcome any comments (good or bad) that you wish to make known to us. For instance, the Organ Recitals continue to please everyone, do you have any further similar ideas that we can put into action?

It will soon be the Arts and Crafts event on 21st November, so ably organised by Linda Benton, just in time to buy your special Christmas presents. Then we look forward to the Christmas Tree Festival. This seems to go from strength to strength. I hope you are sponsoring a tree! This event always is a delight to behold in our lovely Church. Thank you to all of the organisers for doing such a wonderful job. We will soon be planning next year's calendar of events - if you have an idea that you would like us to plan in, please let us know. Jane and Jill

A Talk about "A Christmas Carol" You will see on page 14 in the magazine, that the Blewbury Players are putting on "A Christmas Carol" in St Michael's Blewbury. Prior to that, Dr Julia Saunders will give a talk "Dickens and the haunted Christmas" – How "A Christmas Carol" came to be written **on Sunday 15th November at 6pm in St Michael's, Blewbury. All welcome!**



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

Baptism in the Benefice

18th October **Edward Sebastian Husbands** was baptised at St Michael's Aston Tirrold.
May God's blessing of peace and joy be with him and protect him all of his days.

Funerals in the Benefice

9th October at St Andrew's Hagbourne **Doreen Cooper**, aged 84.

12th October at St Andrew's Hagbourne: Memorial Service for Stanley Edward Eldon MBE, aged 90.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.





CAMPAIGNING by MU members comes to the fore in November. For many years our charity has joined forces with others to support the **16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence**. This runs from November 25th, which is the **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women**, to December 10th, **International Human Rights Day**.

Special meetings and prayer events are held during this 16-day period, but MU works alongside communities to help end domestic abuse and gender-based violence and to support those affected by it, 365 days of the year. MU is very much aware that men as well as women can be victims of domestic abuse. Some branches in the Oxford Diocese give practical support to Women's Refuges.



Particular to Mothers' Union is the RISE UP campaign:

R – RESPOND appropriately to disclosures
I – INFORM; become more knowledgeable
S – SUPPORT those who have experienced abuse
E – EMPOWER; become strengthened to act where possible
U – UNITE with the Holy Spirit and
P - PRAY

We encourage and welcome you to join us for a half hour prayer service during the 16 Days, on Saturday 5th December at 10am in Blewbury Church. This issue touches many lives and is often hidden.

Our monthly Holy Communion service followed by refreshments at Upton church will be on **Thursday 19th November 10am at St. Mary's Church, Upton**. All are very welcome. Join us and Join in. *The Revd Louise Butler 07837 009730, leader, Churn MU branch*



All Souls' Service

St Michael's Blewbury, 1st November 3.00pm.

All are very welcome at our annual Service of Commemoration, which includes the lighting of candles and the reading out of names of loved ones we have lost. Limited disabled parking available at the Benefice Office. Anyone who would like to have a loved one remembered at this service is welcome to send names to Elaine in the Benefice Office 01235 850267

ROTAS	1st November All Saints Day	15th November 2nd Sunday before Advent	6th December 2nd Sunday of Advent	General Notes: <i>if you are unable to do duty, please let your organiser know or find a suitable replacement.</i> <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!</i> <i>Help will be needed at the Christmas Tree Festival which starts on 4th December, please watch for notices.</i>
Readers	Revelation 7 vv 9-end Colin Windsor 1 John 3 vv 1-3 Mo Windsor	Zephaniah 1, 7, vv 12-end Myra Hardiman 1 Thessalonians 5 vv 1-11 Sally Duncan	Isaiah 40 vv 1-11 Trevor Goss 2 Peter 3 vv 8-15a Shirley Goss	
Intercessions	Celebrant	Celebrant	Celebrant	
Sidesmen	Wendy Price Chris Price	Trevor Goss Sally Duncan	Richard Powell Marian Powell	
Coffee	Marian Powell Gillian Harries	Jill Garlick Sally Duncan	Shirley Goss Helen Clayson	
Flowers Lady Chapel	Joy Napper	Marian Powell	No flowers in Advent	
Flowers High Altar	Myra Hardiman	Shirley Goss	No flowers in Advent	

Time to join in with the Tree Festival Fun

St Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival Week 4th to 12th December

Events not to miss:

**Carols in the Close followed by the lighting
the trees in Church – 4th December**

Carols on the Farm – 6th December

Wreath Workshops – 9th & 10th December

**Extra this year – The Big Festival Quiz on Friday,
11th December at the Village Hall**

and the Grand Christmas Raffle . . .



