



St Andrew's Hagbourne
PARISH MAGAZINE



DECEMBER 2022



*A Happy and Peaceful Christmas
to all our Readers*

News, Views and Information for everyone in the Hagbournes

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CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR DECEMBER 2022

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

1 Thursday
2 Friday
3 Saturday

4 +Sunday THE 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8am Holy Communion: St Michael's B
9am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's AT
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 Online Benefice Service
4pm Parish Eucharist: All Saints' NM
6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H
7pm Youth Group: Benefice Centre

5 Monday
6 Tuesday
7 Weds
8 Thursday
9 Friday
10 Saturday

10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H
6.30pm Carols in the Close: East Hagbourne
St Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival

11 +Sunday THE 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B
10.30am Online Benefice Service
3pm Carols at the Crown: South Moreton
3.30pm Carols at Manor Farm: West Hagbourne
4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM
6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H

12 Monday
13 Tuesday
14 Weds
A 15 Thursday
16 Friday
17 Saturday

10am Holy Communion: St Michael's B
10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H
4pm Carol Singing: St Mary's Upton

18 +Sunday THE 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Andrew's H
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B
10.30am Online Benefice Service
4pm Carol Service: St Michael's AT
6pm Nine lessons and Carols: St Michael's B
6pm Carol Service: All Saints' NM
6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H

19 Monday
20 Tuesday
21 Weds

10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H

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Prayer Focus:

Reading Road U
Station Road U
Stream Road U
Sidesmen, those help with hospitality and catering. Flower arrangers.

Aston Street A
Baker Street A
Chalk Hill A
Downs View A
Edlins Cottages A
Fullers Road A

Outreach and parish magazines.

Hagbourne Rd A
Moreton Rd A
Rectory Lane
Sheepcote A
Spring Lane A
The Close A

Families, children's ministry and clubs, family Service and Mothers' Union.

The Croft A
Thorpe St A
Aldens Lane U

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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 Festival of Light

I wonder how you feel about the nights drawing in? Do you enjoy the long winter evenings, or do you find yourself yearning for the long days of Summer?

Perhaps at this time of year you make a point of attending a Festival of Light. I can remember visiting one of these a couple of years ago in the grounds of Stourhead, a National Trust property down in Wiltshire. From my memory, there were different coloured lights, and you could walk along a tunnel of light. It was something interesting and cheering to do on a drab Winter's afternoon.

December is a good time of year for a festival of light. In Sweden, such a festival is traditionally celebrated on 13th December. According to the Oxford Dictionary of Saints, on this day "the youngest daughter, dressed in white, wakes the rest of the family with coffee, rolls and a special song." I wonder if the day is still celebrated in this way. 13th December is the feast day of St Lucy, an early Christian who was martyred for her faith in 304 AD. The name Lucy is connected with the word "lucis", which is the Latin word for light.

Jesus is called the "Light of the World". You may remember the opening words of John's Gospel: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

At times, our world can be a pretty dark place - literally and figuratively. But the darkness is never the whole story. In the darkness, there is a light shining: the light of God's love in Jesus. Jesus brings us forgiveness and new life. The light of God's love in Jesus means that there is always hope, even in the darkest of nights. *Father Jason*



Upcoming craft session with Father Jason!

St Andrew's Church, Hagbourne

Children of all ages, accompanied by a responsible adult, are invited to come along to Father Jason's **Christmas craft session on December 3rd.**

Drop in any time between 10 am – 12



This year we will also have an Online Carol Service



Friday 23rd December at 6pm – Everyone welcome!

Please join from your computer, tablet or smartphone: <https://meet.goto.com/245461501>

You can also dial in using your phone: United Kingdom 0330 221 0088

Access Code: 245-461-501

If you don't have the GoToMeeting software, you can install it beforehand and be ready when it starts: <https://meet.goto.com/install>

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

Calendar and Diary for December 2022 continued . . .

