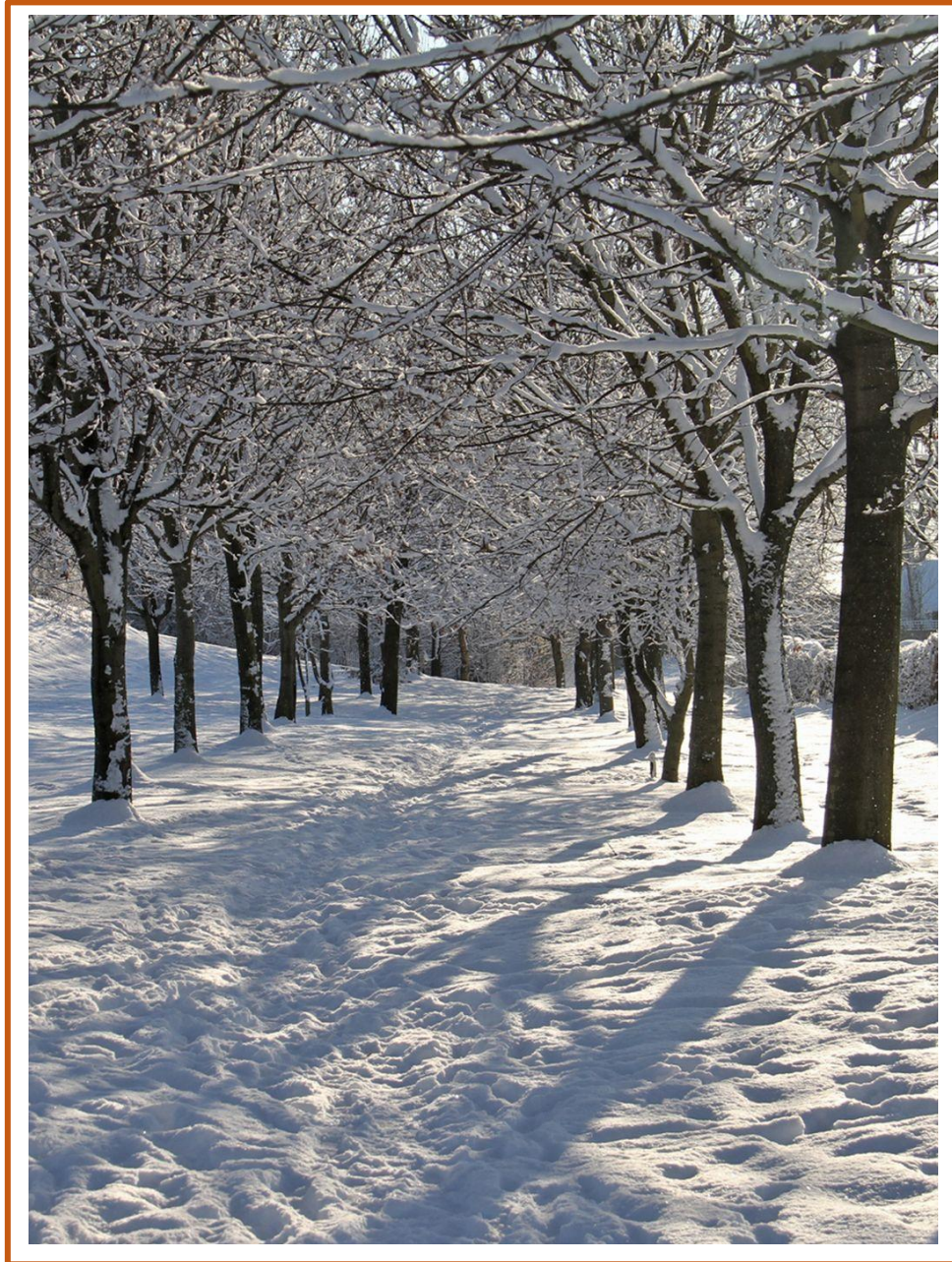


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***News, Views and Information for everyone in the Hagbournes***

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**[www.easthagbourne.net](http://www.easthagbourne.net)**

**[www.westhagbourne.org](http://www.westhagbourne.org)**

## CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR FEBRUARY 2023

The Intentions this month are for all who live in Blewbury.

