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Every good wish for the New Year to all our readers

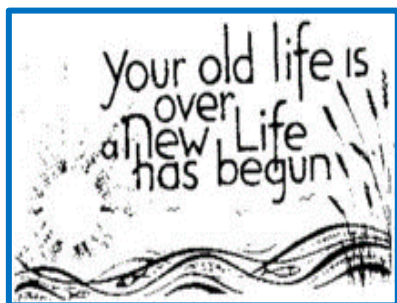
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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, HAGBOURNE

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 On the Road to Damascus

Have you ever heard the phrase "a Damascus Road experience"? It's a phrase that's sometimes used to describe a time when someone has had a dramatic change of mind on an important issue. Something has happened which has led them to see things in a totally new light.

The phrase refers to one of the best-known stories in the New Testament. Saul of Tarsus was travelling to Damascus, intent on arresting the Christians in the city. As he approached the city a light from heaven suddenly flashed around him, and he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" This event became a turning point in Saul's life: he no longer persecuted Christians but became a Christian himself. He became known as Paul, and as Paul, became one of the greatest missionaries the Church has ever known. The event on the Damascus Road is sometimes referred to as the Conversion of St Paul, and it's celebrated every year on 25th January.

January is often a time of new beginnings, when we think about how we might change our own lives for the better. Such New Year resolutions are often things that we hope will make a small, but significant, difference. Perhaps we are resolving to take more exercise or learn a new skill.

But are we willing to make a major change in our lives? Major change requires insight, courage and will-power. It's not always easy to see where we need to make a major change in our lives - this is where we will need insight. And any major change will take us away from familiar ways and patterns of behaviour - this will take courage. And it will take hard work. Major change takes effort and commitment. Perhaps this is where most attempts at major change fail: we simply don't have sufficient will-power to make the change happen.

So, we spend most of our lives struggling with those small changes which are of course all for the good, but hardly life changing.

Might this year be the year when we are open to the possibility of a different sort of change? Might this year be the time when God is calling us to make a fundamental change in our lives? Might this year be the year when we have our Damascus Road experience?

With every blessing for 2021, Father Jason

January Pram Service

Hosted by The Churn Mothers Union

Wednesday 6th January

in St Michael's

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your

The January Pram Service is cancelled
We hope to resume in February

...with activity, prayer
...for children. Bring a RUG to mark
...and your own lunch or order HAPPY MEAL
lunch boxes from Revd Louise 078387 009 930.

Adults, please wear a face covering.



CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR JANUARY 2021

The Intentions this month are for all who live in West Hagbourne and the Moretons

1 Friday **The Naming & Circumcision of Jesus** 8pm Compline
2 Saturday Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory of Nazianzus

3+Sunday EPIPHANY

10.30am Online Benefice Service

4 Monday 8pm Compline
5 Tuesday 8pm Compline
6 Wednesday 8pm Compline
7 Thursday 8pm Compline
8 Friday 8pm Compline
9 Saturday

10+Sunday BAPTISM OF CHRIST

10.30am Online Benefice Service

11 Monday 8pm Compline
12 Tuesday 8pm Compline
13 Wednesday S. Hilary Bishop 8pm Compline
12.15pm Holy Eucharist: St Andrew's H
14 Thursday 8pm Compline
15 Friday 8pm Compline
16 Saturday

17+Sunday THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

10.30am Online Benefice Service

18 Monday 8pm Compline
19 Tuesday 8pm Compline
20 Wednesday 8pm Compline
21 Thursday S. Agnes Child Martyr 8pm Compline
10am Mothers' Union Eucharist: St Michael's B
22 Friday 8pm Compline
23 Saturday

24+Sunday THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

10.30am Online Benefice Service
10.30am Confirmation Service: St Andrew's H

25 Monday **The Conversion of Paul** 8pm Compline
26 Tuesday Ss. Timothy & Titus 8pm Compline
27 Wednesday 12.15 Holy Eucharist: St Andrew's H 8pm Compline
28 Thursday S. Thomas Aquinas 8pm Compline
29 Friday 8pm Compline
30 Saturday Charles King and Martyr

31+Sunday PRESENTATION OF CHRIST – Candlemas

10.30am Online Benefice Service
4pm Christingle Service: All Saints' NM

Prayer Focus

Those to be Baptised
Our Bishops

Children & Sunday Schools.

