

St Andrew's Hagbourne  
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***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 Special Day

Do you have anything planned for Wednesday 17th February?

You might well be thinking to yourself: why the 17th February? What's so special about the 17th February?

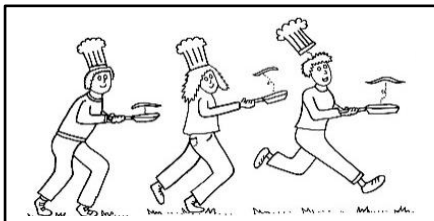
Well, this year 17th February is the day on which Lent starts. Lent always starts on a Wednesday, 40 days before Easter. The date of Easter varies from year to year, and so the date of Ash Wednesday varies accordingly. You will doubtless know why it is called Ash Wednesday, and the fact that this comes from the tradition of attending a church service on this day and receiving the mark of the cross on our forehead. The mark is made from ash, and there is another tradition of making this ash from the palm crosses which have been kept from the previous year.

Why do Christians do this? In part it's about recognising that we all fall short. We all need to say sorry to God and ask for God's help to change things for the better. The sign of the cross is a way of saying sorry to God and asking for his help. It's a visual expression of spiritual humility - the humility to accept that we're not perfect, and that we need to change.

But the sign of the Cross is also a way of focussing on Jesus, and the significance of his life, death and resurrection. For the last 2000 years, Christians have believed that through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ we can receive God's gift of new life. This has been the experience of countless millions of Christians down the centuries. Theologians have used various words and theories to describe this experience of new life in Jesus. Sometimes people use words such as "atonement" or "justification" or "salvation". The words used are, ultimately, neither here nor there. The key thing is the reality of new life, which is given to us as gift from God, and experienced through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

And so the sign of the cross isn't just about saying sorry to God, important though this is. It's also about acknowledging that through Jesus we receive the gift of a new beginning.

The 40 days of Lent which begin on Ash Wednesday is a time when, once again, we prepare ourselves to receive God's gift of new life. I wonder what this might mean for us this year? Fr Jason



**February Pram Service**  
meeting online with older siblings and friends

**Tuesday 16th February at 4pm**

**Pancake Praise!**

**A short service just before the start of Lent with carnival atmosphere!  
Dress up and join in.**

**Contact Revd Louise 07837 009 730 for your log in details on zoom**

## CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR FEBRUARY 2021

The Intentions this month are for all who live in Blewbury

### Prayer Focus:

1 Monday	8pm Compline
2 Tuesday	8pm Compline
3 Wednesday	8pm Compline
4 Thursday	8pm Compline
5 Friday	8pm Compline
6 Saturday	

Bridus Mead B  
Bridus Way B  
Chailey Gardens B  
Chapel Lane B  
Church End B  
Church Road B

*PCC's, all in leadership & our benefice administrator.*

### **7+Sunday THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

10.30am Online Benefice Service

8 Monday	8pm Compline
9 Tuesday	8pm Compline
10 Wednesday	S.Scholastica Abbess 8pm Compline
11 Thursday	8pm Compline
12 Friday	8pm Compline
13 Saturday	

Churn Estate B  
Cossicle Mead B  
Dibleys B  
Eastfields B  
Grahame Close B  
Ladycroft Park B

*Clergy & all who preach or lead.*

### **14+Sunday THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT**

10.30am Online Benefice Service

15 Monday	8pm Compline
16 Tuesday	8pm Compline
17 Wednesday	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 8pm Compline
18 Thursday	8pm Compline
19 Friday	8pm Compline
20 Saturday	

London Road B  
Millbrook Close B  
Our Lenten Discipline  
Nottingham Fee B  
Pilgrims Way B  
Robinson Close B

*Treasurers & church finances.*

### **21+Sunday THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

10.30am Online Benefice Service

22 Monday	8pm Compline
23 Tuesday	8pm Compline
24 Wednesday	Ember Day 8pm Compline
25 Thursday	8pm Compline
26 Friday	Ember Day 8pm Compline
27 Saturday	Ember Day

South Street B  
Watts Lane B  
Westbrook Green B  
Westbrook Street B  
Whites Orchard B  
Woodway Road B

*Sidesmen, helpers with hospitality & catering. Flowers.*

### **28+Sunday THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

10.30am Online Benefice Service

## The Benefice Confirmation Service

**This has been re-scheduled to mid-June. The Confirmation candidates took part in the Online Service on 24th January the day on which their Confirmation Service was to have taken place.**