There will be Soup Lunches,
mince pies, mulled wine, tea,
coffee and cake on offer with
various entertainments.



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 Around 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.

Support our Fundraising by taking part and ordering your trees.

This year the proceeds of the Festival will be shared between **The Crew Club** at Hagbourne
School, **Edith's Big Build** and **St Andrew's Church**.

The Crew Club brings together and supports 30 young people who help care for family
members at home. **Edith's Big Build** is helping the family of Edith Williams to adapt their
home to meet Edith's increasing needs caused by her degenerative condition.

Come and join in! Order your tree(s) today!

The cost to sponsor a sustainably sourced tree is £28 for a 4ft tree, **whether in the
Church or for your own front garden. Please find the sign-up form on page 13.**



Carols in the Close

6.30pm – Friday 4th December

**Come along to Church Close, East Hagbourne
and sing along with Blewbury Brass Band**



Followed by the Christmas Tree Festival "Big Switch On"

Mulled wine, hot chocolate, mince pies and sweet treats for all!

Festival Raffle tickets will be on sale.



East Hagbourne Community Shop

Since 2003 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!

We are particularly in need of Saturday morning volunteers.

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/

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR RE-OPENING DATE!

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

SHOP UPDATES

We've been closed for 2 weeks of long-needed renovation, not only to make good after the fortress removal, but an opportunity to consider how the Shop can better serve our customers and volunteers. This first phase will give us a clean canvas to refresh and refashion our Shop as a welcoming neighbourhood hub and a valuable amenity for our community today.

The 'Before' and 'After' pictures and video clips on our Facebook page demonstrate the enthusiastic volunteer efforts and excellent professional work supporting our renovation.

The Shop Committee extends its warmest appreciation to the many community members who volunteered to assist us in packing, dismantling, disposal, storage, purchase, assembly, re-fitting and re-stocking, including Doug and Carol Amos, Bill Barksfield, Andrew Dance, Sally Duncan, Ian Dyer, the Ferrousset family, Pam Hamer, Kay Hardie, Marcus Jones, Alex Kay, Sharon Langford, Vanessa & Donnie Paton, Lisa O'Connor, Dave & Yen Rickeard, Kay Thompson, Alice Smith and Mo & Colin Windsor – with Eileen's sincere apologies to any names she may have missed in error.

Huge thanks also to the talented local contractors who have helped create our new look: Pete Wood of Pipes and Wires (pete@pipesandwires.co.uk); Dave Webb's plaster mastery (daverwebb@hotmail.co.uk); Gary Cuddon's floor to ceiling paintwork (garycuddon@aol.com); Gary of GHB Projects' IKEA counter installation (07561 592573); and Station Flooring.

ALL INVITED TO SHOP RE-OPENING FIRST WEEK NOVEMBER!

Stop in to see our new look for yourself, and find all of your local favourites, including free-range eggs, local unprocessed honey, our own handmade marmalade, **Dark Horse roasted coffees**, **Kings Piece pear juice**, **Style Acre Pantry's New York Chocolate Chip Cookies** and **Natural Bread Company's artisanal bread and pastries**.

We're also delighted to introduce you to **NEW favourites!** We're delighted to offer locally grown and pressed **St Mary's Convent Apple Juice**, Hanney's homemade **Well Preserved chutneys**, **pickles and jams**, Oxfordshire - grown and Wantage-milled **Wessex Mill Four** and selected luxe comestibles, including **Moore's Biscuits**.



Follow us on Facebook for details on our re-opening date!

More Shop news continued on page 9 . . .

East Hagbourne Community Shop continued . . .

