



St Andrew's Hagbourne **PARISH MAGAZINE**



DECEMBER 2021



A Happy and Peaceful Christmas to all our Readers

News, Views and Information for everyone in the Hagbournes

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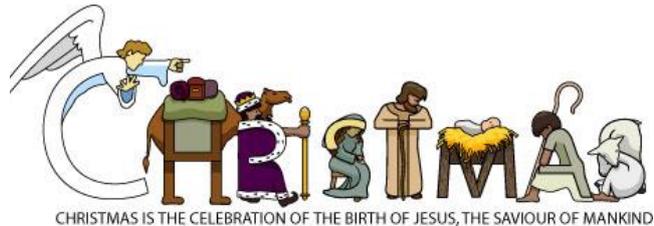
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, HAGBOURNE

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 A Favourite Carol

Do you have a favourite carol? One of my favourites is **The Truth Sent From Above**. There are different versions of the words, but the version most people are familiar with is probably the one to be found in *The Oxford Book of Carols*. The first verse goes as follows:

*This is the truth sent from above,
The truth of God, the God of love,
Therefore don't turn me from your door
But harken all both rich and poor.*



The carol seeks to put the birth of Jesus into a wider context: the long history of God's dealings with humankind. As human beings, we all have a tendency to mess things up: to mess up our own lives, the lives of others and the life of our world. God has always wanted to help us to lead better lives, and as part of his plan, he decided to become human himself, taking human flesh as Jesus Christ. When we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we are celebrating the way that God has come to the rescue of the human race. God, out of his great love for us, sent his only Son, Jesus, to teach us how we should live our lives.

In the words of the final verse of **The Truth from Above**:



*Thus he in love to us behaved
To show us how we must be saved;
And if you want to know the way,
Be pleased to hear what he did say.*

In short, this carol reminds us that the celebration of Jesus' birth is the celebration of God's love for us and for all humankind. Jesus came to show us the transforming power of God's love. Our task as Christians is to allow the transforming power of God's love to work through us, so that we may be agents of transformation in the lives of our families and our communities. I wonder how we might share God's love with others this Christmastime.

With every blessing for Christmas and the New Year. Father Jason

▣ **Benefice Nine Lessons and Carols Service**

St Michael's Blewbury

4.00pm on Sunday 19th December

You are all warmly invited to join us for our traditional Christmas Carol Service with plenty of opportunity to sing carols, listen to readings, and hear the Church Choir sing.



The Church is lit by candlelight, and we will be serving wine and mince pies afterwards. This is an invitation for all your family to join us as you begin your week of festivities to celebrate Christmas.

CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR DECEMBER 2021

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

1 Wednesday	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H 12 noon Active Angels: St Michael's B	8pm Compline	Prayer Focus: Downs View A
2 Thursday		8pm Compline	Edlins Cottages A
3 Friday		8pm Compline	Fullers Road A
4 Saturday			Hagbourne Road A
5 +Sunday	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8am Holy Communion: St Michael's B 9am Parish Eucharist: All Saints' AU 10.30am Parish Service: St Andrew's H 10.30am Online Benefice Service 4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM 6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H		<i>Sidesmen, those help with hospitality and catering, flower arrangers.</i>
6 Monday		8pm Compline	Moreton Road A
7 Tuesday	10am Holy Communion: St Michael's B	8pm Compline	Rectory Lane A
8 Wednesday	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm Compline	Sheepcote A
9 Thursday		8pm Compline	Spring Lane A
10 Friday	6.30pm Carols in the Close, H	8pm Compline	The Close A
11 Saturday	12noon Soup and Song Lunch, St Andrew's H 2.30pm Carol Singing, St Andrew's H 3.45pm Carols in the Farmyard, Manor Farm, West Hagbourne.		The Croft A
12 +Sunday	3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9.30am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U 10.30am Parish Eucharist and Sunday Club: St Michael's B 10.30am Online Benefice Service 3pm Carol Singing: South Moreton Recreation Ground 4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM 6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H		<i>Outreach and Parish Magazines.</i>
13 Monday		8pm Compline	Thorpe Street A
14 Tuesday		8pm Compline	Aldens Lane U
15 Wednesday	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm Compline	Alexander Close U
16 Thursday	10am MU Holy Communion: St Michael's B	8pm Compline	Beeching Close U
17 Friday	7pm The Big Wassail: St Andrew's H	8pm Compline	Chilton Road U
18 Saturday	12 noon Soup and Song Lunch, Mini Ring and Sing: St Andrew's H		Church Corner U
19 +Sunday	4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10.30am Online Benefice Service 3pm Hagbourne Carols – Raise the Roof: St Andrew's H 4pm Nine Lessons and Carols: St Michael's B 4pm Carol Service: St John the Baptist SM 4pm Carol Service: All Saints' NM 4.30pm Carol Service: Aston Tirrold NO 6pm Evensong at St Andrew's H today		<i>Families, Pram Service and Mothers' Union.</i>
20 Monday		8pm Compline	Church Street U
21 Tuesday		8pm Compline	Fieldside U
22 Wednesday	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's	8pm Compline	High Street U
23 Thursday		8pm Compline	Newmans Close U

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CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR DECEMBER 2021 continued

24 Friday

CHRISTMAS EVE

2.00pm Crib Service: St Andrew's H

2.30pm Crib Service: St Michael's AT

3.30pm Nativity: All Saints' NM

4.00pm Crib Service: St Mary's Upton

5.30pm Crib Service: St Michael's B

4.00pm Crib Service: St Andrew's H

Please note: In order to avoid overcrowding in the church, you have a choice of two crib Services this year. No Compline tonight.