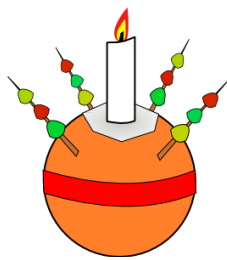
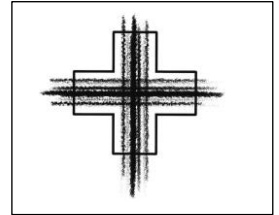


We welcome adults to **"Come and See"** during Lent. These are words that Jesus used as an invitation to his disciples. If you would like to explore more about the Christian faith, please contact the church office or speak to one of the clergy. Details on page 4.

**Midweek Communion at St Andrew's** Unfortunately, due to the current virus regulations we are not able to hold Midweek Communion Services in our churches. We hope to restart these as soon as Government guidance allows. The church will continue to open for **Private Prayer** on **Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10am to 12noon.**

## Online Services

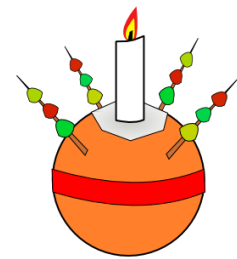
**Sundays at 10.30am** login or connect at 10am to chat before the Service. **Weekday evenings** – Compline at 8pm  
You can join in using a computer, laptop, tablet, smart phone or landline. Please see the website or the Churn if you receive it for the Service access codes and full details of how to join each week.



**Sunday 7th February  
10.30am**

**All Age Online Service**

**We would love you to join us and  
make a Christingle during the Service**



**You will need:** An orange (or other soft fruit, ideally round but not essential!)  
Red ribbon (or a strip of paper ideally coloured red but not essential)  
4 cocktail sticks (or similar, even spaghetti if you have soft fruit)  
A selection of dried fruit, sweets or chopped fresh fruit  
A candle, any size (birthday candle will work well)

If you would prefer to colour in a Christingle (or do so after the service) please print out the additional PDF File attached to Churn email or download it from the events page on our website.

<https://www.churnchurches.co.uk/notices/christingle-services.php>

The work of the **Children's Society** is really important, especially during the current pandemic and lockdown. Money raised means they can provide easy-access, well-being services for young people with nowhere else to turn.

**Please give as generously as you are able by clicking the link below.**

<https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/how-you-can-help/donate>

***During the current situation provisional bookings for Weddings, Baptisms etc. may be made by contacting the office via email. You can contact the clergy & staff on:***

Revd Jason 01235 850267 office@churnchurches.co.uk  
Revd Louise 07837 009730 revlouiseb@aol.co

Dawn (Administrator) 01235 850267, 07434 686044 or office@churnchurches.co.uk  
*is in the office from 12pm – 4pm Monday & 9am – 5pm Tuesday to Friday.*

**Please note:** all Services and Events are subject to last minute changes or cancellations if Government social restrictions change due to Covid 19.



## Fairtrade Fortnight 2021 Monday 22nd February to March 7th



With the next UN Climate Summit taking place in Glasgow in November 2021, it is critical we all make sure producers' voices are heard in the UK and beyond.

That is why the Fairtrade Foundation is part of the Climate Coalition, a group of over 130 organisations across the UK, working towards a truly green and sustainable world.

Fairtrade farmers are among the people who have contributed the least to climate crisis – but are already feeling the worst effects. 21 people from Cote d'Ivoire have the same carbon footprint as one person in the UK, but studies have shown that Africa is the continent most vulnerable to climate change.

Tackling climate change is at the heart of the FAIRTRADE movement, as it threatens the livelihoods of those we are working to protect. You can hear from Fairtrade farmers on the Fairtrade website:

<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/get-involved/current-campaigns/fairtrade-and-climate-justice/>

So, when you're out shopping look for the Fairtrade Mark and know that you're supporting farmers and workers to protect themselves against the climate crisis.

Our local Community Shop will have a display of Fairtrade items during the fortnight.