1 Wednesday	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm Compline	<b>Prayer Focus:</b> Churn Estate
2 Thursday		8pm Compline	Cossicle Mead
3 Friday		8pm Compline	Dibleys
4 Saturday			Eastfields
<b>5 +Sunday</b>	<b><u>THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT</u></b>		<i>PCCs, all in leadership and the Benefice Operations Manager.</i>
	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 All-age Christingle Service: St Michael's B		
	10.30am Christingle Service: St Andrew's H		
	10.30am Online Service		
	4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM		
	6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H		
	7pm Youth Group in the Benefice Centre		
6 Monday		8pm Compline	Grahame Close
7 Tuesday	10am Holy Communion: St Michael's B	8pm Compline	Ladycroft Park
8 Wednesday	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm Compline	London Road
9 Thursday		8pm Compline	Millbrook Close
10 Friday		8pm Compline	Nottingham Fee
11 Saturday			Pilgrims Way
<b>12 +Sunday</b>	<b><u>SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT</u></b>		<i>Clergy and all those who preach or lead.</i>
	9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U		
	10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B		
	10.30am Parish Eucharist and Baptism: St Andrew's H		
	12.30pm Baptism: St Andrew's H		
	10.30am Parish Eucharist: St John the Baptist SM		
	10.30am Online Benefice Service		
	4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM		
	6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H		
13 Monday		8pm Compline	Robinson Close
14 Tuesday		8pm Compline	South Street
15 Weds	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm Compline	Watts Lane
16 Thursday	10am MU Holy Communion: St Michael's B	8pm Compline	Westbrook Green
17 Friday		8pm Compline	Westbrook Street
18 Saturday			Whites Orchard
<b>19 +Sunday</b>	<b><u>SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT</u></b>		<i>Treasurers and Church finances.</i>
	9am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's AT		
	10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Andrew's H		
	10.30am Village Service: St Michael's B		
	10.30am Online Benefice Service		
	4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM		
	6pm Evensong: St Andrew's H		
20 Monday		8pm Compline	Woodway Road
21 Tuesday	10am Holy Communion: St Michael's B	8pm Compline	Berry Lane

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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 Upton, North Moreton and South Moreton.



## Rector's Reflections

### 40 Days and 40 Nights

Do you enjoy singing? In the Christian tradition, there are certain hymns which tend to be sung at particular times of year. One of the hymns which is often sung during Lent begins as follows: "Forty days and forty nights Thou was fasting in the wild; forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled".

The season of Lent will soon be upon us. It starts on Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on 22nd February. Lent is, of course, the time of preparation before Easter. The words of "Forty days and forty nights" seek to make a direct connection between the forty days of Lent, and the forty days when Jesus was tempted in the wilderness. But this is only one way of looking at the spiritual significance of the season.

Down the centuries, Christians have observed the season of Lent in many different ways. For some Christians, the season has been about giving something up - this is what "fasting" means. We might give up a particular type of food or drink, for example chocolate or alcohol.

Other Christians observe the season by taking on some additional commitment, for example reading a spiritual book or giving money to a charity. Of course, it is possible to do both: to give something up and also to take on some new commitment. I wonder what your custom has been. Do you give things up or take on new commitments? I think the old tradition tended to focus on giving things up, and the newer tradition tends to focus on taking on new commitments; but both traditions have their value, and both have their limitations.

Indeed, there is no obligation to keep Lent at all. We're not going to get into trouble with God if we ignore Lent. But Lent, in common with other seasons in the Church's year, provides us with an opportunity to reflect on how we are choosing to live our lives, and the encouragement to make changes for the better. That is why Christians have traditionally chosen to give something up during Lent, or to take on a new commitment. The choices we make during Lent are designed to make a positive difference to our lives, and to the lives of those around us.

I wonder how we might choose to keep Lent this year? How might we make a positive difference to the world around us? *Father Jason*



## Benefice Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday 22nd February

7.30pm at All Saints' North Moreton

Everyone welcome!

Ash Wednesday

**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

## Calendar and Diary for February 2023 continued . . .

22 Weds	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H 7.30am Benefice Ash Wednesday Service: All Saints' North Moreton	8pm Compline	Bessels Way
23 Thursday		8pm Compline	Bessels Lea Rd
24 Friday		8pm Compline	Blewbury Hill
25 Saturday	Lent Lunches at St Andrew's H 12.30 – 2pm		Bohams Road
<b>26 +Sunday</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U 10.30am Parish Service: St Michael's B <i>Of Rings and Turkish delight</i> <i>Tackling temptation – see page 5 – Lent sessions.</i> 10.30am Online Benefice Service 2.30pm Outdoor Church: Blewbury playclose 4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM 6pm Evensong: St Andrew's		<i>Sidesmen, those who help with hospitality and catering. Flower arrangers.</i>
27 Monday		8pm Compline	Bridus Mead
28 Tuesday		8pm Compline	Bridus Way

### Travel with us to Narnia and Middle-earth this Lent

In the 1930s and 40s an informal group of like-minded Christian academics met frequently in Oxford to share and discuss their writing. They were known as 'The Inklings'. Two of them, CS Lewis and JRR Tolkien, have become world famous as authors of profound Christian insights and imagination. However, 75 years later, in our more diverse age, we might well ask if they still have anything to teach us.

Our four-week Lent course explores themes suited to Lent from the work of 'The Inklings', particularly Tolkien and Lewis. Come to learn more about the themes of Middle-earth and Narnia, stay for friendly discussion and time for reflection. We believe '**Lent with the Inklings**' will have something to say to Christians as well as those who wouldn't give themselves that label. You are welcome to attend any (or all!) of the sessions.