9pm First Mass of Christmas: All Saints' NM

10pm First Mass of Christmas: St Michael's B

10pm First Mass of Christmas: All Saints' AU

11.30pm Midnight Mass: St Andrew's H

Prayer Focus:

Orchard Close U



25 Saturday

CHRISTMAS DAY

8am Parish Eucharist: St Andrew's H

9am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's Upton

10.30am Family Service: St Andrew's H

10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B

10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's AT

10.30am Parish Eucharist: St John the Baptist SM

Pound Lane U

26 +Sunday FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

10.30am Online Benefice Service

No 4pm Parish Service: All Saint's NM

No 6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H

All the churches in our Benefice and our relationships together

27 Monday

28 Tuesday

29 Weds

30 Thursday

31 Friday

No Holy Communion: St Michael's B

10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H

8pm Compline

8pm Compline

8pm Compline

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8pm Compline

Prospect Road U

Reading Road U

Station Road U

Stream Road U

Aston Street U

PROVISIONAL CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY 2022

The Intentions this month are for all who live in West Hagbourne and North and South Moreton

1 Saturday

Foxglove Lane WH

2 +Sunday EPIPHANY

10.30am Online Benefice Service

Children and Sunday Clubs.

3 Monday

4 Tuesday

5 Wednesday

6 Thursday

7 Friday

8 Saturday

3pm Pram Service Party: Blewbury Village Hall

10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H

8pm Compline

8pm Compline

8pm Compline

8pm Compline

8pm Compline

Grove Terrace WH

Main Street WH

Manor Close WH

Moor Lane WH

The Square WH

York Road WH

9 +Sunday THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

9.30am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U

10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B

10.30am Online Benefice Service

10.30am Parish Eucharist: St John the Baptist SM

4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM

6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H

Those recently baptised and baptism visitors.

ACTIVE ANGELS – CHRISTMAS

Our Mothers Union Pram Service team invite families to this monthly event; with songs, story, games, activity and prayer. **12 noon on Wednesday 1st December** at St Michael's, Blewbury.

Bring a rug for your family space. Lunch is provided with "Happy Meals" for children. Please book these with Revd Louise on 07837 009730



Online Services

Sundays at 10.30am login or connect at 10am to chat before the Service. **Weekday evenings – Compline at 8pm.**

You can join in using a computer, laptop, tablet, smart phone or landline. Please see the website or the Churn if you receive it for the Service access codes and full details of how to join each week. www.churnchurches.co.uk



Pram Service Party

to celebrate nearly 30 years of ministry to the youngest generation.

*** SAVE THE DATE ***

Tuesday 4th January, 3pm - Blewbury Village Hall

ALL who have had connections (and more!) are invited to come along.



Compline A short service of night prayer every weekday night at 8pm.

The links and codes for these are on the website under the Services tab.

Phone access is also available. www.churnchurches.co.uk

Ringling in the New Year The Bell Ringers at St Andrew's will be ringing in the New Year on Friday, 31st December starting at 11.30pm



We want everyone to feel safe coming to Church Following advice from the Diocese, we will continue to encourage people to wear face coverings and to observe social distancing while in church. Communion will be in bread only. Congregational singing will be allowed when it is safe to do so: as the virus spreads via droplets, to be able to sing will depend on the numbers attending and the ability to be socially distant from others.

You can contact the clergy on:

Revd Jason 01235 850267 office@churnchurches.co.uk

Revd Louise 07837 009730 revlouiseb@aol.com

Elaine de Ridder (Operations Manager) is available from 9.00am to 2.30pm

Monday to Friday - 01235 850267, 07434 686044 or

office@churnchurches.co.uk

Bookings for Weddings, Baptisms etc... may be made by contacting the office via email



Tower Talk On Wednesday 10th November at 6:30pm we rang a quarter peal in memory of Cliff Garlick a much loved member of the tower who is sadly missed by us all. The team consisted of Mary Napper 1, Jill Garlick 2, Shirley Goss 3, Laura Makin 4, Jeff Powell 5, John Napper 6 (C), Alan Foster 7 and Daniel Dawson 8. We rang a quarter peal of Grandsire triples.

On Sunday 14th November we rang the bells for Remembrance Sunday for Evensong at 6:00pm, the bells were rung half muffled.

The handbell ringers have been busy practicing for a "Mini Ring and Sing" that will be part of the Christmas Tree Festival entertainment on the afternoon of the 18th December just before the Grand Draw and the announcement of the favourite best dressed tree. Shirley Goss.

Birthdays: Shirley Goss and Thomas Addison on **13th December**

Dates for the diary: Friday 17th December – Big Wassail **7:00pm**

Saturday 18th December – "Mini Ring & Sing" in St Andrew's Church as part of the afternoon entertainment at the Soup lunch.

