

St Andrew's Hagbourne
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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 Taking a Break

Well, it's August and it's a traditional time for holidays. I don't know whether you are in a position to take a break this month. It might be that this simply isn't possible, for health or financial reasons, or perhaps because of family obligations. It might be that you have holidays planned for later in the year.

It does us all good to get a break, if we can. In the Bible, God himself is pictured as having a break from his work of creation. God is said to rest on the seventh day - even God only works six days a week. This is one reason why Jews observe a day of rest every week, called the Sabbath. Christians have continued this tradition, shifting the day of rest from Saturday to Sunday, in honour of Christ's resurrection, which happened early on a Sunday morning.

You may remember the time when shops and other places were closed on a Sunday. The idea behind this was that there should be at least one day of the week when we had the time and space to rest and recharge our batteries. Of course, people's experience of an old-fashioned Sunday varied enormously. For some people, it was certainly not a day of rest. For others, perhaps especially for children, and if we go back say 100 years ago, it could be a day of boredom and restriction.

Our world has changed enormously and nowadays we live very different lives. But I think we could benefit from setting aside a day a week for rest and recreation. It might be that finding a whole day is not going to be realistic, so perhaps half a day.

Rest and recreation come in lots of different forms. It needn't involve spending any money. It needn't involve going anywhere. It might simply be about giving ourselves permission to have a bit of "me" time.

The last few months have been particularly stressful for many of us, perhaps for all of us. I think we could all do with a bit of a rest.

You might be planning on a holiday - going away somewhere nice, or perhaps a staycation at home. Or a holiday might simply not be on the cards. But in any event, I think a bit of a break will do us all the world of good!

Father Jason

Churn Benefice Online Church Services Sundays at 10.30am. Login or connect at 10am to chat before the Service. Weekday evenings – Compline at 8pm. You can join using a computer, laptop, tablet, smart phone or landline. Please check with the website or the Churn leaflet for the service access codes and full details of how to join each week.

Bookings for Weddings and Baptisms During the current situation provisional bookings for Weddings, Baptisms etc may be made online by contacting the church office via email www.churnchurches.co.uk Dawn, the Office Administrator will be available via emails during her normal office hours.

CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR AUGUST 2020

The Intentions this month are for all who live in the Astons and Upton

1 Saturday

2+Sunday THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

. 10.30am Online Benefice Service

3 Monday 8pm Compline

4 Tuesday 8pm Compline

5 Wednesday S. Oswald Martyr 8pm Compline

. 12pm Teddy Bears Picnic Praise: St Andrew's H

. 4pm Teddy Bears Picnic Praise: St Michael's B

6 Thursday Transfiguration of Our Lord

. 8pm Compline

7 Friday 8pm Compline

8 Saturday S. Dominic

9+Sunday THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

. 10.30am Online Benefice Service

10 Monday 8pm Compline

11 Tuesday S. Clare of Assisi 8pm Compline

12 Wednesday 8pm Compline

13 Thursday 8pm Compline

14 Friday 8pm Compline

15 Saturday The Blessed Virgin Mary

16+Sunday THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

. 10.30am Online Benefice Service

17 Monday 8pm Compline

18 Tuesday 8pm Compline

19 Wednesday 8pm Compline

20 Thursday S. Bernard Abbot 8pm Compline

21 Friday 8pm Compline

22 Saturday

23+Sunday THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

. 10.30am Online Benefice Service

24 Monday **S. Bartholomew Apostle** 8pm Compline

25 Tuesday 8pm Compline

26 Wednesday 8pm Compline

27 Thursday S. Monica Mother of Augustine of Hippo 8pm Compline

28 Friday S. Augustine of Hippo Bishop 8pm Compline

29 Saturday Beheading of John the Baptist

30+Sunday THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

. 10.30am Online Benefice Service

31 Monday S. Aidan Bishop 8pm Compline

Prayer Focus

Newmans Close U

*PCC's, all leadership and
our Benefice Administrator.*

Orchard Close U

Pound Lane U

Prospect Road U

Christ in Glory

Reading Road U

Station Road U

Preachers

*Clergy and all who preach
or lead.*

Stream Road U

Poor Clares

Aston Street A

Baker Street A

Chalk Hill A

St Mary's

*Treasurers and Church
Finances.*

Downs View A

Edlins Cottages A

Fullers Road A

Religious Communities

Hagbourne Road A

Moreton Road A

*Sidesmen, Helpers with
hospitality, catering, flowers*

Rectory Lane A

Sheepcote A

Spring Lane A

The Close A

Teachers of the Faith

Martyrs

Pastoral care & visiting.

The Croft A

Short daily reflection and prayer During weekdays Fr Jason is writing a short reflection and prayer. You can find these on the Churn website www.churnchurches.co.uk or if you would like to receive these please contact the Benefice Office on 01235 850267 or email the Office office@churnchurches.co.uk

THE CHURCH IN OUR BENEFICE continues to be alive and active, but our buildings must remain closed for Services at present, however:

St Andrew's will be OPEN for PRIVATE PRAYER on WEDNESDAYS from 10am to 12noon and on SATURDAYS from 2pm to 4pm. Social Distancing should be observed and Stewards will be on duty.



You can contact The Revds Jason, Louise and John by telephone or email. Dawn, the Benefice Administrator is working from home with full access to Benefice emails during her normal office hours.

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office@churnchurches.co.uk

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John 01235 512987

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The Churn leaflet and Readings along with information about Benefice activities for the current week are distributed by email – please ask family, friends and neighbours to contact Dawn at: **office@churnchurches.co.uk** if they would like to receive them. For details of **online Sunday Services** and other online events please look at the website: **www.churnchurches.co.uk**



Teddy Bears Picnic Praise

Wednesday 5th August

This year our Benefice Teddy Bears Picnic will be slightly different - we will be on church grounds and include story and thank you prayers.

Following a thorough risk assessment to limit the spread of COVID 19, Hagbourne and Blewbury PCCs have approved that we can meet OUTSIDE church at two venues:

Hagbourne Church at 12 noon, outside the South Porch

Blewbury Church at 4pm beside the North Porch

We welcome pre-school children with older siblings and other family members. Family groups will be seated 2 metres apart. Please bring rugs, picnics and TEDDY BEARS. Toilet facilities are available at both locations. Please pray for fine weather! We cannot meet if wet. For more information, contact Revd Louise Butler, 07837 009 730

Funerals in the Benefice

25th June at South Oxfordshire Crematorium

Debbie Edmondson, Hagbourne

Aged 54

8th July at St Michael's Aston Tirrold

Helen Young

Aged 96

13th July at All Saints' North Moreton

Patrick Greene

Aged 85

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.



East Hagbourne Community Shop

find us on the East Hagbourne village website:
www.easthagbourne.net

New Summer Hours. We're delighted to announce our Shop hours have been extended to 4pm Monday – Friday. Saturday hours are 9am – 12:30pm.

Health and Safety. For the safety of our community, customers and volunteers, we've installed a Perspex stand in front of the cashier, placed hand sanitiser at the shop entrance and till, and marked out appropriate distancing for queuing outside the Shop while we serve each customer or family, one at a time. Single-use masks are also now available for sale, at 2 for £2 or 5 for £4.

Post Office Hours and Services

The Post Office now operates from 9 - 1pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; and 9 - 12:30pm on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Remember, you can quickly and safely bank, pay your Electric and Gas, or top up prepaid cards and keys.

THANK YOU! Our heartfelt thanks for your support these difficult months! We were pleased to be able to keep pace with the *unprecedented* demand for flour, eggs and milk – not to mention Marcopolo breads and pastries, homemade cakes and crumbles, and locally-crafted fudge, honey and marmalade. Special thanks to our produce donors, who supplied us with rhubarb, gooseberries and currants for sale to our grateful customers.