Wallingford Road NM
Anchor Lane SM
Church Lane SM
Clements Green SM
Crown Lane SM
Fulscot Cottages SM

*Those recently Baptised
& Baptism visitors.*

Fulscot Manor SM
Haddon Hill SM
High Street SM

Hithercroft Road SM
Kirby Close SM
Papermill Lane SM

*CYGnets group and
teenagers.*

Sands Road SM
Foxglove Lane WH
Grove Terrace WH
Main Street WH

Manor Close WH
Moor Lane WH

*Our worship,
musicians, organists
and choirs.*

Christian Unity
The Square WH
York Road WH
Theologians
Alders Farm Barns NM
Our Queen

*Churchwardens, fabric
and church yards,
Church cleaners.*

Confirmation Service

by The Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford

Sunday 24th January - 10.30am

St Andrew's Hagbourne



We are waiting to hear recommendation to see if we can proceed with the Confirmation Service in the present difficulties. Please check with the benefice office.

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

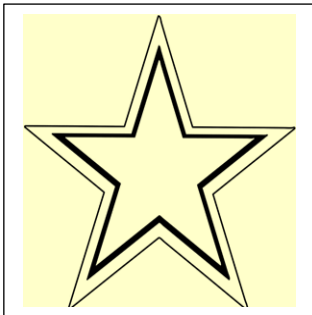
office@churnchurches.co.uk

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.



Churn Benefice Online Church Services

Sundays at 10.30am. Login or connect to chat before the service.

Weekday evenings – Compline at 8pm. You can join in using a computer, laptop, tablet, smart phone or landline. Please check the website or the Churn leaflet for the service access codes and full details of how to join each week www.churnchurches.co.uk

St Andrew's Church open for Private Prayer & midweek Communion

FOR PRIVATE PRAYER: Wednesdays – 10am to 12 noon Saturdays - 2pm to 4pm For the safety of others please wear a face covering when you enter the church.

FOR COMMUNION: This may take place following Private Prayer on **Wednesdays 13th and 27th January** 12.15 at the High Altar. **We are waiting for recommendation to see if Communion can go ahead with the present difficulties. Please check with the office.**

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 and will start on **Thursday, 7th January** and then **weekly**. 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



The "Alternative" Christmas Tree Festival

Wow, what an event and so many people to thank. We did it, You did it, the Hagbournes sparkled and we did not let Covid stop us celebrating our 10th anniversary.

We celebrated with style, panache and lots and lots of sparkle. So many people walked around and enjoyed the trees. It all happened, like clockwork, and only Storm Bella did her best to wreak havoc in the churchyard. A grand total of 150 trees. Fantastic.

The trees were all magnificent but special praise must go to Jason Capone for his wonderfully imaginative re-creation of The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe complete with wardrobe, fur coats, lamp post and Mr Tumnus! Also, to the Hagbourne farmers who raised our awareness of the litter blight destroying our landscape, and many a rendition of the Twelve Days of Christmas were heard down Manor Farm Lane, some better than others!

The raffle was also a huge success with all tickets being sold. Many, many thanks to the kind and generous people who donated and created the 10 special prizes and congratulations to the lucky winners. Special thanks also to Father Jason who turned up on a sunny but bitterly cold morning to draw the winning tickets and to Geoff and Linda who spontaneously arrived to play music for the event.

The winner of the first prize, a luxury Christmas Hamper was Karen Jenkins, the other winners ("in no particular order") were: Kate Norman – Christmas cake, Jane Drewe's parents – Christmas cake, Mary Goy – book token and chocolates, Liz Sargeant – plant and pashmina, Ann and Terry Jenner – MOT from Passeys, Carol Gallagher – table decoration and chocolates, Sue and Bill Proctor – village shop hamper, Viv Stocks – Cholsey butcher voucher, Sylvia Maynard – wine selection.