22 Thursday	10am MU Holy Communion: St Michael's B	8pm Compline	Alexander Close U
23 Friday	6pm Online Carol Service	8pm Compline	Beeching Close U
24 Saturday	<u>CHRISTMAS EVE</u>		Chilton Road U

3pm Crib Service: St Michael's AT
 3pm and 4pm Crib Services: St Andrew's H
 4pm Crib Service: St Mary's U
 4pm Crib Service: St John the Baptist SM
 4pm Village Nativity: All Saints' NM
 5.45pm Crib Service: St Michael's B
 9pm First Mass of Christmas: All Saints' NM
 10pm First Mass of Christmas: St Michael's AT
 10.30pm First Mass of Christmas: St Michael's B
 11.30pm First Mass of Christmas: St Andrew's H



All the churches in our Benefice and our relationships together.

25 +Sunday CHRISTMAS DAY

8am Holy Communion: St Michael's B
 8am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H
 9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U
 10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B
 10.30am Parish Eucharist: St John the Baptist SM
 10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's AT
 10.30am Family Service: St Andrew's H
 10.30am Online Benefice Service
 No 4pm Parish Service at All Saints' NM
 No 6pm Evensong at St Andrew's H



26 Monday		8pm Compline	Church Corner U
27 Tuesday		8pm Compline	Church Street U
28 Weds	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm Compline	Fieldside U
29 Thursday		8pm Compline	High Street U
30 Friday		8pm Compline	Newmans Close U
31 Saturday			Orchard Close U
<u>1 +Sunday</u>	<u>Naming and Circumcision of Jesus</u>		<i>Children and Sunday Clubs</i>
	8am Holy Communion: St Michael's B		
	10.30am Parish Service: St Michael's B		
	10.30am Online Benefice Service		



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 Look for **Resources** to download **The Churn** for full code details.

You can contact the clergy and staff on:

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Revd Louise Butler 07837 009730 revlouiseb@aol.com
Elaine de Ridder (Operations Manager) is available from 9.00am to 2.30pm
 Monday to Friday - 01235 850267, during office hours,
 or office@churnchurches.co.uk

j **Bookings for Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals can be made by contacting the Benefice office on 01235 850267 or via email: office@churnchurches.co.uk**

St Andrew's Church, Hagbourne

Christmas Tree Festival

Vote For Your
Favourite Tree

See the Full
Programme of
Events in this
magazine

Bumper
Festival
Raffle



Winter
Wonderland
Theme

9th -17th December

Trees all around the Hagbournes and in the Church

***** Church Open All Day *****

Christmas Café between 2pm and 5pm

**Supporting St Andrew's Church & Albie and Beyond, raising
funds for Brain Tumour Research**

MANY THANKS TO OUR FESTIVAL SPONSORS





Advent collection for Oxford Homeless

Can you imagine Christmas without a present? Here are some things the residents of O'Hanlon House have requested. The Advent Hamper at St Andrew's will be in place for Advent Sunday.

If you put your items in the Advent hamper by **12th December**, the Action Group will take them to Oxford, where Oxford Homeless will wrap them up as Christmas gifts:

Coffee gift card, shower gel, art supplies, dog toy or dog food, deodorant, joggers S & M, fleece hoodie or top, dry or canned food, jigsaw, puzzle book, a new bath towel, new underwear sizes S & M, men's/ladies, and who doesn't like chocolates!

**We'll get your present to Homeless Oxford whenever you leave it.
Your gift will brighten someone's day!**

Youth Group: Hot chocolate and games!

Usually, the first Sunday of the month, Benefice Office 7-8.30pm
the next games nights will be on

Sunday the 4th of December and 8th January at 7pm.

An informal gathering of young people, having a chat while drinking hot chocolate and playing board and card games. Aimed at secondary school young people. Those who recently left school or college are most welcome too! Enquiries: contact Elaine or Father Jason.