**Fairtrade is more than a Mark on a product. It's a call for change.**

### **Churn MU Notice of AGM** This will be online, Sunday 7th February at 3pm

Members please attend if you can and we welcome others who are interested in finding out more about the Mothers' Union. Please send apologies to The Revd Louise Butler. The links to join in are:

Computer/Phone/Tablet: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/643208709>

Home Phone: 0203 713 5011 – code 643-208-709

First time user: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/643208709>

**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.

There is also a **Daily Reflection** from Fr Jason available on [www.churnchurches.co.uk](http://www.churnchurches.co.uk)

**With Sympathy** We send our heartfelt sympathies to Norma and Ali and to all the family and friends of Alan Kimber who died in Poole Hospital on New Year's Eve after a sudden and short illness. The family had lived at West Hagbourne before moving to Dorset some years ago. Alan's Funeral took place on 22nd January at Canford Magna Church near Wimborne in Dorset.

**With Sympathy** We send our heartfelt sympathies to Ian and to all the family and friends of Jacqueline Crick who passed away at home on 13th January. Jackie was a very popular, warm and kind-hearted person who will be greatly missed by all her family and also by her colleagues, former colleagues and customers at the Tesco Superstore in Didcot. A private Service will be held at St Andrew's in early February

**With Sympathy** We send our heartfelt sympathies to all the family and friends of Brian Osborne who passed away peacefully at the John Radcliffe Hospital on 13th January, aged 83 years. Brian will be sadly missed by all his family, friends and neighbours, his Funeral Service takes place at St Andrew's in the first week of February.



**Hagbourne Garden Club** Due to the continued Covid restrictions we will again be holding our meeting on **February 25th via Zoom. Our speaker, the always popular Timothy Waker, will be commencing his talk on 'Pruning and Jobs For Spring' at 7.30pm.**

Details on joining our Zoom meeting will be emailed to members by Sally Barksfield in due course or telephone 01235 352275. There will be no charge for this meeting for members or visitors this month only!

## HUGS February brown bin advice

**As the pandemic affects our council garden waste collection, we thought we'd share some tips on composting with you. Might make a good, lockdown half-day project in the garden, whatever the weather!**

There are many benefits to home composting; it's greener than having it taken away, it's great to have a free source of mulch/compost to use in the garden and you're helping wildlife too. So, how to get started?

First, choose where to do your composting. A shady /semi-shady area is good – perhaps a corner of the garden?

Then, what to compost in?



**Log Tower in progress**

Wildlife, including owls, would be very happy with an open compost heap somewhere they can access it. If this isn't an option and you're short of space, there are many options including building your own with recycled wood or buy a kit made from recycled plastic or FSC wood.

Next, if you can, place the compost bin on bare earth and then ideally add quite a lot of material in one go to get it started. From there, try to layer in green waste (leaves / grass) with brown layers (brush wood /cardboard). Check that air can get into the heap and not too much rain gets in at the top. Then once a month turn everything over, being very careful not to disturb any wildlife you find. And depending on the size of the heap, six months later, you may be ready to use your compost as a fantastic mulch for your garden. More info here from the RSPB - <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/give-nature-a-home-in-your-garden/garden-activities/startcomposting/>

And if you have bigger branches to dispose of, then consider building a log tower (try stacking material between 4 upright posts) or use it as a log pile in a corner of your garden. Either way, you're creating fantastic habitat for wildlife. If the tower is tall enough, robins may nest in the top in a gap between large logs, butterflies may choose to hibernate in there, frogs may move into the area under the stack and a huge variety of invertebrates will love the rotting wood as habitat and food.

Happy composting! **p.s. other news** - there's a consultation now open about the closed road in Upton, part of cycle route 544

<https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult.ti/ChiltonRoadTrafficCrossing/consultationHome>



**Happy 'Special' Birthday** Many Happy Returns to Gillian Harries on your special Birthday on the 18th February with much love from your family and very best wishes from all your friends and neighbours. Have a great day.



# East Hagbourne Community Shop

find us on the East Hagbourne village website:  
[www.easthagbourne.net](http://www.easthagbourne.net)

## Operating Hours

**Both the Post Office and the Village Shop continue to provide essential services and goods to the community whilst observing current government guidelines for the continued health and safety of our customers and volunteers.**

**Post Office:** Access your bank accounts, top up prepaid cards & mobiles or pay bills.  
**Hours: Monday to Thursday, 9am to 12pm; Saturday 9am to 12:30pm. CLOSED FRIDAY.**

**The Shop:** Find pantry staples including local marmalade, honey & eggs; savoury pies or tasty crumbles in the freezer; or fresh home-baked cakes each Thursday.  
**Hours: Monday to Friday 9-4pm, Saturdays 9-12:30pm.**

**Pancake Day 16th February** Stock up on flour, fresh milk, local eggs, lemon juice, sugar, butter, golden syrup and honey to celebrate and enjoy!