Friday 31st December – Ringing in the New Year starting at **11:30 pm**



The Bell Ringers would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Very Happy and Prosperous and safe New Year



Asylum Welcome has been a registered charity since 1996. It exists to support refugees, vulnerable migrants and those forced to seek political asylum from danger in their homelands.

Asylum Welcome is helping to support over a hundred and fifty recent Afghan arrivals in Oxfordshire. Asylum Welcome is making them feel welcome, supported, and able to look forward with optimism. A recent example was giving every Afghan family at the Oxfordshire hotels a beautiful photo dictionary - a wonderful way for parents and children to work together to improve their English.

How can you help? You can buy raffle tickets and support the Christmas Tree Festival as funds raised by this year's Festival will be divided between Asylum Welcome and St Andrew's Church.

Daily Reflections – Thought for the Day and Prayer During the weekdays Fr Jason is writing a short reflection and prayer. It can be found on the www.churches.co.uk or please ring the Benefice Office on 01235 850267 or 07434 686044.

Funerals held in the Benefice

4th November at St Andrew's Hagbourne	Nita Cox	aged 85
10th November at St Michael's Blewbury	Neil Hubbard	aged 72
30th November at St Andrew's Hagbourne	Robert "Robin" Pryor	aged 80



Baptisms in the Benefice

30th October	Ollie Edward Peter Macdonald was baptised at All Saints' North Moreton
7th November	Luca Anthony Cox-Rogers was baptised at St Andrew's Hagbourne
21st November	Benjamin Dennis Cook Devine was baptised at St Michael's Blewbury
28th November	Benjamin Stanley Turner was baptised at St Andrew's Hagbourne



Christmas Services at St Andrew's

St Andrew's Church welcomes you to their Services:

Sunday 19th December at 3pm – Favourite Carols – "Raise the Roof"

Christmas Eve - Friday 24th December

2pm and 4pm – Crib Services

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day – Saturday 25th December

8am Parish Eucharist

10.30am Family Service

First Sunday of Christmas – Sunday 26th December

10.30am Online Benefice Service

Epiphany – Sunday 2nd January

10.30am Online Benefice Service



The Crib Services at St Andrew's Christmas Eve, 24th December 2pm & 4pm

This is the chance for your child to hear the wonderful story of the first Christmas. We are holding a Crib Service at 2pm and have another at 4pm so that your family can come along to the one which is most convenient to you and also to avoid overcrowding.

St Andrew's Church, Hagbourne

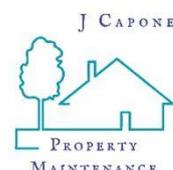
Christmas Tree Festival



10th - 18th December

Trees all around the Hagbournes and at the Church
(Church Open Daily - 10am to 5pm)

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In aid of St Andrew's Church & Asylum Welcome

2021 Christmas Tree Festival Events

In addition to the events, the church is open daily from 10am to 5pm
... so please do come to enjoy the trees and vote for your favourite...

- Friday 10th Dec** **6:30pm** **Carols in the Close**, Church Close.
Sing along with Blewbury Brass Band.
The Big Tree Festival Launch
Lighting up the trees at St Andrew's.
- Saturday 11th Dec** **12:00pm** **Soup'n'Song Lunch**, St Andrew's
Festive tunes from The Nightingales.
- 2:30pm** **Carol Singing** with vOx choir, St Andrew's.
- 3:45pm** **Carols in the Farmyard**, Manor Farm, W.H.
Sing along with vOx choir.
- Sunday 12th Dec** **3:00pm** **Hagbourne & Wallingford Young Pianists**
Concert in the Church with tea and cakes.
- Wednesday 15th Dec** **8:30pm** **Festive Folk**, Fleur de Lys
Local folk musicians of every kind.
- Thursday 16th Dec** **8:30pm** **Hagbourne Mummers**, Horse & Harrow
- 9:30pm** **Hagbourne Mummers**, Fleur de Lys
Our traditional Yuletide Mummers play.
- Friday 17th Dec** **7:00pm** **The Big Wassail**, St Andrew's
Carols, poems, songs, tunes . . . and fun!
- Saturday 18th Dec** **12:00pm** **Soup'n'Song Lunch**, St Andrew's
Mini Ring'n'Sing by The Handbell Ringers
Hagbourne Community Choir.
Drawing of the **Festival Raffle**
Announcing the winner of the **Tree Vote.**
- Sunday 19th Dec** **3:00pm** **Raise the Roof for Christmas!** St Andrew's
(BONUS EVENT) Choose your favourite Carol – see page 10



Please Support our Festival Sponsors



Raise the roof for Christmas!

***Carols at St Andrew's
Sunday 19th December, 3pm***



Choose YOUR favourite carols from the list below and come and sing them at St Andrew's on 19th December at 3pm. The music will be accompanied by Jacqui, Mo and Peter.

Light refreshments afterwards.

Please let us have your choice asap; we will try and include as many as possible.

You can ring with your choice to:

Peter Mitchell: 01235 850719

Mo Windsor: 01235 812083

or leave a note on the organ seat in church.