Rotas for December 2022

Year A	4th December 2nd Sunday of Advent	18th December 4th Sunday of Advent	24th December Christmas Eve 11.30pm	25th December Christmas Day All Age Service	General Notes:
Readers	Isaiah 11, 1-10 Margaret Antcliffe Romans 15 4- 13 Trevor Goss	Isaiah 7 10-16 Graham.Goy Romans 1 1-7 Daniel Dawson	2 Samuel 7 1-5,8-11,16 Doug Amos Acts 13. 16-26 TBC	Titus 3 4-7 Jeff Powell	<p><i>The Tree Festival is from December 9th to 17th. During this time there should be 31 trees in church and lots of activities so please make allowances for this</i></p> <p><i>Church cleaning should be done on the Friday afternoon or Saturday before your name is on the rota.</i></p> <p><i>Thank you.</i></p> <p><i>If unable to do duty, please let your organiser know or find a suitable replacement</i></p>
Intercessions	Celebrant	Celebrant	Celebrant	Celebrant	
Sidesmen	Marian Powell Richard Powell	Trevor Goss Jackie Mackenzie			
Coffee	Mary Goy Helen Clayson	Marian Powell Richard Powell	No Coffee	No Coffee	
Church Cleaning	Marian.Powell Richard Powell	Christine Wood Alice Smith			
Flowers Lady Chapel	No Flowers	No Flowers			
Flowers High Altar	No Flowers	No Flowers	Lynne Carter		



Tower Talk On Tuesday 8th November St Andrew's hosted the monthly Old North Berks evening practice. We had a good evening's ringing and were able to ring all eight bells due to the number of visitors. Many of the group gathered in the Fleur, after ringing, for a well-earned drink.

On Sunday 13th November we rang the bells for Remembrance Sunday for Evensong at 6pm, the bells were rung half muffled.



The handbell ringers have been busy practicing for the afternoon entertainment on Saturday 17th December as part of the Christmas Tree Festival entertainment just before the Grand Draw and the announcement of the winner of the favourite tree.

Birthdays: 13th December - Shirley Goss and Thomas Addison, **23rd December** – Rob Abel.

Dates for the Diary: Friday 16th December, 7pm Big Wassail.

Saturday 17th December – Handbell ringing in St Andrew's Church as part of the afternoon entertainment at the Soup Lunch.

Saturday 31st December – Ringing in the New Year starting at **11:30 PM** Shirley Goss.



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



KICK OFF CHRISTMAS WITH

CAROLS IN THE CLOSE

6:30PM – FRIDAY 9TH DEC
CHURCH CLOSE,
EAST HAGBOURNE



SING ALONG WITH
CHOLSEY SILVER BAND



*Followed by the
Christmas Tree Festival Big Switch On*

In support of the church & Albie & Beyond

Many Thanks to our Festival Sponsors





Christmas Services at St Andrew's

St Andrew's Church welcomes you to their Services:

Sunday 18th December 10.30am Parish Eucharist and 6pm Evensong

Friday 23rd December Online Carol Service, see page 3

Christmas Eve - Saturday 24th December

3pm and 4pm – Crib Services

11.30pm First Mass of Christmas

Christmas Day – Sunday 25th December

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Family Service

First Sunday of Christmas – Sunday 1st January

10.30am Online Benefice Service

Second Sunday of Epiphany - 15th January

3pm – Epiphany Moments, see page 13

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 Revd Louise Butler on 07837 009730. Full Covid precautions will be followed.



The Crib Services at St Andrew's Christmas Eve, 24th December 3pm & 4pm

This is the chance for your child to hear the wonderful story of the first Christmas. We are holding a Crib Service at 3pm and have another at 4pm so that your family can come along to the one which is most convenient to you. A lovely way to start your Christmas.

Thanks for 2022

We would just like to thank you for all your support over the last year. And what a year it has been!

It has included a Platinum Jubilee and a Royal Funeral as well as Glad Rags, Fete, Pet Service, Lent Lunches and Summer Teas. Not to mention the "normal" events such as Easter, harvest, weddings, baptisms and funerals. All of which we have called upon for volunteers to help us out and what a fabulous lot you are! Whenever we asked for volunteers, they came forward and did a fantastic job. Thank you one and all.

It has been a very strange year and one that I for one will be quite happy to see the back of. Roll on 2023 when, of course, we have lots more events in the planning for you to look forward to.