**Supporting Fairtrade Fortnight 22nd Feb – 7th March** Check out our display of Fairtrade and sustainable local goods that we're pleased to offer a range of throughout the year, and happy to spotlight these providers during the Fortnight.

**Showcasing Local Authors** Check out our latest, *The Blewbury Artists 1880 – 1999*, by Margaret Gallop, an illustrated edition highlighting painters, sketchers, photographers, writers and others, all of whom found inspiration in lovely Blewbury and surrounding villages -- recently reprinted and available once again. We're also proud to showcase new releases by other talented local authors, including *Past and Present Bloodlines* by Yen Rickeard; *The Thought Crystal* by Rachel Waters; and *The Four Seasons*, an anthology by 12 local poets, illustrated by Linda Benton.

**Marcopolo** Pick up Marcopolo's delicious pastries, fresh breads or savouries each Saturday from 9-12:30pm. To avoid disappointment, please **pre-order by 4pm on Wednesdays** in the Shop, or email to [easthagbourneshop@btopenworld.com](mailto:easthagbourneshop@btopenworld.com)

## Volunteers Welcome!

**Would you like to get more involved in the community?** We are seeking additional Shop volunteers, even if for an hour or two per month. We welcome anyone aged 14 or older. Please help us keep our little shop open! Contact Alice Smith by phone on 01235 813393, or text to 07474 937870 or by email to [smith@hagbourne.plus.com](mailto:smith@hagbourne.plus.com)

# HAMS.....looking back

With the changes in Covid Tier restrictions leading to the current lockdown situation, and no end in sight for any relaxation of them in the near term, it has been difficult to look forward to any new projects/plays/reviews that we might immerse ourselves in with any certainty for the next few months.

The ODN Winter Festival gave us the opportunity to try out new techniques using digital and online technology, resulting in us submitting four new entries to the festival. It also gave us the opportunity to draw breath and look back through our previous productions.



Why would we want to do that, you may ask?

One of the categories for the festival was a short 'retrospective' entry, showcasing the work of the group. HAMS has plenty of retrospective material to choose from: eleven full plays and the popular Nonsense evenings, but we thought that one scene from a play, rather than editing short clips from several plays would give a better idea of what HAMS can do.

After a fond look back at our earliest productions, we chose Alice in Wonderland from March 2013. Many of our members, and hopefully some readers of this magazine may remember it.

Looking back through the video we were reminded of the contributions made by the late John Lawson, Muriel and John Stanley. They were bright lights in so many ways and are greatly missed.

Who could forget Pat Napper's performance as the Dodo or Betty Parker's brilliant sleepy Dormouse?

It was difficult to select a ten-minute extract, but we went for the Mad Hatter's Tea Party in the end, which still makes us laugh some eight years on. Have a look for yourself: click on the link, [here](#), to watch the video.

We hope you enjoy this snippet from one of our favourite productions. We had lots of fun!

[www.thehams.co.uk](http://www.thehams.co.uk)

email: [info@thehams.co.uk](mailto:info@thehams.co.uk)

**Football in East Hagbourne** Hagbourne United Football Club are looking for new players to play in the North Berks league divisions 4 & 5. The Club currently fields two men's teams for age 16+ but will be pleased to hear from players of all ages and abilities. Please contact John Symonds at [jesymonds29@gmail.com](mailto:jesymonds29@gmail.com) or 07831 714 076.



## **Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman**

### **Communicating Information**

The current moratorium on the collection of brown bins for garden refuse by the District Council and the number of brown bins that were on the street at the last green+brown collection date made me realize that we have to improve communication on such things. For the bins, there were several messages on the village facebook page, but I fully appreciate that many people do not use facebook. Also, some people may have facebook accounts for family communication but not for accessing the village web pages on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/easthagbourne/>

I thus return to a suggestion that I made over a year ago for the emailing of information from the Parish Council to those who sign up on an mailchimp list. An easy to complete form is available on village web site or directly 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.

The plan is that any postings on Facebook from the Clerk of the Parish Council will also be sent to the email list.