A Taste of Summer. 4 ways we can help make the most of summer “staycations”:

1. Take along cold drinks, ice cream or old-fashioned penny sweets for your picnic.
2. Visit us Thursdays for scrumptious home-made cakes – they'll be gone by Friday!
3. **Pre-order** fresh-baked breads, savouries or pastries **by Wednesdays 4pm** in shop or by email to easthagbourneshop@btopenworld.com. OR swing by our outdoor pop-up shop Saturday mornings 9-11 am to choose your own.
4. Stop in any day, for everyday staples, including free-range eggs, home-made rhubarb-ginger crumble, and fresh local produce.

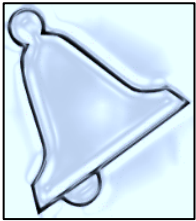
Extra Veg? If your garden or allotment is producing more than you can use, please consider donating to the Shop, so our customers can enjoy the fruits of your success

Looking to (safely) get out of the house? Want to get to involved in the community?

We are seeking additional Shop volunteers, even for an hour or two per month.

Duke of Edinburgh (DoE) programme participants welcome!

If interested, please contact Alice Smith by phone on 01235 813393, or text to 07474 937870 or by email to smith@hagbourne.plus.com



Tower Talk Sadly there will be no **Duck Race** this year as the ducks are having to follow the rules for social distancing but they are all in training ready for next year, all being well.

We will be back ringing our bells we just don't know when. We are now into August and our bells are still not ringing. At the moment there are no Church Services but even if there were it would still be difficult to ring our 8 bells with social distancing. We, as a tower, have to follow the guidelines of the Central Council for Church Bell Ringers and the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers. One of the guidelines states that we could ring 4 of our 8 bells, alternate bells being rung but only for 15 minutes which to some of the band sounds a bit odd and the bells will sound a bit odd too. Something to be discussed I think, if and when Church Services resume. Take care and stay safe. Shirley Goss



St Andrew's Harvest Supper Because of the current situation we have decided to cancel our HARVEST SUPPER booked for the end of September this year. Although the Village Hall will have reopened by then, the restrictions, and the need for social distancing makes it too difficult to ensure that everyone is safe. Hopefully we will return in 2021. Keep well everybody. St Andrew's Social Committee.

Diamond Congratulations Many congratulations to Mary and Graham Goy who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 23rd July. Mary and Graham were married at St Andrew's Church, Hertford.

Hagbourne Garden Club

The Garden Club would like to send our best wishes to all members and visitors and hope you are keeping well and coping with these difficult times. We are hoping to resume our monthly meetings in September, subject to observing new rules and social distancing. All being well we will be welcoming a firm favourite speaker, Ray Broughton, to give a talk on **"Growing Soft Fruits"** on Thursday, September 24th – further details to follow in the next issue of the Parish Magazine!! Keep safe!



The Garden Club have received a letter from **Style Acre** in which they thank us for our donation from the plant sales in May. They say: . . .

"Through lockdown gardening has become even more important to people we support. People have been using their gardens more than ever to grow their own produce, as well as wildlife friendly plants and flowers.

Gardening has been a salvation for many through this tough time and our volunteers have been collecting plants and seeds from our Wantage Market Garden so people could continue to garden at home. As restrictions have eased, we have been able to offer 1-2-1 gardening sessions at Wantage, which people have really been enjoying after so much time at home.

Your donation will go towards essential gardening materials for our Gardening Project. First up will be a new wheelchair ramp for our gardening vehicle to make it more accessible". . .



Message from St Andrew's PCC

What a strange world we find ourselves in! Did any of us ever think that every church in the land would be closed and locked for nearly 4 months? As the pandemic evolves the lockdown is easing, but it is not clear when, if, or how things might return to normal.

When the lockdown was imposed a group of interested computer literate individuals within the Churn Benefice formed a facilitation group which by want of necessity progressed the introduction of online worship and urgent updates of the Benefice website and information provision on village websites and Facebook groups. All this whilst getting to grips with operating legally within the GDPR legislative framework. There are issues with copyright and the streaming of services that the church as a whole is still coming to terms with.