So, Once again our thanks to you all and we wish you a

VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Jane & Jill



(the dream team – or is it the nightmare ones!) otherwise known as your Churchwardens

HUGS December news – Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability



Rymans Crescent biodiversity boost We've been delighted to work with Soha in East Hagbourne at Rymans Crescent. Together with residents, HUGS volunteers and Soha staff, we've cleared more than 50 metres of turf and prepared the ground for wildflower turf to be laid back down.

We've recycled turf and other materials along the way. The turf has a wealth of different wildflowers, some of which are flowering now! Now they should be putting down roots to prepare for flowering next spring and summer.

Behind the wildflowers, the grass will be allowed to grow long to create more habitat to support our beleaguered wildlife. We're looking forward to Spring already to see how it grows! Find out more [here](#) in our latest blog. And it's not too late if you want to sow / grow your own wildflowers or lay wildflower turf in your garden!

Bee Tree in the St Andrew's Tree Festival Look out this December for our **HUGS** Christmas tree inside the church. To celebrate all our work to support pollinators this year, we're over the moon to have the Didcot Girls' School Science Club making us some beautiful bees out of recycled lab materials for the tree! Come along and have a look when the festival opens on December the 9th!



Happy Christmas from HUGS!



The Hagbournes' Warm Hub

As it begins to get colder a warm welcome awaits you at the East Hagbourne Pavilion every Wednesday afternoon from 2 – 4pm. Enjoy free hot drinks and tasty goodies, a friendly face, a chat, and other activities in a warm setting. There is no need to book.

All residents of East and West Hagbourne are welcome. (Please bring a parent or guardian if you are under 18). If you would like to volunteer to help the Hagbournes' Warm Hub in any way, contact us on 07572401769.



East Hagbourne Community Shop

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

Entirely and proudly volunteer run.

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

Christmas Bakery Stall 9am – 12:30 Saturday 17th December

Enjoy free mulled wine or juice, minced pies and festive tunes while you pick up **Marcopolo breads and pastries**. Browse gifts including **Nellie-Jean's delightful artisanal Christmas chocolates** and other seasonal treats, **hand-made wreaths, festive homemade cakes** and our signature **Village tea towel, china mug** and **new jute shopper**.



Spread Christmas Cheer . . .

with exclusive **local artist cards** or **new releases by local authors** including Yen Rickeard and Linda Benton. **Prepaid cards** from the PO suit everyone. And don't forget our **homemade cakes each Thursday!**



EHCS Fund – Giving Back to the Community 2022

We are donating £1000 to local charities proposed by our Volunteers, and voted by our Customers. **You can vote until 3rd December** - all 6 candidates receive a share of the fund, based on their votes earned. Awards to be presented at our Christmas Stall. **Thank you for your support in 2022 and for helping us give back to our community!**

Celebrate St Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival Get raffle tickets in the Shop or at our Holiday Stall, and visit all the trees, including our 2 entries, from 9th to 17th December.

December Operating Hours

Post Office: Mon to Sat: 9am – 12:30pm - Mon and Thurs: 1:15 – 4:45pm

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

Christmas Hours:

OPEN: Saturday 24th December 9am - 12:30pm normal hours

CLOSED: Bank Holidays 26th and 27th December

OPEN MORNINGS ONLY 9–12pm on 28th, 29th and 30th December

Saturday 31st December: Shop planned Open 9–12pm/ PO CLOSED

CLOSED: Bank Holiday Monday 2nd January.

Recommended Last UK mailing dates: 2nd class, 17th Dec; 1st class, 20th Dec; Special Delivery Guaranteed, 22nd Dec. Check International dates at the PO.

St Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival Events 2022

In addition, the church is open daily and between 2pm and 5pm, the Christmas Cafe is also serving, so please do come to enjoy the trees and vote for your favourite.