Here are some of the most popular carols for which we have the words & music:

Angels from the realms of glory 34

God rest you merry, gentlemen 176

Good King Wenceslas 183

In the bleak mid-winter 248

It came upon the mid-night clear 253

O come, all ye faithful 357

On Christmas night, all Christians sing 400

See Him lying on a bed of straw 440

Silent night 444

Unto us a boy is born 526

Away in a Manger 51

Good Christian all, rejoice & sing 182

Hark, the herald angels sing 199

Infant holy, infant lowly 251

Love came down at Christmas 320

O little town of Bethlehem 377

Once in royal David's city 403

See amid the winter's snow 439

The first Nowell 477

While shepherds watched 554



KICK OFF CHRISTMAS WITH **CAROLS IN THE CLOSE**

Mulled
wine and
mince pies
for all!

6:30PM – FRIDAY 10TH DEC
CHURCH CLOSE,
EAST HAGBOURNE



SING ALONG WITH
BLEWBURY BRASS BAND

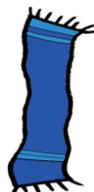
Includes the
Christmas Tree Festival
Big Light Up



In support of the Church and Asylum Welcome

Please can you help HOMELESS OXFORDSHIRE?

The Advent Basket is now ready at St Andrew's for your donations



The big basket is back in St Andrew's Church for donations to Homeless Oxfordshire

Donations which are needed are:

Toiletries such as soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, razors, shampoo etc.

New socks and underwear.

Good condition clothes for women and men.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS for residents, such as a jigsaw/puzzle books, dog food or dog toy, chocolates, a book token, Christmas crackers.

Please NO BEDDING.

O'Hanlon House has 56 beds and provides shelter, specialist support and safety for homeless people, many more are squeezed in when severe weather conditions prevail. Money is of course brilliant, details of how to donate are on the Homeless Oxfordshire website: www.homelessoxfordshire.uk
Cheques can be made out to Homeless Oxfordshire.

Thank you. The Hagbourne Action Group.

Hagbourne Garden Club would like to wish all our members and visitors a **very happy Christmas**. We will be back on Thursday, January 27th with a very useful talk on 'Pruning Techniques' by Geoff Hawkins. As usual we will meet at the Pavilion at 7.00 p.m. for refreshments, followed by the talk at 7.30 p.m. Visitors are most welcome (£5). For further info contact Sally on 01235 352275

The Fun Run Returns! The Fun Run Committee have begun planning in earnest for the now traditional Hagbourne Fun Run and Walk to take place on the bank holiday, **Monday, 2nd May, 2022**. We are conscious that with the ongoing pandemic (and new Covid variants), we may have to postpone or even cancel nearer the time, but we also know just how much the villages look forward to it, and how very much in need of funds our charities are. The proceeds of the Fun Run are divided between cancer charities and the East & West Hagbourne Village Fund, which exists to assist villagers in need. Our base at the Village Hall will probably have a different look: we will be carefully considering what Covid protocols we need to adopt. We will definitely need more marshalls, so please get in touch with Rob Pennington on 01235 814352 if you would like to help. Watch out for more news here, on the village websites or on our Facebook page.

Didcot Farmers Market The next Farmers Market will be setting up stalls in the Orchard Centre at Didcot on **Saturday, 11th December** from 08:30 – 13:30. Seasonal fruit, vegetables, fresh meat, fish and cheeses, bread, cakes, jams and preserves all from our local area.

Cygnets Group - Youth Ministry in the Benefice A regular Sunday evening group meeting usually on the 3rd Sunday of the month from 6.30-8.00 pm but this does vary depending on the activity. The Group is for all young people of secondary school age. *Coming to one session doesn't mean you have to come to all and you don't have to go to church to come along. Friends welcome.* For details email Lesley Botchway - L.Botchway@outlook.com.

SING & CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT

THE BIG WASSAIL

7:00PM – FRIDAY 17TH DEC. IN THE CHURCH

An informal evening of music, song and words



A Christmas Tree Festival
event in support of the Church
& Asylum Welcome

We suggest a donation of £ 5.00
each at the door



Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman

Housing Development by the Village Hall Although there has been some recent activity on the site, this has been to do with reptile identification and relocation, a mandatory requirement before any building can commence. Building will not be happening any time soon since the planning process, while moving, is doing so very slowly. An agreement has been reached for Deanfield to cover the costs of finishing repairs to the drainage culvert so that the Section 73 application (P21/S2893/FUL) is expected to be accepted soon.

The main application (P19/S0357/RM) should follow, but it is likely that there will be another Section 73 application for aesthetic improvements to some of the houses. The Parish Council had its first in-person meeting with the Managing Director and Technical Director in October to discuss these minor changes and other areas where we felt we could have an influence. Deanfield plan to install hoarding for the site frontage in the near future and will let us know of their plans before doing so. Shortly after the plans are passed and well before any building starts, an open meeting will be held so East Hagbourne residents can meet the Deanfield team and establish a good working relationship with them.