**WEEK 1 - St Michael's Church Blewbury,  
Sunday, 26th February, 10.30am**

Of Rings and Turkish delight: Tackling temptation.

**WEEK 2 - Vale Room, Blewbury Village Hall  
Wednesday, 8th March, 7.30 pm**

Of Orcs and Magician's Nephews: How to care for creation.

**WEEK 3 - Vale Room, Blewbury Village Hall  
Wednesday, 15th March, 7.30 pm**

Of Wizardly Wisdom: What to do with the time that is given us.

**WEEK 4 - St Michael's Church Blewbury,  
Sunday, 26th March, 10.30am**

Of Mount Dooms and Kingly Lions: The importance of story.



**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](http://www.churnchurches.co.uk) Look for **Resources** to download **The Churn** for full code details.



**Lent Lunches at St Andrew's** There will be Soup Lunches served at St Andrew's church on **Saturdays** between **12:30 – 2:00** during Lent from the **25th February – 1st April** (inclusive).

The lunch will consist of homemade soup, fresh bread and cheese, fruit and/or cake plus a cup of tea or coffee. If there is anyone who would like to run one or more of the Lent Lunches there will be a sign-up sheet in church or you can contact me, Shirley Goss, on 01235 815605 or e-mail [shirley.goss@btinternet.com](mailto:shirley.goss@btinternet.com) You are welcome to run a lunch in aid of a charity of your choice but we would ask for a small donation to the church. I can provide an information sheet re: running the lunch. These were very popular pre-covid so we hope you will support us.

**Please note:** The last of the Lent Lunches, **Saturday 1st April**, will be in aid of **Sobell House**, more information on this next month. PS. If we do not get people to sign up to run a lunch then it will not happen but I will keep you informed. Shirley Goss

## Christingle Family Service

**10.30am, Sunday, 5th February at St Andrew's.**

**Christingles are made using oranges and a few other bits, as you choose. The candles are lit at the end of the Service to spread a magical glow around everyone. All welcome to this special Service.**

Each element of a Christingle has a special meaning and helps to tell the Christian story:

- The orange represents the world
- The red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ
- The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations
- The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.



**There will be a collection for The Children's Society.**

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/how-you-canhelp/donate>

**You can contact the clergy and staff on:**

Revd Jason St John Nicolle    01235 850267    rector@churnchurches.co.uk

Revd Louise Butler            07837 009730    revlouiseb@aol.com

Revd John Clarke                01235 510073    jphclarke@gmail.com

Churn Website: [www.churnchurches.co.uk](http://www.churnchurches.co.uk)

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](mailto:office@churnchurches.co.uk)

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



**Tower Talk** We rang the bells at St Andrew's on 31st December at 11:30 and rang in the New Year at Midnight. There were nine ringers in the tower, eight men and one female which is a first at Hagbourne in many years. We had an all 'boy band' ringing at one stage. Our token female ringer was yours truly and it felt very strange being the only female ringer in the tower, fortunately there were a few female visitors. We had a small service at 11:50 and then the tenor was tolled at midnight and for the first time in a few years we were able to 'Fire' the bells which means the bells are all struck at the same time! This was a first for a few members of the band and definitely a first for me on the treble but we succeeded which was quite an achievement. This was followed by a glass of Prosecco, we were then joined by some revellers from the village, it was so lovely to celebrate the New Year again in the tower.

There was no ringing practice on the first Tuesday in January but we are now back to our normal practices and Sunday ringing. We have a new recruit, Kelly who rang the handbells with the team at Christmas and she is now having some instruction on handling the big bells. It will be nice to add a new member to our team.

On Saturday 7th January about seven Hagbourne ringers joined the Churn Ringing Outing that was organised by Rob Nickless from North Moreton. We had a really good day's ringing with a lovely soup lunch at North Moreton Village Hall, thanks to Rob's wife. Some of the group also met up in the evening at The Bear in North Morton for a meal. A really nice day out but the weather was awful! Sadly, our Tower Keeper, John Napper, is out of action at the moment due to a detached retina but thanks to the NHS he is now well on the road to recovery and although he cannot ring, he can join us in the Fleur after practice on a Tuesday. Get better soon John, we need you back up the tower!