In all, the Festival raised over £2,000 which will be shared by Homeless Oxfordshire and St Andrew's Church. A fantastic effort by the fantastic Hagbournes!

In closing, I want to thank the wonderful group of people who put this all together. An enormous amount of work by everybody, but particularly by Sarah Wright, who did not have 30 people to coordinate and communicate with as in previous years but almost 150! And she got it all right and everybody got their tree, and they all looked wonderful, and she kept smiling. Well done team! Roll on next year!

Helen and the Christmas Tree Festival committee



FRONT COVER: Thank you to Linda Benton for permission to use two her illustrations from the The Poets' Trail book – THE FOUR SEASONS on our January cover.

Copies of **The Four Seasons** book are available at the Community Shop. Poems by twelve local writers are included together with lots of illustrations by Linda. The book costs £5.



Hagbourne Garden Club would like to wish all our members and visitors a peaceful and healthy 2021. We hope we will be able to resume meetings in January and look forward to a visit from John Tyler on Thursday, **28th January** at the Pavilion when he will be giving us a talk on: **The World of Plants** - tracing their life cycle from seed to flower and their relationship with animals and humans.

The talk will commence at 7.30pm and the usual safety precautions will be in place. For further details contact Sally on 01235 352275. **It depends on the restrictions in place at the time if we are able to go ahead with our meeting.**

HAGBOURNE FUN RUN AND WALK

It has been a frustrating year for the Fun Run Committee – knowing that the charities we support are in greater need than ever, but unable to raise funds for them. Will there be a Fun Run in 2021? Well, I doubt very much that we could hold such a mass participation event in Spring, but if vaccination rolls out successfully, we hope to be able to do it later in the year. So, the good news is that, if you start now with your New Year's resolution to get fit, you will have plenty of time to train: it could be a good year for recording a personal best, or breaking the Fun Run record! (Conversely, the bad news is you have no excuse!)

There are plenty of fitness videos online (including yoga for the non-runners), so you can train from the safety of your living room. If you are planning to jog or run out around the villages, do please remember to give others using the paths their 2m space.

The two charities we support are Cancer Research UK and the **East & West Hagbourne Village Fund**. The Village Fund is a modest pot of money available to support local good causes, funded entirely by the Fun Run and donations made on the day. It was set up in March 1995 with the objective "*to provide a contingency fund of money for the villagers of East and West Hagbourne.*" This can be funds to assist villagers quickly in times of need, or to provide an item / facility to benefit the villages. Applications have to be made in writing [email is fine]: they are considered on their merits by the Village Fund Committee (basically the Fun Run Committee members) who decide whether funds should be awarded and how much.

In the past we have supported such diverse causes as the defibrillators, the village hall extension, an educational course, posters for a local campaign, and family support for medical treatment.

Of course, the Covid pandemic has caused much financial hardship in the last year, and continues to wreak havoc. If you need a little help, or if you are aware of any residents of the two villages who are in need at the moment, please do contact us. The current Village Fund chairman is Trevor Chambers: you can contact him on 01235 814892. Please be assured that the VF Committee treat any requests in complete confidence.

The Fun Run Committee wish you all a Safe and Happy New Year. JC

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 or 07831 714 076.



East Hagbourne Community Shop

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

EHCS Fund – Giving Back to the Community

We are delighted to announce the winners of the East Hagbourne Community Shop Fund!

Congratulations to Style Acre Tea Room, who garnered the most Customer votes, winning the top donation of £500! Style Acre Tea Room plans to use the funds for outdoor gear to help continue operations during inclement weather.



L to R: Presented by Shop Committee members Pat Elderfield, Sally Barksfield and Shop Volunteer Carol Amos to Style Acre Tea Room manager Tracy Knapp, with Tea Room employee Greg Amos

Didcot Emergency Food Bank received the second-most votes and £350 to help stock their pantry to support local families in crisis; and **HUGS/HEGS** received £150 to support their local project with the World Owl Trust.