*Warmest thanks to all involved in the Shop Renovation from
The Shop Committee: Sally Barksfield, Sally Dance, Pat
Elderfield, Heather Ferrousett, Rachel Hornsey, Eileen Mahoney,
Steve Nicholson and Jenny Smith*



NATURAL BREAD COMPANY GOODS EACH SATURDAY

Pre-order sourdough or other breads and delicious pastries by 4pm Wednesday for collection the following Saturday! Browse the range either in the Shop or download here: <https://drive.google.com/.../1hpdJL4s64-gr.../view...> Simply order in the Shop or email us with your selections at: <mailto:easthagbourneshop@gmail.com>



Save the Date:

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS STALL

Saturday 12th December 9am – 12:00

Mark your diaries for our festive annual Christmas Bakery Stall, held 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 artists' crafts, cards and Christmas treats including **breads, pastries and seasonal treats** from the Natural Bread Company, **festive, giftable selections from of our local makers**, and **Monica's quality crafts and gifts**; and, of course, **pick up your lucky Tree Festival 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

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

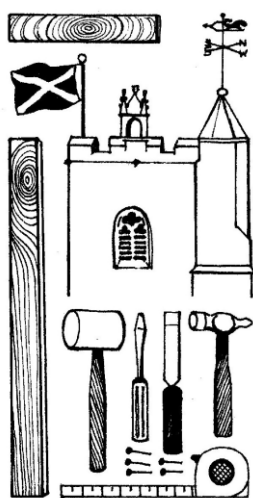
Coffee & Kids! - your local baby and toddler group

Please remember: 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 2nd November** in the Vale Room, Blewbury Village Hall. Do join us at a time that suits you. We welcome all bumps! babies and toddlers, along with parents, grandparents or carers.

AND - an extra trial afternoon session: **Wednesday 18th November 1.30pm - 3pm.**

Some families might find this a better day and for those with older children, we finish near to school pick-up time. We are trying to find the best time to meet up, so do let us know what is most convenient for you.

At both sessions you will find 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 look forward to welcoming you. Any queries, text Louise on 07837 009730



Quiz at the Fleur

Monday 23rd November 2026, 7:30pm

Teams up to 6 people, £5 per person (numbers of teams limited)

RAFFLE

Meals available before the quiz. Booking required.

Contact the Fleur de Lys to enter: 01235 813247

info@thefleurdelyspub.co.uk



Proceeds to the Friends of St Andrews. We look after the Hagbourne Church building.

HUGS - Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability



National Emergency Briefing

The process began on the premise that we, the public, should be fully aware of the evidence of what's happening to our planet. Rather than be lost in a vacuum filled with disinformation. The briefing aims to push the climate and biodiversity emergencies up to where they need to be on the government agenda, commensurate with the risks involved. These risks are to our environment, our health, our economy, our food security and more.

The briefing took place in London a year ago. Ten leading experts from the fields of climate, weather extremes, nature, health impacts, national security, energy transition and food security informed an audience of more than 1200 people (including more than 150 MPs) of what will happen if we continue on the path we're already on.

A couple of the facts presented -

- By 2050, 1 in 4 properties in England will be at risk of flooding (Prof Hayley Fowler, University of Newcastle). She also said that right now, this is the least extreme climate that we'll see in our lifetimes.
- The UK government is not adapting quickly enough to a rapidly changing climate - weak governance, unclear responsibilities and insufficient funding (2025 Climate Change Committee Report).

Since the briefing, a one-hour film has been made for local screenings around the UK. Several screenings have taken place in surrounding towns and villages. Look out for more info on local screenings. Bath University has conducted research with NEB screening audiences. Based on over 13,000 responses -

- 57% reported feeling more hopeful after seeing it (versus 17% less)
- 87% feel motivated to act after seeing it

In the meantime, if you want to watch any of the expert presentations, they are available to watch on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/@nebriefing>
www.hugsustainability.org

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



Hagbourne Garden Club

We will be meeting on **Thursday, 26th November** at the Pavilion. Doors will open for refreshments at 7pm. The talk will start at 7.30pm. The topic this month is **Seven Secrets of great pruning** - *a talk by Claire Mitchell* Learning how to tackle pruning like a professional, including the best kit to use, how to decide what to prune and when, and the top tips to make your plants bloom and flower best.