**Birthdays: 8th February – George Kersey 28th February – Vanessa Shaw.**

**Dates for the diary: Tuesday 28th February – Tower AGM. Shirley Goss.**

<b><u>FEBRUARY</u></b> <b><u>ROTAS</u></b> <b>Year A</b>	<b>5th February</b> <i>Christingle</i> <i>3rd Sunday before</i> <i>Lent</i>	<b>12th February</b> <i>2nd Sunday before</i> <i>Lent</i>	<b>19th February</b> <i>1st Sunday before Lent</i>	<b>GENERAL NOTES:</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Isaiah 58, 1-9a Margaret Antcliff  1 Corinthians 2, 1-12 Janet Corderoy.	Genesis 1, 1-2,3 Jenny Loder  Romans 8, 18-25 Helen Clayson.	Exodus 24, 12-end Donna Clifford  2 Peter 1, 16-end Sally Duncan.	<p><b>Please note there are to be two Baptisms on Sunday 12th February at 10.30 &amp; 12.30</b></p> <p>Church cleaning should be done on the Friday afternoon or Saturday before your name is on the rota.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>If unable to do duty, please let your organiser know or find a suitable replacement</p>
<b>Intercessions</b>	Celebrant	Celebrant	Graham Goy	
<b>Sidesmen</b>	Trevor Goss Sally Duncan	tbc	Robin Harries Myra Hardiman	
<b>Coffee</b>	Shirley Goss Sally Duncan	None	Marian Powell Richard Powell	
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	The Drewe Family		Jill Garlick Sylvia Maynard	
<b>Flowers Lady Chapel</b>	Marian Powell		Marian Powell	
<b>Flowers High Altar</b>	Gillian Harries		Gillian Harries	

## Outdoor Church for Lent

*Appreciating our world through activity and worship*

**Looking for life**

**Sunday 26th February, 2.30pm**  
on **Blewbury Playclose**

Short and fun for everyone!

The Revd Louise looks forward to meeting you there.



## Youth Group: Hot chocolate and games!

Usually, the first Sunday of the month at the Benefice Office in Blewbury from 7-8.30pm. The next games night will be on

**Sunday the 5th February 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.



## 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](mailto:hagbournetoddlers@hotmail.com)**

## The Drop-In Coffee Morning

**Every Wednesday 10.30am to 12noon, Benefice Centre Blewbury**

All welcome to drop in for coffee & chat.

Run by the Churn Branch of the Mother's Union



## Recent Funerals in the Benefice

16th December at St Michael's Blewbury, **Moyra Randal**, aged 98

19th December at St John the Baptist, South Moreton, **Helena Malhomme de la Roche**, aged 50

11th January at St Mary's Upton, **Helen Norman**, aged 46

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

The Funeral of the late **Bob Ely** (previously from East Hagbourne) took place at St Denys Church, Stanford in the Vale on Thursday, 26th January. We send our sympathies to all Bob's family and friends and remember with thanks all his work for the community in Hagbourne over the years.

## Wednesday Church: who are we and what are we for?

**Why do we call ourselves 'Wednesday Church?'** The name was suggested back in 2011 when we began to meet on the first Wednesday of each month. A number of us from several different churches in the Didcot area, St Peter's and other C of E churches, Methodists, Baptists, and people from the King's Church, were concerned that there did not seem to be any provision for adults with special needs to meet and worship together.



**So, we have been meeting at St Peter's Church in Newlands Avenue since March 2011.** St Peter's is an easily accessible modern building which is ideal for our purpose. Our members are adults of all ages who come because they want to and are brought in by their carers from several Day Centres around the area. They are welcomed with drinks and biscuits and various craft activities until 11am when we go into the church for our worship. Our members contribute to our worship in many ways: lighting candles, ringing the bell, singing, making suggestions for thanksgiving and prayer. Sometimes we include percussion, wave streamers or dance! Even those in wheelchairs can join in! We have been very glad to see friendships developing between members from different communities and the concern that they show for each other.

Local churches have supported us generously and we have been able to buy our own projector so that we can prepare PowerPoint presentations to show the words and pictures that help us to focus our worship. The songs and prayers are projected onto the wall and Rosie Jackson Kilham interprets them with Makaton signing for those who appreciate that help.

In the early days we used to hire a special coach in July to go on an outing to somewhere like the Cotswold Wildlife Park, but recently the Day Centres are wanting to take their people back for a proper cooked meal at lunch time and so now we have a Garden Party at St Peter's with sideshows and so on which is very popular. We would normally expect between forty and fifty people at our meetings but from time to time we have had up to seventy or more. **Our team continues to be ecumenical with many different skills. We welcome everyone and have many friends. Do drop in and share our worship sometime. It's fun Jenny Loder.**

**Midweek Communion** Everyone welcome to the Midweek Communion at **St Andrew's, Hagbourne** every Wednesday at 10am. This is a said Communion Service without hymns and the opportunity to stay for a coffee or tea afterwards and a chat. For the safety of others, please consider wearing a face covering. **This is a popular Service – all welcome.**

**Didcot and District U3A** 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 at **2.30pm on 21st February in Didcot Civic Hall** when we have a talk – **Where do novelists get their ideas from?** by Bobbie Darbyshire.