Friday 9 December	6:30pm	Carols in the Close , Church Close, EH <i>Sing along with Cholsey Silver Band.</i> The Big Tree Festival Launch <i>Switch-on of the trees inside the church.</i>
Saturday 10 December	12:00pm	Soup'n'Tunes Lunch <i>Enjoy songs and tunes from local players.</i>
	1:30pm	The Poets' Trail Solstice Celebration <i>Mando Buddies and local poets get festive.</i>
Sunday 11 December	3:00pm	Hagbourne & Wallingford Young Pianists <i>Concert in the church . . . with cake!</i>
	3:30pm	Carols in the Farmyard , Manor Farm WH <i>The very welcome return of the vOx choir.</i>
Thursday 15 December	6:30pm	Carols on Your Doorstep <i>Local carollers roam the village streets.</i>
Friday 16 December	7:00pm	The Big Wassail <i>Carols, poems, songs, tunes, and fun!</i>
Saturday 17 December	12:00pm	Soup'n'Song Lunch <i>Festive songs from The Nightingales.</i>
	1:30pm	Hagbourne Community Choir <i>Seasonal favourites as the village sings.</i>
	2:45pm	The St Andrew's Handbell Ringers <i>The unique, ethereal sound of handbells.</i>
	3:30pm	Result of the public vote for the favourite tree. Followed by the Festival Raffle draw.

Note: All events take place in St Andrews Church unless otherwise stated



Please Support our Festival Sponsors



Hagbourne Garden Club We wish all members and friends **A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS and good gardening in the New Year.** We do not meet in December so hope to see you all in the Hagbourne Pavilion on **Thursday, 26th January** when we will have our first meeting of the New Year with a talk by Michael Brown on **The Story of Vegetables in England - New exotics such as the now humble potato and how vegetables were grown.** Refreshments at 7pm and the talk starts at 7.30pm. Visitors welcome: £5

Waste disposal and recycling – useful information

About thirty people were entertained with an excellent talk by the South and Vale Waste and Recycling officer, Jessica Beare, in Hagbourne Village Hall on Friday 4th November. Jess gave a high paced and well-illustrated presentation on waste disposal and the management of this in our district and county. She reported that SODC have a 64.1% recycling rate (the percentage of weight of recycled over overall household waste) and that this is the second highest in England.

Her talk was followed by a lively question and answer session. Questions ranged from technical issues on anaerobic digestion used to process our food waste, to showing Jess some articles and asking in which bin they should be placed.

There were several take home messages from this meeting. It is crucially important to avoid contamination of green bin waste so all input should be clean and dry with no traces of food and certainly no nappies. Contamination can often be detected during kerbside waste collection and could earn you an "OOPS" tag indicating the reason for not emptying your bin. Such contamination can spoil a large quantity of potential recycling when mixed with other waste.

Rather than fret too much about plastics, the simple rule is just to put any plastic pots, tubs, trays, and bottles in the green bin, preferably crushed (to save space) and with any tops on (to avoid contamination by broken glass, for example). Hard plastic that is not squashable should be put in the black bin. Soft plastic such as crisp packets should be put in bins available at all supermarkets.

Textiles should not be put in the green bin but can be placed in clear bags beside the green bin for collection. Batteries should definitely not go in any bin because of fire risk, but again can be placed in a separate clear bag on top of the green bin.

Another important message is that no black bin waste goes to landfill it is incinerated at the ERF at Ardley without release of noxious gases, and even the ash and residual metals can be recycled. Thus, when in doubt use the black bin. In fact, the only landfill waste is from collections through bulk waste bookings, that is furniture and utilities. Garden waste is included in the recycling count so having full brown bins will help Jess and her colleagues to get top spot in recycling next year! A few members of the audience had visited the food waste disposal plant in Benson and the ERF (Energy Recovery Facility) at Ardley and have found these visits fascinating and informative. Both have extensive visitor programmes and you can organize a visit for a group of people through the websites: <https://www.stgreenpower.co.uk/where-we-operate/wallingford-open-windrow-composting-facility> for food waste and <https://www.viridor.co.uk/energy/energy-recovery-facilities/ardley-erf/> for the ERF at Ardley.

Hagbourne Baby and Toddler Group

The 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. On occasions a craft activity is also offered. Our current children really enjoy their weekly play together (for some it is their only interaction with other children) and they look forward to Friday mornings and meeting their friends.