### **Dog Fouling**

A major topic of discussion on the village facebook pages concerns the amount of dog waste on village paths and grass areas. Although it is very bad and fully worthy of the outrage and condemnation in the facebook posts, it is very much a minority of dog owners who are responsible. The fact that there is more waste than before is a reflection on the greater number of dog walkers since lockdown. In fact, the dog bins that the Parish Council have installed are often full when the weekly emptying takes place so much so that the Council is in the process of increasing the size of a bin and adding an additional bin. The cost of maintaining and emptying the bins is quite high although one might shudder at the situation without this provision.

The District Council have confirmed that it is an offence to leave dog waste and that on the spot fines can be levied in a similar way to fines for littering. There is a notice on the Parish page of this newsletter concerning dog bins.

### **Housing Development by the Village Hall**

The latest information that we have on the submitted plans for the building of 74 houses on the field by the Village Hall are that the Case Officer, Penny Silverwood, is consulting the drainage team at SODC about issues raised by the Parish Council and an online survey of the drains conducted by the developers.

### **Support from SODC**

A list of village based support is given in the Parish page of this newsletter. There is also support available from the District Council. SODC's Community Hub continues to be available to help people access support and essentials during the lockdown if they have nobody else to turn to. Anyone who needs support can fill in an online form at: [southoxon.gov.uk/communityhub](https://southoxon.gov.uk/communityhub) or email [communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk) or call 01235 422600.

There is also support from SODC for people if, because of the pandemic, they are at risk of being made homeless or sleeping rough. For details on this, visit [southoxon.gov.uk/housing](https://southoxon.gov.uk/housing). SODC are also making sure everyone is aware that support is available to residents who are experiencing financial difficulties. To find out more please visit [southoxon.gov.uk/benefits](https://southoxon.gov.uk/benefits) .

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## Comments from the Parish Council Chairman *continued from page 9*

### Parish Meetings

The Parish Council will continue to hold Parish Council meetings on-line and, as in normal times, members of the public are welcome to join the meeting through the Zoom link that will be included on the agenda. The next meeting will be held starting at 7.30pm on Thursday 18th February.

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](mailto: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*



### Citizens Advice needs volunteer advisers

**We can all face problems that are too stressful or complicated to sort out alone. In 2019 our 150 volunteers advised over 11,000 people. We helped three quarters resolve their debt, benefits, employment and housing problems.**

We now need more advisers to help us during and after the Covid-19 crisis.

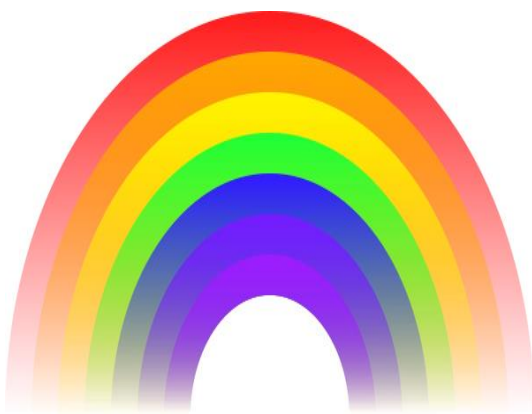
Our main offices are in Abingdon, Didcot, Henley and Thame. Since March 2020, 90 volunteers and staff have been advising the public from home on our Adviceline service. Recently we partially re-opened our offices, in part to train new advisers.

What will you get out of it? You will join a friendly team, meet new people, develop your skills and make a real difference to people's lives.

You'll need to have good listening and interpersonal skills, a willingness to learn and be confident with computers. Full training will be provided.

If you have eight hours a week to spare for the next two years or more and are looking for a satisfying and stimulating volunteer role in your local community, please contact us at:

[www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale/volunteer/](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale/volunteer/)



### Listen

Listen, true,  
Love is all around  
In every sound.  
Listen to the birds sing,  
Listen to the bells ring.  
To a loving look, listen.  
Listen, true love is all around  
In every sound.  
Don't forget the fast heartbeat,  
When eyes first meet.  
Listen.