The balance between tidiness and sustainability. Each Parish Council agenda has a standing item entitled "Public Forum and Questions" and, at the meeting in November, Caroline Hunt and Felicity Topping from HUGS (Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability) used this opportunity to present a case for a more ecological approach to grass cutting particularly with respect to village verges. The importance of these for biodiversity and carbon capture was emphasised and suggestions made how a different cutting regime might help support these sustainability issues. Recognition was given to the need for ensuring highway safety and some discussion concerned possible cost implications. It was a useful session and has led to a call for wider village participation outlined in a separate article in this Parish Magazine.

I do hope that we receive more comments on this, as it is clearly an important issue both locally and globally and could be an major area of discussion at a future open meeting. It was great having this session, enhanced by the attendance of our district and county councillors.

Interaction with the County Council The County Council is a huge organization and it can be very daunting to identify whom to approach on any of the many items that are their responsibility. We have been greatly aided in establishing useful links, principally with the teams for highways (and verges), traffic, and countryside operations including footpaths, through the energetic assistance of our County Councillor, Jane Murphy. Positive results of this better communication include: progress towards a 20mph zone in the central village, including a recent speed survey in Harwood Road; a good identification of the issues we would need to surmount to obtain a weight limit restriction, three street lights fixed on Main Road, and hopefully some progress to solving the problem of the overhanging trees on footpath 197/8 from the bowling club entrance to Bakers Lane. Now, fixing these trees really would be an achievement!

Communicating information Announcements of important items such as the closure of Blewbury Road at the end of November are posted on the village facebook pages, but we appreciate that facebook is not everyone's cup of tea. Thus any postings from our Parish Clerk are also sent by her to an email list held by the Parish Council. One can sign up for that by going to <https://mailchi.mp/9791c642ed24/ehpc>. Please note that your email will not be shared with any other people or used for purposes other than sending communications from the Parish Council. Some information is also posted on the Village website <https://easthagbourne.net>. The agendas and minutes of Parish Council meetings can be found by clicking on Parish Council, Meetings, Minutes and Agendas.

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Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman *continued from p.13*

Parish meetings Parish Council meetings are held in the pavilion on the Recreation Ground. Members of the public are welcome to join the meeting and the agenda is posted on village notice boards and the village web pages at least three clear days before the meeting. The next meeting will be held starting at **7.30pm on Thursday 9th December**.

Although I have not yet restarted my face-to-face surgeries, I am very happy 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



Hagbourne Baby and Toddler Group meets in St Andrew's Church on Fridays in term-time from 9.45 to 11.15am. Children from birth to 5 years with their parent, grandparent, carer. £2.00 per family session – includes a healthy snack for children and hot drinks for adults. The group is a long-established friendly parent run group. We have a variety of toys including ride-ons, slide, dolls, toy cars, Duplo, baby toys mats and bouncers. Each session ends with singing with musical instruments. If you have any questions, please contact: hagbournetoddlers@hotmail.com



**East
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COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME NOW OPEN

Each District Councillor currently has £5,000 to award to projects or services that offer community benefits in their ward area. The money is available to non-profit community organisations whose primary purpose is to benefit the residents of South Oxfordshire. There is particular interest in supporting projects which focus on protecting and restoring our natural world; action on the climate emergency and improved economic and community well-being. For information contact one of your local District Councillors or visit the website [here](#)



WINTER SUPPORT AVAILABLE

South Oxfordshire District Council are supporting residents struggling to afford household essentials this winter through a new voucher scheme using money from the government's **Household Support Fund**. It will help pay for vulnerable households' food, energy, and water bills and other essential household costs. The funds are not restricted to people who receive benefits, and a range of factors are taken into consideration when assessing applications. The scheme will open in the next couple of weeks and will end in March 2022. Details on how to apply will be on the SODC website [here](#) Oxfordshire County Council is also providing support for children and young people eligible for free school meals from the same government fund.



The Covid Community Hub can assist with isolation and financial help details [here](#)
Hagbourne Charities – hagbourne.charities@gmail.com or 07572 401769

East and West Hagbourne Fund – www.easthagbourne.net/directory/village-fund

Contact Trevor Chambers on 01235 814892

Coronavirus Community Support Group - easthagboursecovid19@gmail.com or 07568 395228

FREE



PARKING

FREE CHRISTMAS PARKING: Drivers will be able to park for free in South & Vale car parks on the following days in the run up to Christmas:

Abingdon – Saturdays 4, 11 and 18 December

Didcot – Mondays – 6, 13 and 20 December

Goring – Saturdays 4, 11 and 18 December

Henley – Fridays 10, 17 and 24 December

Thame – Saturdays 4, 11 and 18 December

Wallingford – Thursdays 9, 16 and 23 December

Wantage – Saturdays 4, 11 and 18 December

Faringdon – Saturdays 27 Nov, and 4 and 11 Dec

On the above days there's no need to display a ticket, however maximum stay times will still apply in specific car parks – more details on this at southoxon.gov.uk/parking.



DEFIBRILATORS: 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.



USEFUL WEBSITES: <https://www.fixmystreet.com/> for reporting a wide variety of issues from potholes to fly tipping <https://publicrightsofway.oxfordshire.gov.uk/standardmap.aspx> can be used to report an issue with a countryside path or public right of way.