# East Hagbourne Community Shop

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

## Winter Operating Hours

**Post Office:** Access your bank accounts, top up prepaid cards & mobiles or pay bills.

**Mornings: Monday - Saturday 9am to 12:30pm**

**Afternoons: Monday & Thursday 1:15pm – 4:45pm.**

**Shop:** Fresh home-baked cakes each Thursday! We stock a variety of fish fillets, fish fingers and cakes, as well as savoury pies in our freezer - now offering gluten-free or tasty vegan options as alongside the classics. Pre-order Marcopolo savouries pastries and artisan breads by 4pm on Wednesdays in the Shop, or email for pickup on Saturdays 9am to 12:30pm.

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW EMAIL ADDRESS [easthagbourneshop@gmail.com](mailto:easthagbourneshop@gmail.com) \*\***

**Hours: Mon & Thurs 9 to 5pm, Tue/Wed/Friday 9 to 4pm, Sat 9 to 12.30pm**



### Be My Valentine

Whether luxury chocolate or guilty pleasure, take home a sweet treat for your special someone!



### Pancake Day Tuesday

**21st February** Stock up on flour, fresh milk, local eggs, lemon juice, sugar, butter, golden syrup and honey to celebrate and enjoy!



### Fairtrade Fortnight: Monday 27th Feb – Sunday 12th March

We're pleased to offer a range of Fairtrade stock and sustainable local goods throughout the year, including honey, marmalade and fudge, showcased during this Fortnight. Try something new, and support our local producers during this special event!

### Send Cheer to Friends Far and Near . . .

Come and view our local artists' greeting cards. Fresh new designs from Lorraine Drewe and Sarah Pyne join local village scenes by Linda Benton, Stuart Granger and John Aigner which would brighten any day. We also stock special occasion cards, giftwrap and stamps.



### 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 on 01235 813393 or email [smith@hagbourne.plus.com](mailto:smith@hagbourne.plus.com)

**THE DIDCOT EMERGENCY FOODBANK is at The Didcot Baptist Church, 43 Wantage Road, Didcot. OX11 0BS Telephone: 01235 813187. Email: [office@didcotbaptist.org.uk](mailto:office@didcotbaptist.org.uk)**

An Emergency Foodbank is a practical, community-based project aimed at providing short term relief by giving food to people in crisis in our local area. The Didcot Emergency Foodbank serves Didcot and the immediate surrounding villages.

# A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU

in the Pavilion at Great Mead,  
Wednesdays from 2 to 4pm.

Why not join us for a relaxing afternoon with refreshments and good company.



**The Hagbourne Villages Get Together Group**  
(formerly The Warm Hub)

## What difference can your rice or chocolate make? A lot!

Farmers worldwide can struggle to earn enough to feed their own and send their children to school. Fortunately, FairTrade can enable them to get fairer prices for their products, so that they and their families can flourish.



**This March and April, we'll have two special ways of making a difference:**

- As a Benefice, we're taking part in the **90kg Rice Challenge**. 90kg is the amount of fairly traded rice a Malawian farmer needs to sell to get an income that enables them to reinvest in their farm, feed and clothe their family, and most importantly, pay for one year's secondary education for one child. We're going to have 90 one kilo bags of scrumptious, Great Taste award-winning brown and white Kilombero rice from Malawi for sale. Can we reach the mark? Bags cost £4 each. Email [maryharrison.hagbourne@gmail.com](mailto:maryharrison.hagbourne@gmail.com) if you'd like some.
- We're taking orders for **'The Real Easter Egg'** – the Easter Egg that is made of Fairtrade chocolate and tells the story of Easter. Eggs are available in milk (£4.50) and dark chocolate (£5.50) – and there are even egg-sized eggs (6 for £5) and sharing boxes (30 egg-sized eggs for £30) if you're planning an egg hunt! To order your eggs Email: [marandachurch@stjohnnicolle.org](mailto:marandachurch@stjohnnicolle.org). Delivery will be two weeks before Easter.



**FAIRTRADE Fortnight is from 27th February to 12th March 2023**  
Discover more on [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

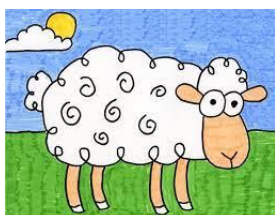


# Hagbourne FUN RUN and WALK Monday May 1st

**Date for your diary: Hagbourne Fun Run and Walk, Monday 1st May**

**One of the biggest events of the Hagbourne year is the annual 4½ mile Fun Run and Walk.** Locals and visitors, young and old, the fit, the hoping-to-get-fit, those who fancy a stroll in the Spring countryside in company - and those who love a homemade cake or two - all join in to have fun and raise money. Every year we send off a nice, fat cheque to cancer research charities, and we top-up the Village Fund which exists to support good causes in Hagbourne itself. Details will appear in the next magazine, or you can look on our Facebook page. In the meantime, get in training! Of course, the helpers are as vital as the participants: if you would like to help, contact Rob Pennington on 01235 814352.