Showcasing Local Authors We're proud to stock new releases by our 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. The Didcot Herald featured ***The Four Seasons*** last month and we've certainly seen big uptack in sales since!

Back in January - Home-baked Cakes & Marcopolo Our hugely popular home-baked cakes return 7th January, while Marcopolo resumes 9th January. Please **order by 4pm Wednesdays** in Shop, or email to easthagbourneshop@btopenworld.com

JANUARY OPENING HOURS

Post Office: Monday to Thursday, 9am to 12pm; Saturday 9am to 12:30pm.

CLOSED FRIDAYS.

Shop: Monday to Friday 9-4pm, Saturdays 9-12:30pm.

We are seeking additional Shop volunteers, even if only an hour or two each month.

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



Citizens Advice can guide you through a claim for benefits

As the cold weather closes in with biting frosts and long, depressing hours of darkness, the combined effects of the pandemic and financial problems threaten to drive us into a pit of total despondency. But if lack of money is your problem, take heart because there could be a way to take control of the situation: you might be entitled to receive benefits and Citizens Advice can help you all the way.

If you are unemployed, have a low income, an illness or disability, or are caring for somebody, you could get Universal Credit. This also applies to the self-employed. The amount you might get depends on your individual circumstances. Always do a benefits check before starting an application. Don't forget that if you need help with paying Council Tax you need to apply to the District Council.

Even if you are not a UK citizen you might be able to get some benefits, and if you already receive benefits, you could get more because of Covid-19.

All the information is on the Citizens Advice website <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk>. Also have a look at the government website www.gov.uk where benefits rules are signposted on the home page. There are some reliable online benefit calculators like benefits-calculator.turn2us.org.uk. In order to apply for benefits you will need to assemble all the relevant information: details of your bank or building society accounts; your income, e.g. payslips and savings; and proof of identity.

Citizens Advice has a dedicated "Help to claim" team to get you started on claiming benefits. Phone us on 0800 144 8444 (Mon-Fri 0800 to 1800) or use webchat (same hours). Appointments in person are not available at present.



Tower Talk The Alternative Christmas Tree Festival was a great success this year with trees appearing throughout the Hagbournes. The ringers sponsored one of the four-foot trees and it was one of two decorated trees to be on display in the church, the other being the Knitwits Tree.

We were so happy that we had been given permission to ring the bells for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We rang four of our eight bells wearing masks and with social distancing. For two of us it was the first time that we had rung a bell since March and we were a bit concerned that we would remember how to ring but it is a bit like riding a bike and once we had pulled the bell off the balance we were fine. Personally, for me, it was a bit emotional but I am so glad that I was able to do it.

We hope to toll the New Year in with just the tenor bell ringing, if we get permission, and it will be one of our young ringers who will be doing this with another adult present for safety reasons.

Sadly, we do not know when we will be able to ring the bells again but let's hope that it is soon and hopefully for Easter.

Birthdays – Mary Goy – 27th January.



The bell ringers would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year



Comments from the Parish Council Chairman

2020

As this sad year comes to an end, we can reflect on a year where many things progressed as normal or nearly so while other things just did not happen. We held our normal quota of Parish Council meetings this year (12) although ten of these were held online. We accept the minutes of the previous meeting at the beginning of the next meeting so that a draft can be posted on the village web page (Go to Parish Council/Meetings Minutes & Agendas to see them). They will be formally signed when we next have a face-to-face PC meeting.

For some people their only interaction with the Parish Council is when they submit plans for extensions or are the neighbours of such submissions. There were 23 applications in 2020 of which the Parish Council only objected to two although we made detailed comments on a few others. Sometimes our comments affect the conditions that the planners include when granting the application so we feel this is a useful exercise even if we are not objecting to the plan. On other occasions, the plans are slightly altered after a discussion between applicant and planners. I always try to visit the site of any application, to speak personally to the applicant and any immediate neighbours, even if the plan does not seem very controversial. One concern is to ensure that the neighbours are aware of the plans since occasionally SODC have not been able to contact them. Of course, this has been difficult and sometimes impossible because of lockdown restrictions this year, but at least there has been no bar on inspecting site applications from roads and footpaths.