If you have any questions please contact: hagbournetoddlers@hotmail.com

Table Tennis at the Pavilion Join our friendly table-tennis group at the Pavilion for exercise and fun on Tuesday mornings. We play from 10am to 12noon, £2 per session. All ages, skills, welcome; bats available. More info from: Julian 01235 513599 jgallop@freeuk.com
Anthony 01235 511920 aannanjoness@gmail.com



EPIPHANY MOMENTS: Carols and readings from Epiphany to Candlemas
Sunday 15th January
3pm at St Andrew's Hagbourne
ALL WELCOME TO THE SERVICE!

Seasonal Music and Carols for Epiphany with mulled wine and soft drinks after the Service. If you would like to join in the Benefice Choir for this Service, rehearsals are on 6th and 13th January, 7pm at St Andrew's Church.

Baptism in the Benefice

27th November **Alfred Richard Bloodworth** was baptised at St Michael's Blewbury.

Funerals in the Benefice

2nd November at St Andrew's Hagbourne

22nd November at St Mary's Upton

25th November at St Michael's Aston Tirrold

Peter Bishop

Iris Felstead

David, Viscount Marchwood

aged 97

aged 95

aged 86

May they rest in peace and rise in glory



SING & CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT

THE BIG WASSAIL

7:00PM – FRIDAY 16TH DEC. IN THE CHURCH

An informal evening of music, song and words



Suggested donations of £5.00 each

A Tree Festival event in support of the church & Albie & Beyond



Christmas Message from The Churn Churches Climate Group



Everyone loves a Christmas Tree

Real trees are more climate friendly than artificial ones

- ✓ while growing, they lock in carbon and provide habitats
- ✓ they can be composted
- ✓ they are usually replanted each year

Try to source locally grown ones if you can: it's reckoned that then it will only cost the carbon equivalent of 13 miles in the average family car. Trees do release their carbon when they're cut down, so maybe consider a growing one that can go in the garden afterwards (but keep it well-watered and don't keep it indoors too long): they are more expensive, but if you keep them, you can use them again or they'll be a nice addition to your garden where they'll continue sequestering carbon.

Christmas dinner and all that... Remember, every item of food and drink has its own carbon footprint = the energy used on the farm, in the processing and packaging factories, in transport to the shops and to your home: a substantial proportion of that energy will have been fossil fuels.

- ✓ Plan your meals carefully before you do the shopping, so you don't end up wasting food.
- ✓ Order your shopping online and get it delivered: you're less likely to buy stuff you don't really need, and one van delivering to lots of households costs less carbon than individual car journeys. Sainsbury's have delivery slots with a green van symbol meaning they're delivering to nearby homes on that trip.
- ✓ Buy locally and UK grown food if you can, and keep it seasonal: those delicious-looking (but perishable) soft fruits have either been grown in energy-guzzling hothouses or air-freighted around the world. For example, that asparagus might go really well with your turkey, but it will have been grown in Peru or Mexico and, because it quickly loses flavour and texture, it will have been flown here at around 50 times the carbon cost of shipping. Stick with the good old brussels sprout, at it's seasonal peak in December.

Love that Christmas jumper... Did you know that fashion accounts for about 10% of all carbon emissions from human activity?

- ✓ Dig out last year's reindeer jumper: you only wore it for a day or two so no-one will remember it - or swap it with a friend. Charity shops always have a rack of them in December.
- ✓ If you want to dress up for the Christmas party, charity shops are brilliant. All of my posh frocks are 'pre-loved' - Monsoon specials at supermarket prices - AND you're helping charity.

Oh, you shouldn't have What's on that Santa list? Friends and family do like surprises, but they can be the extras. For the main gifts, make sure you're buying things people need and will use, otherwise all those resources used in the making and transporting will be wasted. Socks have become a Christmas joke, but guess what? - they wear out, so folk *need* new ones, and the surprise can be the design - who knew you could buy Physics socks that look like a blackboard covered with diagrams and equations?!!! My favourite prezzie in recent years was a year's subscription to a magazine, a gift that repeats every month, entertains and informs, and then gets recycled or passed on: mine's the Geographical, but every conceivable interest is available - gardening, wildlife, music, cars, astronomy, sewing.... and there are some great kids' magazines too (science and nature, storytime...) Maybe what Gran or Uncle Jim would really like is a family trip out or a nice meal in a restaurant they can't afford on their pension? Wrap your prezzies in recycled wrapping paper [not glittered or the hologram stuff that can't be recycled].