## HAMS - *Babe tickets are on sale NOW.*



Good morning Elsie, I'll have to be a quick this morning as Fly is taking us up to Hagbourne Hill for a change of scenery.

**Aren't you the lucky one Enid, the grass and clover are quite lush up there, the fields are almost bare down here.**



Don't be so miserable Elsie, at least you'll have the opportunity to watch the cast of Babe rehearsing for their big day, and be first in the queue to buy tickets when the box Office and the Community Shop open.

**That's certainly a bonus as the cast is using more space than usual for the performances in the Village Hall, so there are fewer chairs for the audience and the tickets are limited.**

I had better get back soon to buy some, performances are on: Wednesday 22nd at 7.30pm, Friday 24th at 7.30pm, Saturday 25th March at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. Tickets are available from Hagbourne Community Shop, Box Office on 01235 814140 and [www.WeGotTickets.com/HAMS](http://www.WeGotTickets.com/HAMS). Bye, Elsie.

**All the details are in the Babe poster in this magazine. Bye, Enid.**

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

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



## Annual Scarecrow Trail in East Hagbourne

Theme for 2023:

**"Your Animated Cartoon Character"**

Scarecrows to be in place for **Saturday 13th May**  
and to be displayed until **Sunday evening**

**4th June**. Entry forms and details later.

**Hagbourne Action Group.**

### Hagbourne Garden Club

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, 23rd February** when Paul Green, from Green Leaves Nursery will talk on **Plants of the Season**. An all-round talk showcasing what is looking good (rarities and new varieties included), merits/vices of the plants, propagation, pruning and best use in the garden.



**The talk will have plants on display which will be available for sale afterward.**

Refreshments at 7pm and the talk starts at 7.30pm. Visitors welcome: £5

### Can you write a poem?

The next project by **The Poets' Trail** will be an anthology on a local **GREEN THEME**: Think of things environmental, ecological, and sustainable, in a good or bad way around East Hagbourne. For example:

- Growing veg. on the allotments.
- Walking or cycling instead of driving.
- Encouraging bees, butterflies and other insects into the garden.
- Finding a fab outfit in a charity shop.
- How hot the Summer was.
- Why do people still leave litter around?



**Please send to Linda Benton by end of February 2023.**

**Phone: 01235 81791 email: Linda.Benton@live.co.uk**

### Didcot Choral Society Soup and Cheese Supper Quiz

**Friday 3rd February 2023 – 7pm for 7.30pm**  
**in the Hagbourne Village Hall.**

Teams of 6-8 can be formed on the night. Tickets in advance  
from [alison@ajlane.co.uk](mailto:alison@ajlane.co.uk) or call 07915 094842.

Please bring your own drinks.



# HUGS February News

## Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability

### Citizen Science

**Did anyone take part in the one-hour RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRD WATCH at the end of January?** If you did, you're one of around a million people joining in. On this scale, citizen science provides an enormous source of data that would otherwise not be collected. Taking part really is making a difference to our understanding of changes in our bird populations.



If you're keen, you can also log in and look back over the last 6 years of your own Bird Watch and notice if you saw less starlings perhaps and more blue tits and great tits over that time. Some birds are faring much better overall with climate change so far than others.

And if want to do more, you can join in with many other surveys. If you're interested in flowers and therefore nectar for pollinators, have a look at Plantlife's Every Flower Counts <https://nomowmay.plantlife.org.uk/every-flower-counts/> This is done on an area of lawn in your garden at the end of No Mow May and again in the beginning of July.

If you remember the 1970s and 80s and the sheer number of insects you could see in the car headlights while driving at night, then take a look at Buglife's Bugs Matter survey <https://www.buglife.org.uk/get-involved/surveys/bugs-matter/> It involves attaching a splatometer on your car's cleaned front registration plate and counting the number of insects for each trip you make in the car over the summer (photos to be submitted with each journey you record).

If you prefer your insects alive, then Butterfly Conservation's Big Butterfly Watch may be for you. <https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/> This is just 15 minutes of a warm July or August day watching and recording butterflies in your garden or local area.

**Not sure where to start?** iNaturalist will help identify any species you photograph so you can begin to learn hands-on what nature is living around us <https://uk.inaturalist.org/>  
**Do get in touch and tell us what you find!**

**[hugsustainability@gmail.com](mailto:hugsustainability@gmail.com) [www.hugsustainability.org](http://www.hugsustainability.org)**

**Blewbury Brass Band** is a friendly and welcoming village band, solidly rooted in the local community and has a heritage that stretches back a century. Our objective is to play a wide variety of styles of music – classical, jazz, musicals/shows, chart hits as well as traditional brass band marches – for the enjoyment both of our audiences and (importantly) ourselves.

We are keen to encourage people who have experience of playing a brass instrument, however long ago, to pick up an instrument again. We have instruments for hire and tutorials available.