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

Advent Collection for Oxfordshire Homeless

Please donate a gift for a homeless person

Homeless Oxfordshire are again running their Christmas Appeal for donations that can become Christmas gifts for their homeless clients. They aim to create personal care boxes so the items that are needed are: Toiletry gift sets, boxes of chocolates and nice socks (the type that you would give as a present).

There is always a need for everyday toiletries, clothing (mostly men's size S to L tracksuits, socks, underwear). Also much needed are toothpaste, toothbrushes, liquid handwash, shower gel and shampoo. New towels, new underwear and sanitary items.

Sorry, second-hand clothing cannot be accepted.

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ITEMS IN THE HAMPER IN ST ANDREW'S AND WE WILL GET THEM TO O'HANLON HOUSE IN OXFORD IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS.

Thank you for your kind generosity from the Hagbourne Action Group



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>



THE BIG TREEFEST QUIZ

7:00PM DECEMBER 11TH
HAGBOURNE VILLAGE HALL



£10 per person.



Teams of up to 8 people



Hot supper provided



Licensed Bar



**To enter your team
email douga_msn@live.com**

Proceeds to TreeFest



CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOPS

Join us for a fun, creative afternoon or evening as our guides help you to make your own festive wreath to take home.

Enjoy seasonal treats while you work plus mulled wine, Prosecco or hot drinks

All Materials Supplied

£45 per person
(Proceeds to TreeFest)

Weds, Dec 9th	Thurs, Dec 10th
2:00pm Daylight Session	7:30pm Evening
7:30pm Evening	

To book, please email
hagbournechristmaswreaths@gmail.com



A TreeFest Event
Please Book Early

At The Church



St Andrew's Church, East Hagbourne **TreeFest 2026: 4-12 December**

Church & Village TREE ORDER FORM

Thank you for taking part in this year's TreeFest in aid of Edith's Big Build and The Crew Club for young carers at Hagbourne School. For more info on the Festival and these causes please visit [www. https://easthagbourne.net](https://easthagbourne.net)

CHURCH Trees: Please complete & return the slip below to
Rosey Gardiner at Rowan, York Road, West Hagbourne OX11 0NG or email it to:
the4gardeners@btinternet.com by Thursday 26th November 2026.

VILLAGE Trees: Please complete & return the slip below to
Sarah Wright at 1 Church Close, East Hagbourne OX11 9LP or email it to:
sarahtreefest@gmail.com by Thursday 26th November 2026.

TREES ARE £28 for a 4ft Nordmann Fir tree. *Please note - your tree order is not confirmed until payment is received, thank you.*

Church trees will be in place & available to decorate from 2pm on Wednesday 2nd December until 4pm on Friday 5th December. Optional theme is "**Christmas All Over The World**"

Village trees for front gardens will be available for collection from The Pavilion in East Hagbourne on Tuesday 1st December from 2pm-6pm.

Please complete section/s applicable to you & return to relevant person (see above).

If you would like a tree in the church AND a village tree just fill in one form and send to either Sarah or Rosey.

All trees are £28

CHURCH TREES: Please state the name of Family/Business/Group that you wish to appear on the name card next to your tree in Church:

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VILLAGE TREES: quantity required: Address of Tree:

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Please could ALL participants also complete the following:

Contact Person:..... Tel:

Email:.....

BACs: Account Name: HAGBOURNE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Account Number: 39110863. Sort Code: 30 98 97. Please use your name or organization as a reference.

Alternatively enclose cash/cheque with this form & drop at relevant address listed above.

Cheques are payable to: **HAGBOURNE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

BLEWBURY PLAYERS – “A Christmas Carol” at St Michael’s Church, Blewbury

Dickens’ timeless “A Christmas Carol” comes to life in the atmospheric setting of St Michael’s Church with ghosts, drama, live traditional carols and 75 minutes of Christmas magic.



“A Christmas Carol” by Charles Dickens adapted by Myf Laugharne. Directed by Jo Laugharne and designed by Loraine Fergusson. **St Michael’s Church, Blewbury, 25-28th November at 7.30 pm and 3pm on the Saturday.** Box Office opens at 9am on 30th October @ www.blewburyplayers.co.uk Adult £15 Child £8, recommended age 7+.