<https://one.network/> for checking roadworks in the area

Planning applications received since the last newsletter:

P21/S4413/HH 1A Fieldside, East Hagbourne – Single storey rear extension, relocation of solar panels, new timber pergola and new ground floor windows to match existing on the west facade.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 9th December 2021 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

Finding the right balance between tidiness and wildlife in East Hagbourne

An invitation for you to comment

Looking after our village.

East Hagbourne is an attractive village, visited by many for events and activities including the Scarecrow and Halloween Trails. Although we no longer participate in the Britain in Bloom competition, the Open Gardens, held every three years, are very popular.

In the public sphere, the Parish Plan of 2011 encouraged residents to cut back their hedges and discourage parking that blocks pavements. The Parish Council's grass cutting contract has been refined to be more effective, although frustrations can arise over delays due to weather or, more recently, Covid. Considerable progress has been achieved in reducing dog fouling and more and larger bins installed to cope with demand.

The Parish Council's 'Village Sparkle' has renovated benches around the village, installed village entry signs at New Road and Blewbury Road and picnic tables at Butts Piece.

The Parish Plan encouraged all residents to take a pride in their immediate surroundings, including clearing weeds and removing litter and we know that some individuals make great efforts, some going well beyond their own immediate area.

Nevertheless, this is an ongoing effort and there are areas in the village where overhanging hedges and encroachment of vegetation has reduced the available footpath width. There are places where vegetation intended to beautify the village can encroach over pavements, which can cause difficulties for those less sure on their feet. The state of our pavement surface is poor in some areas and the Parish Council continues to press OCC for improvements.

Climate Change and Biodiversity

Since our Parish Plan and even our Neighbourhood Plan were created, we have all become more aware of the urgency of action to combat climate change and reverse the decline in biodiversity - two topics that are very closely related.

The formation of the Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability is very timely, extending and building on the work of Hagbourne Environment Group. HUGS has been very active over the past year, installing owl boxes, organising tree planting in gardens and providing information and encouragement on broader climate issues. The group has been active in managing the Blewbury Road footpath loop, including planting hawthorns to repair the gaps along FP18.

At Butts Piece, HEG has for many years managed the 'wild' area. More recently, HUGS has worked on selected parts of the grassy margins, allowing cutting less regularly and improving the flowering plant mix to encourage insects and other wildlife. Some residents have allowed the verges outside their houses to grow with the same objectives. These areas, of course, need careful management if long grass is not to obstruct walkways or impair visibility crossing the road.

Involving the Community

We have a lot of goodwill and volunteer effort within our community - most residents make efforts to keep their gardens and front verges well managed, and there are many who go beyond this, picking litter around the village, managing the small gardens around our village entry signs or in other ways we may not be aware of - all these efforts deserve our thanks and encouragement.

There will be differing views among the community on the relative importance of the topics mentioned above. This note is intended to initiate discussion amongst Parish Councillors and residents, so that we can all come to a balanced approach.

East Hagbourne Parish Council would like to hear your views

Please send written comments to the Clerk, easthagbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com



East Hagbourne Community Shop

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



**East Hagbourne Community Shop and Post Office wish you all
a joyful and peaceful Christmas Season, and a happy New Year!**



EHCS Fund – Giving Back to the Community 2021 The Shop is again donating £1000 to local charities proposed by our Volunteers. **This year, all 5 candidates are eligible for a share of the Fund, based on Customer votes received. Voting is open until 4th Dec – Spend £1 or more in the Shop to vote!** Final awards announced before Christmas. Thank you for helping us give back to our community!

Spread Christmas Cheer with exclusive **local artist cards** featuring Village scenes, or joyous furry friends. Hang **our lovely, foraged wreath** on front doors or gates. Gift our village **bone china mug** with cocoa mix; or tuck our **village tea towel** around home-baked goodies; or pop gifts into our **jute shopper**. Don't forget to pick up **stollen, homemade cakes or crumbles!**

More Gift Ideas Try **new releases by Local Authors** including *Landmark in Time: the World of the Wittenham Clumps* by Peter Adamson or *Past Perfect Old Friends* by Yen Rickeard. **Linda Benton's lyrical framed artwork** depicting local scenes is a winning choice. **Prepaid cards** from the Post Office suit everyone!



**Christmas Bakery Stall Saturday
18th December** Mulled wine, minced pies and festive tunes to celebrate our final Marcopolo Bakery delivery of 2021. **Order by 4pm Wednesdays** in Shop, or email to: easthagbourneshop@btopenworld.com.



You can visit our 2 entries in **St Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival** 10th – 18th December.

December Operating Hours with Late Afternoons for Christmas Posting!

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Shop: Mon, Thurs: 9am– 5pm; Tue/Wed/Fri: 9am– 4pm; Sat: 9am– 12:30pm

Early Shop Closing at 12:30pm: Friday, 24th & 31st December

Final 2021 Cake Bake: Thursday 16th December, resumes 6th January

Final 2021 Marco Polo Bakery Delivery: 18th December, resumes 8th January

Recommended Last UK mailing dates: 2nd class, 18th December; 1st class, 21st December. Special Delivery Guaranteed, 23rd December. Check International dates at the PO.