At the moment we are also in need of a percussionist/drummer to play with the band.

So come along! Players of all ages and abilities will receive a warm welcome. Our band rehearses at the Band Hut on Bonhams Road Blewbury (next to the tennis courts) on Wednesday evenings from 7.30-9.30pm and can be heard playing at local fetes, parks and community events throughout the year. Enquiries to [secretary@blewburybrassband.org.uk](mailto:secretary@blewburybrassband.org.uk)

**HAMS Presents**

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# **Babe, The Sheep Pig**

**By David Wood**

**Based on the book by Dick King-Smith**

## **Hagbourne Village Hall**

**Evenings at 7:30 pm**

**Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Friday March 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Matinee at 2:30 pm**

**Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>**



**Tickets available from:**

- **Hagbourne Village Shop**
- **Box office: 01235 814140**
- **[www.WeGotTickets.com/HAMS](http://www.WeGotTickets.com/HAMS)**

**Adults - £10 (£7 Wed. only)**

**Children/Students - £6**

This amateur production of "Babe, The Sheep Pig" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. [www.concordtheatricals.co.uk](http://www.concordtheatricals.co.uk)

## Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman

**Housing development by the Village Hall** With the roofs now on some of the houses, this development is very real, and Deanfield suggest we will welcome our first residents before the end of May. I know that some villagers have shown an interest in the houses for themselves or family members. For the market houses, the best port of call is the sales office (aka Marketing Suite) on the site itself. However, 30 of the 74 units will be affordable housing, with 22 for rental and 8 for shared ownership. Allocation of these housing units will be managed by Fairhive Homes, a Housing Association in Aylesbury.

For further information on shared ownership: <https://www.fairhive.co.uk/buy-a-home> and for registering for housing with Fairhive: <https://www.buckshomechoice.org.uk/choice/>.

If you have been walking under the embankment at the end of Lake Road, you will have seen some building there. Not more houses but part of the infrastructure for the drainage system for the site. All structures that side of the embankment will be underground when completed.

**20mph Limit** If you live in East Hagbourne you should have received your survey for commenting on the proposal to introduce a 20mph limit in New Road and Blewbury Road. The survey also asked your opinion on possible traffic calming measures should they be deemed necessary. The deadline for returning the survey is 31st January but treat this message as a last call and return the form immediately (to the village shop, 12A the Croft, or by scan or photo to [easthagbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:easthagbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com)). If your household did not receive a copy of the survey or the dog has eaten it, please contact the Clerk to get a copy.

**Parish Council Elections** Elections for the Parish Council are held every four years and the next elections will be on **4th May** this year. As not all of the current councillors are standing for re-election, we hope that we can attract new blood to the council.

If you want to know more about what being a councillor entails please contact the Clerk, myself, or any Parish Councillor. Although <https://clophill-pc.gov.uk/our-parish-council/what-is-a-parish-council-and-why-become-a-parish-councillor/> is from a council in Bedfordshire, I thank David Rikeard for finding this good description of parish councils.

**Welcome Pack** If you are new to the village and want an accessible guide to village facilities and events then you can request a welcome pack from the clerk or any councillor. Indeed, if you are not so new and would like a copy this is also possible and a few copies can be found in the Fleur or the village shop.

**Parish Surgeries** The surgeries at the Fleur de Lys have been lively affairs and so I will continue there with a surgery from **5.00 to 6.30 on Friday 3rd March** but feel free to contact me, the clerk, or any councillor should your concerns be more urgent.

**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 9th February**.

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

**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 813599 [jgallop@freeuk.com](mailto:jgallop@freeuk.com)  
Anthony 01235 511920 [aannanjones@gmail.com](mailto:aannanjones@gmail.com)



# East Hagbourne Parish Council

NEWSLETTER No.248 – February 2023

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

## PHOTO ID REQUIRED TO VOTE AT UPCOMING ELECTIONS

As noted in the Chairman's letter, the local elections for East Hagbourne parish are happening on 4th May. One important thing to note is that the government has introduced a requirement for voters to show photo ID when voting at a polling station at some elections.

This will apply for the first time at the local elections on **Thursday 4th May 2023**.

Accepted forms of photo ID will include, but are not limited to, passport, driving licence (including provisional license), disabled parking blue badge, certain concessionary travel cards and proof of age cards with a PASS mark. You can still use your photo ID if it is out of date, as long as it looks like you.

Anyone who doesn't have accepted photo ID can [apply on the government's website](#) now for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate. The deadline to apply for voter ID for this election is 5pm on Tuesday 25th April.

Further information on this requirement is available [here](#)



## CHAIRMAN'S SURGERY – FRIDAY 3rd MARCH 2023

Iain Duff will be at the Fleur de Lys from 5.00 to 6.30pm to welcome any residents with concerns or queries relating to matters in the parish.