However as we move forward, now would be a good time to get **your feedback** on the *online service provision so far*, and **your views** as to what you would like to see in terms of *services and pastoral provision as we move forward* through the easing of restrictions while still working within those that are still in place?

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the reopening of the church or other activities we would love to hear from you?

Please email any suggestions or comments to: **standrewspccchairman@gmail.com**
Andrew Kaye, St Andrew's PCC chairman



Lockdown

Lockdown gave us time
time to sit and reflect
time to tend our gardens
and put right any neglect

Time to appreciate our families
those we miss and love
those we long to hold in our arms
and give a healing hug

Time to look around us
and see how lucky we are
to live in a beautiful village
with fantastic walks near and far

Time to plan our futures
to remember to pace our lives
time to be so grateful
that unlike others, we have survived

When all this hurt is over
we'll remember what we lost
although we will be happy once again
may we never forget the cost.

Vicky Bartlett, July 2020

HAMS Spam

Intermission

The involuntary interval continues. If this were the theatre bar, we would be on our third gin and tonic by now.

We await with great eagerness news of when, if or how the Village Hall will be able to reopen to HAMS and other regular users, but in the meantime, we continue to lay what plans we may for the coming year.



HAMS members should be able to attend our CoViD-safe, risk-assessed AGM in October and view the video rerun of **Our Day Out**. By the way, if you want to become a HAMS member, feel free to contact us via any of the methods listed below.

See you again someday!

HAMS Fan Quiz II

A kind comment flooded in regarding our last quiz so here are some more HAMS Fan questions for your enjoyment. From which HAMS show are the following quotes taken?

- 1) "We're going to make music the like of which has never been heard!"
 - a. Cider With Rosie
 - b. Grimm Tales
 - c. Alice in Wonderland
- 2) "There's some scenery for those who think they have to have scenery."
 - a. Our Town
 - b. Our Day Out
 - c. The Witches
- 3) "Down with children! Do them in! Boil their bones and fry their skin!"
 - a. The Odyssey
 - b. Our Day Out
 - c. The Witches
- 4) "Did you ever see such a thing as a drawing of a muchness?"
 - a. Vintage Hitchcock
 - b. Alice in Wonderland
 - c. Canterbury Tales
- 5) "Time passes. Listen. Time passes"
 - a. Canterbury Tales
 - b. Under Milk Wood
 - c. The Odyssey

(answers upside-down below).

See @HAMSdrama on Facebook
or www.thehams.co.uk
email: info@thehams.co.uk

Quiz Answers: 1,b – 2,a – 3,c – 4,b – 5,b



My Alphabet Lockdown

When lockdown began, I was just beginning to think that I had worked out how to get on with life! Big mistake. The first couple of weeks in lockdown were very painful for me and sent me on a massive learning curve on how to live on your own without anyone to laugh with, cry with and shout at. Only me and God!

I soon discovered that walking in the great outdoors was essential for my sanity but also caused me to do a lot of thinking, allowing me to wallow in my misery.

Q for Quackery

Then, out of nowhere it seemed to me, I had this idea to do a photographic alphabet. I would just take photos of objects that caught my interest and work my way through the alphabet. That way I would be looking for an object beginning with J say – whilst on my walk. This gave me purpose and stopped me being self-centred.

Now – I am on my 4th alphabet. The first was objects, the second – colours, the third – photographic letters and finally adjectives. I have just been putting them on Facebook and sharing them with friends and it seems a lot of people get pleasure from looking at them every day. As for me, it has gone from me recalling lots of happy memories to me trying to move on. I have very great admiration for widows now and a much better understanding.

I do not think I would have survived without my family and friends.

I have also learned to not look back, but to realise that our life together has given me the strength to take life as it comes. Just as Cliff did.