PO & SHOP CLOSED BANK HOLIDAYS: 25th, 27th & 28th Dec and 1st & 3rd January.



Didcot Foodbank: a spot of myth-busting

Many of you know that the Didcot Foodbank exists and needs food donations, but it was suggested to me at online Church that readers might appreciate some behind-the-scenes notes to give a greater insight.

I think the biggest misconception about foodbanks is that the people they help are largely addicted to drugs, alcohol, or benefits. It doesn't take volunteers very long to realise that, although some in those categories do turn up, there are many people who have fallen on desperately hard times who are – to be frank – just like the average reader of this magazine. Nor (another misconception) can people just walk in for a freebie: they have to be referred by organisations such as schools, doctors, social services, some charities and churches, housing associations, etc.

Here are just a few examples for you of people I have met at the foodbank:- a young mother who had left a comfortable middle-class home with nothing but her baby and a bag of toys in order to escape abuse; a professional man who had lost his job and, because he couldn't keep up mortgage and other repayments, lost his home and all his possessions; a charming, well-educated woman who couldn't hold down any job because of mental health problems and was relying on friends' sofas. I have talked to a guy who was indeed a homeless addict but was trying desperately to kick the habit so that he could reunite with his wife and family: unfortunately, the only help course he was being offered was a long train ride away and he couldn't afford the fare. These folk are invariably grateful, usually terribly embarrassed, and often in tears.

Now just a couple of thoughts about what you might donate. People usually go for pasta, cereals, tea, beans.... these are all great, but perhaps consider giving one more costly item rather than several cheap ones – it is the more expensive things that our clients really can't afford, e.g. coffee, sugar, tinned meat. Tinned vegetables other than beans and tomatoes are often in short supply. Homeless people are sometimes placed in hotel rooms: lucky them? - well, they have shelter, but their only chance of hot food is something involving a kettle, so for them pot noodles are very welcome! It's not just food that we give out: female hygiene items can be very expensive, as can nappies. And what about dog food? Controversial, maybe: some might say a dog is a luxury that someone short of food can't afford – I can tell you that sometimes that faithful friend relying on them really is the only thing that keeps someone going. Other ways to help? If you donate items from your store cupboard, do have a look at the sell by date: we can't give out anything outdated. And if you have a permanent marker handy, writing that date large on the top really helps: nothing slows us down more than peering at a tin, jar or packet trying to find a date! Of course, you can always join the happy band of volunteers: you don't have to commit to a regular slot, just add your name to the online rota when you can. The Foodbank is kindly hosted by the Baptist Church in Wantage Road, Didcot, Tuesdays and Fridays, 11am to 1pm.

Jane Chambers

P.S. If you are looking for an inspiring read, try Raynor Winn's 'The Salt Path', the story of how a farming couple's lives change in an instant in a courtroom – suddenly homeless after generously investing in a friend's business that crashes, unaware that there was a charge on their home and farm in the agreement. Another salutary tale that illustrates the axiom, 'There but for the Grace of God go I'

Didcot and District U3A is now meeting again and offers the opportunity to share your knowledge and experience and talents with others and learn from them in friendly surroundings. Why not come along to the next meeting on **21st December** at 2.30pm at Great Western Park District Community Centre, Gentian Mews, Didcot OX11 6GR for a talk called **Rocking Around the Christmas Tree**. There is plenty of parking at the Great Western Park District Community Centre. Come along and find out about your local U3A.

HUGS News - Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability

COP26 This was a historic meeting where 196 countries from around the world agreed to reduce emissions to help keep global temperatures as low as possible. The plan could still keep the current temperature rise by the end of the century to 1.8 degrees centigrade.

Crucially, with countries missing from these pledges, there will be another COP in November 2022 so nations can come back to the table with updated nationally determined contributions. Unfortunately, all of the pledges are voluntary, e.g. ending deforestation by 2030. So, we now need government action all-round the globe to deliver these vital pledges for the planet. Apart from concessions on coal, another disappointing part of the COP was the failure of governments to honour the Loss and Damage action. As many of us in rich, developed nations continue our lives of over-consumption and pollution, it is the poorest in the world who pay the price. The lives of millions of people in less developed nations are being devastated by drought, famine, floods, storm, extreme heat and sea level rise. We are creating the problem both in the UK and elsewhere within the developed world. Those who are suffering are the least culpable when it comes to causing climate change; they live much more sustainable lives than we do. Yet COP26 failed to agree on compensation for them; for our western lifestyles and the climate havoc we are wreaking elsewhere.

So, we need more pressure on governments. Will our UK government lead the way over the next year? For example, cancelling plans for new oil fields and the new planned coal mine?

What can we all do?

As well as pressure on the government, we know we can do more ourselves as individuals, families and communities. There are many aspects of life that we can make changes in. Many changes make us healthier, e.g. walking or cycling instead of short car journeys. And a huge number will save us money, e.g. avoiding food waste, buying less goods, repairing rather than replacing, buying second hand. Have a look at our [sustainability page](#) for some more ideas.

We know the COP fell short on fossil fuels, but we can use market forces to make a difference ourselves:

1. Investigate and switch to a renewable energy tariff, removing fossil fuels from your energy mix.
2. Check your investments and decarbonise your portfolio.
3. Campaign against all new licences for fossil fuel extraction - lobby your MP and sign petitions.