## 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](#)

**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

**Coronavirus Community Support Group** - [easthagbourne-covid19@gmail.com](mailto:easthagbourne-covid19@gmail.com) 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.**

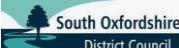
## USEFUL INFORMATION:



<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://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:*

**P23/S0011/HH** 1 Kingsholm Close, East Hagbourne – Replacement windows

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 9th February 2023 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](http://www.easthagbourne.net)



## Our Local Bus Service – route 94

## Didcot – Blewbury – Harwell Campus

Mondays to Fridays except public holidays

Notes	Sch	94	94	94	94	Hol	Sch	94S	94	94
Didcot, St Birinus School								1530		
Didcot Girls' School								1538		
Didcot, Parkway Station, R4 ⇌		0838	1010	1140	1340	1510		1545	1710	1830
Didcot, Orchard Centre		0842	1014	1144	1344	1514		1549	1714	1834
Didcot, Sandringham Road		0848	1018	1148	1348	1518		1553	1719	1838
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	0730	0851	1021	1151	1351	1521		1556	1722	1841
West Hagbourne, Moor Lane	0736	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓		1602	↓	↓
West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow PH	0738	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓		1603	↓	↓
Upton, Village Hall	0741	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓		1605	↓	↓
Blewbury, The Blueberry	0746	0859	1029	1159	1359	1529		1610	1730	1849
Upton, Village Hall	↓	0903	1033	1203	1403	1533	↓	1734	1853	
West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow PH	↓	0905	1035	1205	1405	1535	↓	1736	1855	
Chilton, Main Street	↓	0911	1041	1211	1411	1541	↓	1742	1901	
Harwell Campus, Becquerel Avenue Terminus	↓	0917	1047	1217	1417	1547	↓	1748		
Aston Upthorpe, The Chequers PH	0755							1619		
South Moreton, The Crown PH	0801							1625		
North Moreton	0805							1629		
Didcot, Orchard Centre	↓							1639		
Didcot, Parkway Station ⇌	↓							1643		
Didcot, St Birinus School	0816									
Didcot Girls' School	0824									

Notes:  
Sch - school days only.  
Hol - school holidays only.

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## Harwell Campus – Blewbury - Didcot

Mondays to Fridays except public holidays

Notes	94	Hol	94	94	94	94	Sch	Hol	94	
Harwell Campus, Becquerel Avenue Terminus			0925	1055	1225	1425			1555	1750
Chilton, Main Street	0643	0800	0931	1101	1231	1431			1601	1756
Didcot, Sandringham Road	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	1553	↓	↓	
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	1556	↓	↓	
West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow PH	0649	0807	0937	1107	1237	1437	1603	1607	1802	
Upton, Village Hall	0651	0809	0939	1109	1239	1439	1605	1609	1804	
Blewbury, The Blueberry	0657	0816	0944	1114	1244	1444	1610	1614	1809	
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	0704	0823	0951	1121	1251	1451	↓	1621	1816	
Didcot, Sandringham Road	0707	0826	0954	1124	1254	1454	↓	1624	1819	
Didcot, Orchard Centre	0712	0831	0959	1129	1259	1459	1639	1629	1824	
Didcot Parkway Station ⇌	0716	0835	1003	1133	1303	1503	1643	1633	1828	

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## Our Local Bus Service – route 94

### Didcot – Blewbury – Harwell Campus

Saturdays (no service on Sundays)

Bus Number	94	94	94	94	94	94
Didcot Parkway Station, R4 ⇌	0840	1010	1140	1340	1510	1710
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	0903	1033	1203	1403	1533	1733
West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow PH	0905	1035	1205	1405	1535	1735
Chilton, Main Street	0911	1041	1211	1411	1541	1741
Harwell Campus, Becquerel Avenue Terminus	0917	1047	1217	1417	1547	

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### Harwell Campus – Blewbury – Didcot

Saturdays (no service on Sundays)

Bus Number	94	94	94	94	94	94
Harwell Campus, Becquerel Avenue Terminus		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	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
Didcot Parkway Station ⇌	0832	1003	1133	1303	1503	1633

## Thames Travel bus service to the JR Hospital from Didcot – X32

Bus Service X32 goes from Wantage to Didcot then Oxford city centre and onto Brookes University and the JR. There are 2 buses in each direction each hour. To look up the times go to: <http://www.thames-travel.co.uk/routes/X32>

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**Football in East Hagbourne:** Both Hagbourne United FC and Didcot Casuals FC play regularly at East Hagbourne and welcome new players

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Youth: DCFC Peter Blackman 07771 667271 [peter.blackman@abbott.com](mailto:peter.blackman@abbott.com)

## MARCH 2023 PARISH MAGAZINE

Please let us have copy for the March 2023 parish magazine,  
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Thank you, Janet Corderoy, Joy Napper and the parish magazine committee.

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