P for Purple

My father died as a result of an accident when I was nine. My grandmother died just after I was married and my mother died over 20 years ago. Each one of them was stressful in its own way – but nothing like the stress I felt when Cliff died. Everyone deals with these experiences differently and I know that it is a big advantage to have familial support but in the end it is up to you to learn how to pick things up and get going again. It's up to you to decide to be positive or negative. But it is a big advantage to know that God is on your side. Jill Garlick



Thank you from the Knitwits

Many thanks to all those knitting 6" squares for our blanket project. We have recently sent four large blankets to Knit for Peace and hope to be able to send some more soon.

We are always happy to receive the knitted squares so hope that you will be able to continue knitting for us.

If you would like more information please email Joy on magtemp5@gmail.com Plenty of wool available.

Mountain Bike Does anyone have a premium quality, adult size mountain bike that they would like to sell? If you happen to have one available please email: magtemp5@gmail.com

Comments from the Parish Council Chairman

Although life is still far from normal, there has been some increased local activity this last month.

Mactaggart and Mickel development by the Village Hall

The consultation period for the main plan P19/S0357/RM (Amendment 3) has ended and Mactaggart and Mickel are making some minor changes to address issues raised under drainage and highways.

Local Plans

The local political scene has suddenly become very active and rather complicated so I hope that my logical progression in this section might clarify some of the issues.

The South Oxfordshire Local Plan Examination (www.southoxon.gov.uk/examination) is now well underway. If you have the stamina and time it can be watched on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/c/SouthOxfordshireLocalPlanExamination>)

The examination is just to confirm or otherwise the soundness of the plan and is unlikely to result in radical changes although this is not stopping many interest groups, including potentially speculative builders, from presenting their case. Perhaps the most interesting day for us is the last day, on 5th August, when Matter 10: Didcot Garden Town is being discussed.

And talking of Didcot Garden Town (www.southoxon.gov.uk/didcotgardentown), the Advisory Committee just had an online meeting that can be viewed on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eMkGYtg5vvI&feature=youtu.be> if you have two hours to spare! They are still planning to establish three sounding boards for businesses, residents, and parish councils. We will of course be represented on the latter, but if any of you have an interest on the other two, you can propose yourself by email to didcotgardentown@southandvale.gov.uk.

Perhaps the most significant proposal within the DGT is the one by Homes England for the Didcot Gateway (<http://didcotgateway.co.uk>). This is for the area of Didcot located opposite Didcot Parkway train station. This proposal includes up to 265 new homes and opportunities for new offices, a café and some retail space. Although relatively far from our Parish, this development will clearly have a big influence on our lives, particularly for the commuters amongst us. The deadline for comments is 29th July, but the efficiency of the Parish Magazine editors is so great that this August magazine should be posted before then.

Finally, and perhaps less dramatically, the South Oxfordshire Corporate Plan 2020-2024 (<https://survey.southandvale.gov.uk/s/Southcorporateplanfeedback/>) is inviting comments until 13th August. This plan will cover six themes: 1. Homes and infrastructure that meet local needs, 2. Improved economic and community wellbeing, 3. Action on the Climate Emergency, 4. Protect and restore our natural world, 5. Investment and innovation that rebuilds our financial viability, and 6. Openness and accountability. Future policies of SODC will be guided by this plan which will be updated annually.

Parish Council activities

The Parish Council and the East Hagbourne Sport and Recreation Committee have recently reopened the children's playground in the recreation ground and plan to open the pavilion by 1st September, all subject to whatever safety controls are appropriate. The long running saga of the playground at St Annes Court in MillBrook has finally come to an end with the management of the facility now firmly with Didcot Town Council.

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Comments from the Parish Council Chairman *continued from page 10*

You may already have seen the posting on the Village Web site of our Community Project Strategy. This is an ongoing organic document listing many possible community projects. Please do read this and send your comments to the clerk. We are hoping to hold our face-to-face Annual Parish Meeting before the end of this year and will use the then current version of this strategy as the background for discussions. This activity has special resonance at this time because we will soon be receiving significant funds through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) from the Mactaggart and Mickel development near the village hall.