Myf Laugharne’s adaptation stays wonderfully true to Dickens’ original novella, with a few twists along the way. Along with ghostly characters and dramatic events we will have a band enhancing the action with traditional carols. We have been given permission to hold our production in St Michael’s at Blewbury, a wonderful performance space which will be true and even add to the atmosphere which Dickens originally created. We are extremely grateful to Father Jason and the Parochial Church Council for this fantastic opportunity.

This is a performance that will transport you to Victorian London and you will leave with Christmas spirit. We may be a little early with our performance in late November, but we want to inject a little piece of Christmas spirit for everyone to take away with them, as Advent begins.



Advent starts on Sunday 29th November!

Please join us for the Benefice Advent Carol Service at **St Michael’s Blewbury at 4pm.** Led by St Michael’s Choir, the Service will reflect our longing for the Light. As always there will be plenty of congregational singing too. We look forward to welcoming you!

Christmas Church Services for the diary

6th December at 5pm: Organ recital Goodfellow will play a programme of Advent and Christmas music by Duprè, Bach and Leighton (St Andrew’s H)

20th December at 4pm: Carols by candlelight with the Benefice choir (St Michael’s B)

20th December at 6pm: Informal Carol Service: come and request your favourite! (St Andrew’s H)

24th December at 2pm and 3pm: Crib Services (St Andrew’s H)

24th December at 11.30: Midnight Mass (St Andrew’s H)

25th December at 10.30: Christmas Day Family Service (St Andrew’s H)

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, **the next session is on Saturday, 14th November.** Each session will cover a different topic and will include the option to take part in an interesting experiment.

Chosen Sister Festive Feast at Fleur de Lys ***Gather, Feast & Celebrate***

East Hagbourne neighbours, Bella, Millie and Rach, are bringing the village together for a festive evening of shared tables and seasonal food at The Fleur de Lys.

Our festive feast is cooked by local chef Bella, a private chef to the rich and famous with over a decade of experience in high profile events.

Your ticket includes a welcome drink and a family-style festive feast. Bring your friends, your neighbours, your chosen family.

No turkey in sight but plenty of festive cheer.

**Come Hungry! Monday 30th November,
Fleur De Lys, East Hagbourne.**



Welcome drink at 7pm, dinner from 7.30pm. Tickets £65 per person.

To book tickets & see the menu: www.tickettailor.com/events/chosensister
or email hello@chosensister.com

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 19th November.**

Post Office Services in our neighbouring villages

Now that our Village Post Office is closed and there is uncertainty about the Didcot Post Office at T.G. Jones it is useful to know about our nearest Services.

Astons Post Office

Astons Village Hall, Thorpe Street, Aston Upthorpe. OX11 9EQ

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- Services include:
- Royal Mail and Parcel Force
 - Special delivery
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Blewbury Post Office

Blewbury Village Hall, Heather Way, Blewbury. OX11 9QQ

Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am to 3pm

Wednesday 9am to 12 midday – closed Saturdays

- Services include:
- Royal Mail and Parcel Force
 - Everyday personal and business banking
 - Top-ups
 - Foreign currency – Euros available.

Celebration of Yen Rickeard's latest book 'Midas Adrift', a step aside from her previous series – 7th November – Village Hall

Please join us at the Village Hall on Saturday 7th November, 4.20pm until 6pm, for a look at the book and maybe a quick nibble! No purchase required.

Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman

The Green Gap Last month I was reporting on a leaflet that most people in the village received from Nurton Developments concerning a proposal for building on the iconic green gap off New Road. Since then, they released more details on the www.landatnewroad.co.uk website and then held a public consultation in the Village Hall on 5th October. This was discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 15th October which was attended by several Members of the Public. A great many villagers and people from Fleet Meadow and beyond attended the consultation with many making very clear their opposition to the scheme. There was not much more detail than on their website and many people thought those presenting the proposal were very uninformed about the area or the history behind the green gap. Opinion was divided as whether this was because this was a done deal or whether there were just taking a punt and were not overly engaged with respect to the outcome.