Don't forget..... switch off lights and appliances and turn down the heat when you're not in a room. And maybe there's someone near you who is dreading the cost this winter who would love an invitation to a warmer home and a nice hot meal - cue a hearty chorus of Good King Wenceslas! JC

The CCCA wish you a very happy, climate-friendly Christmas.

Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman

Housing development by the Village Hall The site is quite a hive of industry with up to about 40 people working in the site at any one time. The building work is thus fully up to speed and the roof trusses are now in place on the show house which at least externally should be complete by the beginning of December.

There are up to forty large vehicle deliveries a day nearly all coming from the correct direction. There should be no traffic at all going through West Hagbourne but it is important to notify me or the Clerk if you see any, noting the name on the vehicle and the time. This is important since the Deanfield traffic marshal and the site manager just see a delivery coming from Coscote but don't know where it was before then. If we let them know, they can chase up the subcontractor to stop it happening again.

20mph Limit The Parish Council are preparing a short questionnaire on the proposal to set 20mph limits in New Road and Blewbury Road. While not a mandatory requirement, it will be very useful to send data on the views of residents on this proposal to the OCC Team that are implementing these limits. There will also be questions in the survey on possible traffic calming measures. It would be great if you could respond to this survey so that we can get an accurate measure of the feeling of the village to these proposals.

Waste disposal and recycling The meeting with Jessica Beare, the Waste and Recycling Officer for South and Vale, on Friday 4th November was very successful and the large audience went away much more knowledgeable about what they should put in their various bins. SODC was second in the country last year for recycling so maybe the meeting will help them get the top spot next year! A report on the meeting and Jess's slides are available on the village web pages on the URL: <https://easthagbourne.net/waste-disposal-recycling/>

Neighbourhood Plan After the meeting in the Pavilion on Monday October 24th, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG) have sent the documents for review by SODC and hope to hear back from them by 24th November when they might hopefully get a green light to formally submit the revised version of the Plan.

Parish Surgeries It was very successful holding the November surgery in the Fleur. However, because of the many parties and get-togethers next month, I will not hold a formal surgery but will be very happy to talk council and village business with anyone whom I might meet in that location and elsewhere over the holiday and pre-holiday period.

Parish Council 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 8th December. 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

Changes to the waste collections in East Hagbourne over the Christmas and New Year Period

Normal collection day
Friday 30th December
Friday 6th January
Friday 13th January

Revised collection day
Tuesday 3rd January
Monday 9th January
Saturday 14th January

Please remember that garden waste collections are suspended over the holiday period to concentrate on Christmas waste collections. Collections resume in January 2023.



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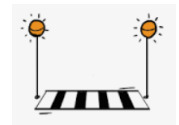
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ROAD SAFETY CONCERNS



Concerns regarding road safety around the school have been raised with both the Parish Council and the headteacher recently and these concerns are being taken seriously. Drop off and pick up times are inevitably very busy but congestion is made considerably worse by vehicles parking on Main Road outside the school instead of finding available spaces in the car park. This effectively creates a one-way section which causes delays for other road users. Additionally, a worrying number of vehicles are not paying proper attention when approaching the zebra crossing, which has resulted in near misses on more than one occasion. Oxfordshire County Council had a public consultation in July/August this year for the addition of double yellow lines along Main Road outside the school including opposite the newly created junction onto the development site, along with an additional speed hump. If approved, this should both slow traffic down and remove the bottleneck issue caused by parked cars along that stretch of road, which causes considerable irritation to other road users due to backed up traffic. This application is under review and a decision is imminent. The Police have been alerted to the matter and asked for advice, but in the meantime please continue to drive carefully through the village and in particular around the school at peak times – thank you.



ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE:

Cost Of Living Crisis An SODC page with a range of advice and support can be found [here](#)
The Community Hub can assist with isolation and financial help. Details can be found [here](#)
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East and West Hagbourne Fund – www.easthagbourne.net/directory/village-fund
Contact Trevor Chambers on 01235 814892
Coronavirus Community Support Group - easthagbournecovid19@gmail.com or 07568 395228



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



USEFUL INFORMATION

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<https://publicrightsofway.oxfordshire.gov.uk/standardmap.aspx> can be used to report an issue with a countryside path or public right of way.
<https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/recycling-rubbish-and-waste> for information on waste services and reporting missed bin collections.
Get the **Binzone** app on your mobile to receive notifications of bin services in East Hagbourne
<https://one.network/> for checking roadworks in the area

Planning applications received since the last newsletter:

- P22/S3761/LDP** The Old Stables, Manor Farm Lane, East Hagbourne – relocation of gas meter.
- P22/S3942/HH** 49 Bishops Orchard, East Hagbourne – Garage conversion.
- P22/S3999/HH** 35 Bishops Orchard, East Hagbourne – conversion of rear half of double garage to office space.
- P22/S2876/HH** 6 Blewbury Road, East Hagbourne – 1st amendment, reducing the width of the 1st floor extension and amend the roof to a more simple design.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 8th December 2022 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



Carols on Your Doorstep

How would you like to hear
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Between 6:30pm and 8:00pm on **Thursday, December 15th**, Carol singers will be wandering the streets of East Hagbourne. You can book a personal visit to your own door by phoning Denise on 815960 or emailing dhorswell65@gmail.com

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God rest ye merry! A Tree Festival Event

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SATURDAY 17TH DEC. AT THE CHURCH

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1:30PM – THE HAGBOURNE COMMUNITY CHOIR

2:45PM – HAGBOURNE HANDBELL RINGERS

3:30PM – AWARDING THE TROPHY FOLLOWED BY



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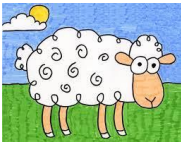
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Hello Elsie, You're up early, where have you been?



Hi Enid, HAMS have started decorating their Christmas Tree in the church for Tree Festival, so I went to take a look.

Was it good? I heard that there were going to be pictures of us on it, so Freda went to the Salon for a trim, shampoo and set, hoping to win the prize for the best dressed tree.

She always was vain, that one, don't think she'll improve our chances. However, the display was excellent, and Chloe even made some magnificent models to hang up.

Was Babe there? Hasn't he settled down well in the farmyard, meeting all those new animals, Turkey was a bit grumpy with him, wasn't he?

You can never tell from day to day what mood Turkey is going to be in.

Oh well, Elsie, it's almost Christmas, who knows what the future holds for him?

Enid don't be pessimistic, it's time to wish everyone Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We'll talk again after Christmas.

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Other books available to buy at the shop from our imaginative local authors including Hagbourne School's Poetry Book **OUR VILLAGE** and the Poets' Trail books.



A very Happy Christmas with all good wishes 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 will still continue to send it out online.

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.

It is possible to pay donations or subscriptions by Bank Transfer using the following details:
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Sort Code: 20-01-09 and please use this reference: "Magazine"

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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.

The Christmas Tree Festival GRAND RAFFLE Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets at £1 each, on sale at the Community Shop, the Christmas Café in Church or at the various Festival events. Wonderful prizes donated by our community and friends including Luxury Christmas hampers, Family Days Out, Eating Out etc . . .



JANUARY 2023 PARISH MAGAZINE

Please let us have copy for the January 2023 parish magazine items **by 20th December, if possible, to magtemp5@gmail.com**

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

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West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow PH	↓	0905	1035	1205	1405	1535	↓	1736	1855	
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North Moreton	0805						1629			
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West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow PH	0806	0937	1107	1237	1437	1607
Upton, Village Hall	0808	0939	1109	1239	1439	1609
Blewbury, The Blueberry	0813	0944	1114	1244	1444	1614
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	0820	0951	1121	1251	1451	1621
Didcot, Sandringham Road	0823	0954	1124	1254	1454	1624
Didcot, Orchard Centre	0828	0959	1129	1259	1459	1629
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