One small example of a current community project has been bench refurbishment. There is a great article on the web showing the changes to the metal benches. Thank you to councillor Carolyn Shaikh for her work on this and to councillor Cordelia Gover for keeping us web structured and up-to-date. Refurbishment of the wooden benches is scheduled for mid-September.

The new normal

It is exciting to be moving a little towards normality. The church is now open (albeit just on Wednesday and Saturdays), the pub is now open with many new benches enabling good social distancing, the pavilion and village hall should soon be accepting some bookings, the post office, shop and bread deliveries continue apace, and the school and pre-school are planning to fully reopen in September. Fingers crossed.

However, for those of you that are still isolating or feel uncomfortable with some aspects of the new normal, the Community Support Group continue to offer assistance primarily for shopping and getting prescriptions. If you need any help you can contact the support group by email to easthagbournecovid19@gmail.com or by calling the dedicated phone number 07568 395228.

Parish meetings

Parish Council meetings are still taking place but are now online, using the Zoom platform. As always, members of the public are welcome to join the meeting and can get the details of how to do so from the Parish Clerk. The next Parish Council meeting will be held starting at 7.30pm on Thursday 20th August.

I have cancelled my face-to-face surgeries but am very willing to talk on the telephone or online with any parishioner. You can get details of how to do this by phoning 07891 551851 or emailing the Parish Clerk (easthagbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com). Let me remind you that this is not a formal or even approved article from the Parish Council but is rather a few words from me. Thus anything in this article should not be construed as coming from or endorsed by the Parish Council.

Iain Duff

East Hagbourne Pavilion and Recreation Ground

The children's playground at the Recreation Ground reopened on 13th July. We hope that families are enjoying being able to play again and are respecting the new measures in place to keep everyone safe. You may also have seen some organised exercise activities on the field including socially distanced training by the Football Club, who hope to begin league matches again in September.

The Management Committee and Parish Council are now working together on reopening the Pavilion from 1st September. This will mean some safety checks and provision of sanitiser and other cleanliness features. We have no doubt that the building and procedures can be ready in time, but there will still be challenges on how activities can be safely held within the constraints on social distancing. It is likely that the numbers allowed in the building will be lower than in the past, so not all activities may be able to restart immediately - each activity will need to be assessed individually to be sure we can go ahead safely.

Please watch the web site for more news during August.



East Hagbourne Parish Council

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East Hagbourne



Coronavirus
Community
Support Group

CORONAVIRUS

With many of the restrictions being lifted over the summer months, please continue to follow government guidance to protect the more vulnerable members of society. **The Coronavirus Support group** is still active although requests for assistance have dropped, so please do get in touch if you need help. easthagbournecovid19@gmail.com or call/text 07568 395228.



Community Project Strategy

The Parish Council is working on a strategy to address the needs expressed by the community, including those raised in the Neighbourhood Plan Community Survey.

A draft document has been prepared and we would welcome your input to prioritise projects in the coming years. Please view the web article and Draft document on www.easthagbourne.net We hope conditions will allow us to hold the Annual Parish Council meeting where we can properly discuss resident views. Please contact the Clerk if you have any feedback/views you would like to share.



Playground Update

As many of you will have noted, the playground in Great Mead is now open and we hope you enjoy using it during the summer. Please do follow the guidance on the signage for everyone's benefit. We are aware of occasional inappropriate behaviour in the recreation ground and play area so please do email any concerns to the Clerk.



Dog Waste in the Parish

This month, with the Summer Holidays potentially further increasing the dog walking traffic through the Parish, we feel it is important to update you on the dog bin situation. In the past, the district council has provided a heavily subsidised service for dog waste bins, as well as controlling the number of bins allowed in the Parish. The charges more than trebled in April this year. As a result, we have now changed our service provider and you may have noticed new stickers for Scoop Dotty Dog on the bins. The annual cost to empty the Parish dog waste bins is now over £2,000, a significant percentage of the annual budget – but is an important service to keep the village clean.