As I mentioned, last month, it is difficult for the Parish Council to say too much before an actual planning application is received but, on the assumption that this will happen, we made a decision at our Parish Council meeting on 15th October to get the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG) to review the current development proposal, consider implications against local and national planning policies, and prepare preliminary comments and recommendations for consideration by the Council should plans be submitted. We also noted that the NPSG, who are an advisory working group comprising both councillors and community volunteers, could involve additional people and would receive and take into account any comments from councillors or members of the public. We felt this appropriate as they already have expertise and experience when preparing the current Neighbourhood Plan that was adopted by SODC on 22nd February 2024.

Indeed, many people have written to the developers, giving strong arguments why the development is totally inappropriate. Several of these have been copied to the Parish Council and we have been pleased to receive these and will pass them to the NPSG to help them prepare recommendations for the Council. We are already receiving a significant volume of email on this topic and encourage and welcome any of your thoughts and comments, although please accept our apologies for not necessarily entering into deep individual discussions on this. We are also aware of the social media groups who are already preparing for a campaign against any inappropriate development. As I said earlier, the Parish Council will become very fully engaged should a planning application be submitted.

Speed Signage and Cemetery Drainage These important projects are progressing rather more slowly than one would like. The speed signage indicators are on order and hopefully will be installed next month. We have both a lawful development certificate and a full planning application submitted for the Cemetery drainage. The consultation period for the latter ended on 26th October and we hope to have a decision by 13th November.

Public Art Project The gates for the Recreation Ground designed and made by Julie Grose, have just been installed and look dramatic. The sculpture by Alex Wenham on land by St Andrew's Crescent near Main Road, is planned to consist of three large stones standing close to each other with carvings of local plants or animals. The size of these stones means that we need a planning application, making three applications for planning by the Parish Council in the last couple of months!

Parish Surgeries My next parish surgery will be in the Fleur de Lys on Friday 13th November 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 12th November. 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



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COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY GRANTS

Each South Oxfordshire District Councillor has £7,500 to award to projects and activities that offer community benefits in their ward area, budget permitting. The application deadline is midday on 4th December. More information can be found on the [SODC's Councillor Community Grant Page](#)



CHAIRMAN'S SURGERY – FRIDAY 13th NOVEMBER

Iain Duff will be at the Fleur de Lys on Friday 13th November 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 Stainthorpe on 07711 802887 or email hagbournevillagefund@gmail.com

East Hagbourne (Coronavirus) Community Support Group - easthagbourncovid19@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 gates).

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 including potholes, overhanging vegetation and street lighting.

The [Countryside Access Map](#) can be used to report an issue with a countryside path or public right of way.

[One Network](#) for checking roadworks in the area.

[SODC Waste Services](#) for information on waste services and reporting missed bin collections.

You can also use SODC's new [Bin Days web app](#)

[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/S4226/FUL East & West Hagbourne Cemetery - French drain and soakaway

P26/S4497/HH Falcarragh House, 12B The Croft, East Hagbourne – Construction of a single storey open-fronted garage

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 12th November 2026
at The Pavilion, Great Mead**

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

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, 17th November at 2.30pm – Jennifer Cowling will be giving a talk about **"The extraordinary things we say"** The talk will ask, are you the kind of person who happily uses phrases such as *"a turn of the screw"* or *"a turn up for the book"*, *"cupboard love"* or been *"taken to the cleaners"* in your everyday conversations – **a light-hearted look at figures of speech.** 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

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: 20th November.**

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.

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.

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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Upton Village Hall				0903								1723			
West Hagbourne The Horse & Harrow				0905								1725			
Harwell Campus Bequerel Avenue				0916	0922							1735	1740		
West Hagbourne Moor Lane	0645	0738	0751	▼	1027			1227		1427	1602	▼	1837		
West Hagbourne The Horse & Harrow	0646	0739	0752		0931	1028		1228		1428	1603		1749	1838	▼
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Aston Upthorpe The Chequers		0755	0808		1044			1244		1444	1619		1854		▼
South Moreton The Crown		0801	0814		1050			1250		1450	1625		1900		▼
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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 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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