*Thinking of everyone.*

*Here's to better times ahead* *Roger*



**CONTACT DETAILS:**

Parish Clerk, Laura Lloyd

Telephone: 07891 551 851

Email: [easthagbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:easthagbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com)



**DOG WASTE BINS**

**A big thank you to all those who pick up after their dog.**

Dog fouling is a concern not just because of the mess it causes, but because of the health risk particularly from toxocara parasites which can cause serious illness in adults and children. The Parish Council is playing its part in providing suitable collection facilities. We will shortly be installing a new bin at the entry to Wilcher Close and putting a larger bin at the heavily used Butts Piece location. All bins are emptied weekly. Dog waste can also be put into the general public litter bins, but please, no rubbish in the dog bins.

**Pease help us keep all our footpaths, pavements and other public areas clean.**



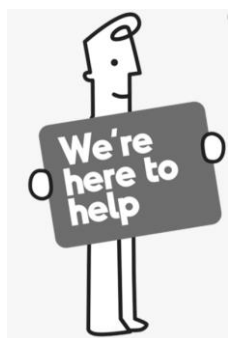
**CEMETERY PARKING – A POLITE REMINDER**

The layby in front of the cemetery is intended for use by cemetery visitors only. It is increasingly being used by others including walkers due to its proximity to the railway line access steps, but this causes issues when the layby is needed for official use by funeral directors or contractors. All visitors should park in the village hall car park unless they are genuinely visiting the cemetery. Keep an eye out for the new signage which is being installed in the layby very soon.



**CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT GROUP**

The group is still active, so please do get in touch if you need help. Please contact [easthagbourneecovid19@gmail.com](mailto:easthagbourneecovid19@gmail.com) or call/text 07568 395228.



**ADDITIONAL HELP AVAILABLE**

If you are in need of additional support for any reason, the following resources are available:

**Hagbourne Charities** – [hagbourne.charities@gmail.com](mailto:hagbourne.charities@gmail.com) or 07572 401769

**East and West Hagbourne Fund** – [www.easthagbourne.net/directory/village-fund](http://www.easthagbourne.net/directory/village-fund) Contact Trevor Chambers on 01235 814892

**Community Hub** – Contact via [communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk) or call 01235 422600 [www.southoxon.gov.uk/communityhub](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/communityhub)

**Winter Support Grant** - Please contact Citizens Advice on 0300 3309042 or visit the SODC website for further information [southoxon.gov.uk/winter-grant](http://southoxon.gov.uk/winter-grant)



**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:

**P20/S4807/HH** and **P20/S4808/LB** Lower Cross Cottage, 2 Main Road, East Hagbourne - Detached single storey extension accessed by an attached walkway.

**P21/S0121/FUL** 59 New Road, East Hagbourne - Change of Use from C3(a) dwelling to Class C3(b) six people living together as a single household and receiving care.

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Thursday 11th February 2021.** This will be held virtually using the Zoom platform. The Zoom details will be included on the agenda for anyone wishing 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](http://www.easthagbourne.net)



**Tower Talk** The tower is still silent along with many others in the country as sadly we cannot ring together due to the current lockdown. John Napper, our Tower Keeper, is kindly keeping an eye on the bells and also the church clock.

There was no Churn Ringing Outing this year but we all hope that things will be different very soon and we can all get together again and enjoy the fellowship that ringing brings.

A few of our band ring at St Mary's, Long Wittenham on a regular basis, where the bells were removed in mid-January to be given a good overhaul at Whites of Appleton. This has been spearheaded by Julia, one of the Long Wittenham ringers and she has raised a lot of money to enable this to be done. Hopefully, when the bells are returned, we will be able to ring them again. Some of you may have seen the photographs that Jill posted on Facebook.

**Birthdays** – none to my knowledge

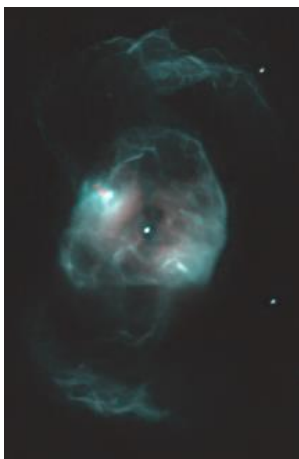
Shirley Goss.

## Churn Benefice Afternoon Tea

A chance to have some company and a chat on a **Thursday afternoon**. Join in an online drop-in teatime session at 4.30pm for an hour, now that the days are shorter and darker.