In line with the dog waste concerns, the children have been designing posters to display around the village so keep an eye out for some colourful reminders on your travels – thank you to Sara James for organizing this.



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.**

In an emergency, call 999 – they will give you the access code.

Planning applications received since the last meeting:

P19/S4558/HH – 34 Main Road – Planning Application Appeal for installation of metal gates and side access. Closing date for comments 12th August.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Thursday 20th August 2020. This will be held virtually using the Zoom platform, please contact the clerk for a link to join the meeting.

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

Lockdown – Impact on Church Finances Update

The impact on St Andrew's finances this year can be summarized as a story of two halves:

The first half, to 30th June, benefitted from normal church activities for most of the first quarter until lockdown on 23rd March, followed by the recovery of tax (£6,900) from Gift Aid donations (for FY 2019) which helped to cushion the reduction in receipts from other sources in the second quarter. Nevertheless, there was a **deficit** for the half year to 30th June of **£2,337.87** which has been bridged by use of our cash reserves.

The second half of the year, however, with the potential absence of 'activity' up to the end of the year, fully exposes the church finances to a major downturn in income for the next six months. With no significant 'activity' between now and the 31st December (worst case scenario, hopefully), the **full-year cumulative deficit** is forecast to be substantial and of the order of **£19,125.00**. Cash reserves will continue to be used to fund the deficit as it accumulates over the coming months, and I will provide further updates through future editions of the Parish Magazine.

Fund raising effort, in all forms, will be required for the rest of this year and into 2021 in an effort to restore a level of cash reserves to face the challenges ahead and support the mission of the church going forward. And to conclude on a positive note - we are fortunate to have the sufficient cash reserves to fund the forecast deficit this year, without threatening our financial solvency.

Trevor Goss, *Treasurer*

Hagbourne School Very best wishes to all the pupils who have left Hagbourne School this term and will be going on to their new schools in September.

Happy holidays to all pupils and staff who have been working at home and at school over this very difficult term for everybody.

Local Bus Services Our weekly **94/94s** Bus Service between Didcot, East and West Hagbourne, Upton and Blewbury is continuing running – many thanks to our bus drivers for keeping the service going. The **DVTG Community Bus Service** to Wallingford on a Friday is on hold for the time being – we look forward to restoring this service as soon as it is possible to do so. Good wishes to all our customers and bus drivers at this difficult time.

Thank You Thank you to all the children who have been designing and producing posters to go around the village to encourage the use of the Scoop Dotty Dog waste bins.



"Have courage for the great sorrows of life, and patience for the small ones. And when you have laboriously accomplished your daily task, go to sleep in peace. God is awake." *Victor Hugo, writer*

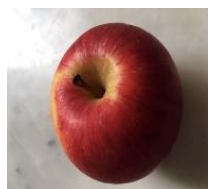
The Show will go on!

POST

LOCKDOWN VILLAGE SHOW

Sunday 13th September 2020

Hagbourne Village Hall car park - 2pm



5 categories only

Prize for Best in Class for each category

Overall Prize for Best in Show

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

FRUIT – VEGETABLES - POT PLANTS

(Fruit + veg: 3-4 of single variety for smaller varieties; 1 of one variety for larger varieties)

LOCKDOWN PROJECTS

(photos, art, models, crafts, anything you have made during lockdown)

ENTRY: Entrants must be resident in the Hagbournes,
children (and their families) attending Hagbourne School,
members of Hagbourne Garden Club,
anyone who gardens an allotment in the Hagbourne Parish.

Special prizes for children.

STAGING from 9-11am. The show will **OPEN** from 2pm-4pm.
Tea, Prosecco & cakes served.

Entry is free.

No entry forms needed. Just bring your produce or exhibits on the day!

If the weather prevents the show being held outdoors, it will be held in the Hall.

Covid 19: government guidelines in operation at the time of the show will be followed.