Astronomy Notes Well the UK weather has been doing its usual thing. Weeks and weeks of cloudy skies, with the telescope sitting idle. Any chance of more imaging of **Jupiter** this year, has now slipped away, and I will have to wait until it is back next year. This is one of the better images from 15th September. It shows the Great Red Spot well. Next year, Jupiter will be higher in the sky, so I am hoping for better results if the weather allows. The **annual Geminid meteor shower** will be with us on the night of **13th/14th December**. I wish that we could drop the term shower, a rather misleading description of an enhanced period of meteor activity.

Do not expect to see shooting stars falling like rain. Although there are historical accounts of such things happening, but extremely rare. It is always worth looking if the skies clear. Unfortunately, the Moon will spoil our view somewhat. But you should see the brighter ones.

John Napper napperjohn@gmail.com www.flicker.com/photos/67647466@N08/

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Didcot, Sandringham Road	0850	1018	1148	1348	1454	1518	1554	1604	1724	1853		
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	0853	1021	1151	1351	1457	1521	1557	1607	1727	1856		
West Hagbourne, Moor Lane	↓	↓	↓	↓	1503	↓	1603	↓	↓	↓		
Upton, Village Hall	↓	↓	↓	↓	1507	↓	1607	↓	↓	↓		
Blewbury, The Blueberry	0901	1029	1159	1359	1514	1529	1614	1615	1735	1904		
Upton, Village Hall	0907	1035	1205	1405	↓	1535	↓	1621	1741	1910		
West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow PH	0908	1036	1206	1406	↓	1536	↓	1622	1742	1911		
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Aston Upthorpe, The Chequers PH					1523		1623					
South Moreton, The Crown PH					1529		1629					
North Moreton					1535		1635					
Didcot, Orchard Centre					1545		1645					
Didcot, Parkway Station					1549		1649					

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Upton, Village Hall	0648	0741	0808	0939	1109	1239	1439	1439	1609	1641 1814
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Didcot Girls' School	↓	0832	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	0704	↓	0824	0953	1123	1253	1453	1453	1623	1655 1828
Didcot, Sandringham Road	0707	↓	0827	0956	1126	1256	1456	1456	1626	1658 1831
Didcot, Orchard Centre	0712	↓	0832	1001	1131	1301	1501	1501	1631	1703 1836
Didcot, Parkway Station	0716	0838	0836	1005	1135	1305	1505	1505	1635	1707 1840

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Didcot, Orchard Centre	0844	1014	1144	1344	1514	1714
Didcot, Sandringham Road	0848	1018	1148	1348	1518	1718
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	0851	1021	1151	1351	1521	1721
Blewbury, The Blueberry	0859	1029	1159	1359	1529	1729
Upton, Village Hall	0905	1035	1205	1405	1535	1735
West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow PH	0906	1036	1206	1406	1536	1736
Chilton, Main Street	0913	1043	1213	1413	1543	1743
Harwell Campus, Bus Station	0920	1050	1220	1420	1550	1750

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Harwell Campus – Blewbury – Didcot
Saturdays

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Harwell Campus, Bus Station		0925	1055	1225	1425	1555
Chilton, Main Street	0800	0931	1101	1231	1431	1601
West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow PH	0806	0937	1107	1237	1437	1607
Upton, Village Hall	0808	0939	1109	1239	1439	1609
Blewbury, The Blueberry	0814	0945	1115	1245	1445	1615
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	0822	0953	1123	1253	1453	1623
Didcot, Sandringham Road	0825	0956	1126	1256	1456	1626
Didcot, Orchard Centre	0830	1001	1131	1301	1501	1631
Didcot, Parkway Station	0834	1005	1135	1305	1505	1635

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**A very Happy Christmas with
happiness and prosperity for the New Year
from the Parish Magazine committee**



We hope that as many people as possible in East and West Hagbourne are seeing and enjoying the parish magazine which is at present online on the East and the West Hagbourne Parish Council websites. We thank the Parish Councils for hosting the magazine. We are also emailing copies of the parish magazine to individuals.

We are continuing online at present and are able to print a few magazines for those without a computer. If you know of someone who would like a printed copy then please let us know. If anyone would like to be added to our online emailing lists then also let us know on magtemp5@gmail.com. We will be making decisions in the New Year about going back to printing the magazine but feel that with the present situation it is best to continue as we are.

We would be grateful for any donations towards the production of the magazine and suggest maybe a donation of £6 for the year if you receive it online or £12 for the year if you are receiving a printed copy. We will publish how to send in donations to support the magazine in the January 2022 issue.

Many thanks to all the contributors who send in their varied and interesting articles month by month and many thanks also to our advertisers who continue to support the magazine.

Janet Corderoy, Chairman, Parish Magazine committee.

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? Whatever the reason we will be glad to meet you. 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 10.00pm. It will cost you £2 – a small sum for a good night out! **We look forward to seeing you.**

We are: Jill Garlick – 0787 3431144 hjgarlick@gmail.com

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JANUARY 2022 PARISH MAGAZINE

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