The Teatime sessions will be hosted by Lesley Botchway. Someone will always be there and the sessions are open to all. The links to join in on a GoToMeeting are published each week on the Churn website: [www.churnchurches.co.uk](http://www.churnchurches.co.uk)



## Astronomy Notes

### The Candy Nebula

This is my very latest image. We had a couple of clear nights last week, after a long spell of clouds. So I had to brave the cold, and make the most of it. NGC (New General catalogue) 2371. Also known as the "Double Bubble Nebula", the "Peanut Nebula", the "Ant Nebula", or my favourite - "The Candy Nebula".

It does look very much like a sweet wrapper. It is a fine example of the remnant of a dying star. Created when a star that is near the end of its life, throws off its outer layers of gas into space. Forming an expanding shell, while the star itself slowly cools to become a white dwarf.

At a distance of 4,300 light years, it measures 3 light years across, which makes it one of the largest examples of this type of object we know of. The central star which was once similar to our Sun. currently has a surface temperature of 130,000 degrees, some 25 times hotter than the surface of our Sun, and shines at least 700 times brighter.

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Didcot, St Birinus School									1430		1530			
Didcot, Loyd Park									1438		1538			
Didcot, Parkway Station, stop R4	0840	1010	1140	1340	1440	1510	1545	1555	1715	1845				
Didcot, Orchard Centre	0844	1014	1144	1344	1444	1514	1549	1559	1719	1849				
Didcot, Sandringham Road	0850	1018	1148	1348	1448	1518	1554	1604	1724	1853				
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	0858	1021	1151	1351	1457	1521	1557	1607	1727	1856				
West Hagbourne, Moor Lane	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Upton, Village Hall	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Blewbury, The Blueberry	0901	1029	1159	1359	1459	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				
Chilton, Main Street	0910	1043	1213	1413	↓	1544	↓	1630	1750	1919				
Harwell Campus, Bus Station	0923	1050	1220	↓	1551	↓	↓	1757	1925					
Aston Upthorpe, The Chequers PH									1623	1623				
South Moreton, The Crown PH									1629	1629				
North Moreton									1635	1635				
Didcot, Orchard Centre									1645	1645				
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Harwell Campus, Bus Station	0855			0925	1055	1225	1425	1425	1555			1800
Chilton, Main Street	0840		0800	0931	1101	1231	1431	1431	1601	1633	1800	
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	↓	0728	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
West Hagbourne, Moor Lane	↓	0734	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow	0845	0737	0800	0937	1107	1237	1437	1437	1607	1639	1812	
Upton, Village Hall	0848	0741	0808	0939	1109	1239	1439	1439	1609	1641	1814	
Blewbury, The Blueberry	0855	0749	0810	0945	1115	1245	1445	1445	1615	1647	1820	
Aston Upthorpe, The Chequers PH	↓	0758	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
South Moreton, The Crown PH	↓	0804	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
North Moreton	↓	0810	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
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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	0715	0838	0850	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	0908	1038	1208	1408	1538	1738
Chilton, Main Street	0918	1043	1213	1413	1543	1743
Harwell Campus, Bus Station	0920	1050	1220	1420	1550	1750

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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	0800	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



## **Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Day – 16th February** **Ever wonder why we eat pancakes just before Lent? The tradition dates back to Anglo-Saxon times, when Christians spent Lent in repentance and severe fasting.**

So on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the church bell would summon them to confession, where they would be 'shriven', or absolved from their sins, which gives us *Shrove* Tuesday. At home, they would then eat up their last eggs and fat, and making a pancake was the easiest way to do this. For the next 47 days, they pretty well starved themselves.

Pancakes feature in cookery books as far back as 1439, and the tradition of pancake races are in remembrance of a panicked woman back in 1445 in Olney, Buckinghamshire. She was making pancakes when she heard the shriving bell calling her to confession. Afraid she'd be late, she ran to the church in a panic, still in her apron, and still holding the pan. We used to have pancake races in Hagbourne – maybe when the virus is gone we could revive the tradition?

Flipping pancakes is also centuries old. A poem from Pasquil's Palin in 1619 runs: "And every man and maide doe take their turne, And tosse their Pancakes up for feare they burne."

Some people have noted that the ingredients of pancakes can be used to highlight four significant things about this time of year: eggs stand for creation, flour is the staff of life, while salt keeps things wholesome, and milk stands for purity.

Shrove Tuesday is always 47 days before Easter Sunday and falls between 3rd February and 9th March.

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## Some Fundraising Ideas . . .

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Jill Garlick 07873431144 hjgarlick@gmail.com

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