<https://www.facebook.com/hagbourneproduceshow/>

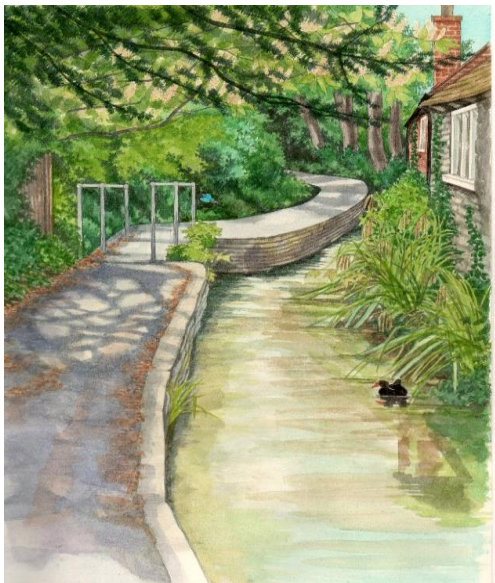
Astronomy Notes



The Andromeda Galaxy

The Andromeda Galaxy is thought to be very similar to our own Milky Way Galaxy, at a distance of around 2.5 million light years and sitting in the constellation of Andromeda. It is the furthest object visible to the naked eye. Although, this is sadly becoming increasingly difficult with the ever-encroaching light pollution. In fact, it has become difficult to see our own galaxy! It is estimated to contain one trillion stars. Roughly twice as many as our Milky Way. The two galaxies are currently rushing towards one another, with a closing speed of 402,000 kilometers per hour. But not to worry, as they won't meet up for another four billion years. If we have not completely blocked out the stars by then, it will be an amazing sight to see. I had to use a different telescope to image this one. As it is a large object to fit into the field of view.

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The Poets Trail - Save the date: 27th September 2020

We hope to be able to go ahead with the walk and teas or an event at St Andrew's, on Sunday 27th September depending on the situation at the time. It is very difficult to plan at this time but will give an update nearer the time.

In the meantime, we are making good progress on the illustrated anthology of poetry by local people on the Four Seasons theme. We expect to have it in print later this year.

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CHRISTIAN AID & THE DISASTERS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

Coronavirus Emergency Appeal

Christian Aid has joined the Disasters Emergency Committee to raise urgent funds for communities living in extreme poverty and conflict in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. Families who have fled conflict and hunger are now living in crowded camps where social distancing is impossible. Limited access to medical care, clean water and enough food is making people extremely vulnerable to coronavirus.

Christian Aid have already responded to the covid-19 outbreak by delivering life-saving information and hygiene support, personal protective equipment and food packages to communities in need.

Funds are needed to:

- Provide families with clean water, soap and information on keeping themselves safe.
- Give frontline medical and aid workers the equipment and supplies they need to care for the vulnerable and sick.
- Ensure families get enough food to prevent malnutrition, particularly amongst children.

To make a donation please go to www.christianaid.org.uk

Pathways – a magazine for the people of the Diocese of Oxford

Pathways is a quarterly magazine produced by the Diocese of Oxford and is usually given out for free in church but due to the present situation it is online at the moment.

The summer issue is out now and focusses on the **climate emergency**. Included in the discussions is an article by Maranda called - **The Earth's Redemption**. There is also an item suggesting ten steps everyone can take to help renew our world. The Bishop of Oxford says in his introduction "The science is clear, the climate speaks for itself to anyone even half-listening. I hope that this issue of Pathways will inspire you to reflect and take action." If you would like to read this then you can find it to download on www.oxford.anglican.org/pathways.

SEPTEMBER 2020 PARISH MAGAZINE

We hope that as many of our readers as possible will be able to see the Parish Magazine on our temporary home. We apologise to our advertisers that it is not possible to include the advertisements at present but will resume our usual format as soon as it is safe to do so.

Please let us have any copy for the September parish magazine by 20th August to magtemp5@gmail.com

Thank you. Keep safe and well. Janet Corderoy, Joy Napper and the parish magazine committee.