In addition to responding to individual plans, the Parish Council have also submitted comments to a number of consultations for planning and infrastructure at national and regional levels. One major casualty of the pandemic has been that we were unable to hold the Annual Parish Meeting this year. This really must be face-to-face so we hope that it will be possible to hold the 2021 meeting even if it needs to be delayed by a month or two. We will then be able to discuss priorities for village projects, some potentially quite major, but the Council would welcome comments at any time on the draft for these that is on the village website

<https://easthagbourne.net/parish-council/projects/>

Two of the major issues during this year have been the the plan for 74 dwellings on the field beside the Village Hall and the SODC Local Plan both of which I comment on below.

At the PC meeting in December, the Council decided to keep the precept unchanged so that there will be a small reduction in the parish tax element for next year because of a slightly larger tax base.

District Planning

The very long running saga of the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2035 came to an end on 10th December when the District Council voted to adopt the plan. This has of course been highly controversial, but with its adoption we feel that there should be no further building sites allocated in the Didcot area including the gaps between Didcot and the Hagbournes.

Of course, there is still very significant building going ahead in Didcot in Valley Park, the North East, and Ladygrove East so our hope now is that some funding, which should be available because of the local plan adoption, can be used to mitigate the effects of the increasing traffic from these new developments. The first real test of the Local Plan will be the Appeal judgement on the Sandringham Road proposal by A2 Dominion that we are told has been delayed by the Inspector pending the decision on the local plan.

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Housing Development by the Village Hall

A full survey of the main village drainage system was conducted by Lane on behalf of Deanfield Homes on 23rd November. This survey did identify one or two areas of possible concern including the blocked entry to the Main Road culvert that caused flooding in mid-November. The access point to this part of the culvert was cleared of leaves by OCC and is no longer blocked although it may need more remedial work. Both this and the culvert under the Harwood Road allotments are being investigated further between Christmas and New Year. With the drainage system hopefully in good order, we await the ruling from SODC drainage as to the system proposed for surface water collection and disposal for the development.

If this is felt appropriate and safe, then the developers, Mactaggart and Mickel and Deanfield Homes, would then anticipate acceptance of the Reserved Matters plan and building could possibly commence as early as next Spring.

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 21st January.

I have cancelled my face-to-face surgeries but am very willing to talk on the telephone or online with any parishioner. You can get details of how to do this by phoning 07891 551851 or emailing the Parish Clerk (easthagbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com).

Let me remind you that this is not a formal or even approved article from the Parish Council but is rather a few words from me. Thus anything in this article should not be construed as coming from or endorsed by the Parish Council.

Happy New Year and best wishes for 2021. Iain Duff

New Year news from HUGS

Hope you've had a Healthy and Happy Christmas.

January can be a tough time of year financially, and this year more than most. It's also a tough time for the planet too as we increase our carbon emissions to heat our houses. What makes this worse is the fact that most of our homes quickly lose more than a third of the heat we pay for – through walls, windows, roofs and doors.

If you'd like to look at the options for your home, from using less energy to start with, to greener sources of energy and ways to insulate your home, have a look at these websites

[Energy Saving Trust](#)
[Cosy Homes Oxfordshire](#)



If you want to warm up by going for a walk, our new Winter Top 10 Wildlife Spotters Guide for our Wild Walk route is up on our website [click here](#) to find it.

While you're out you may see some of the newly planted trees in the 3 villages too. Our tree project was a great success and we're waiting to count up all your kind donations and then we can order and plant some trees to plant along foot paths where landowners have requested them.

If you're out early or after dark you may hear or see some of our beautiful local owls too! Our owl project is still awaiting news about funding – more news to follow!. But please let Lu know if you see or hear owls (lusowls@btinternet.com) and do have a look at our Owl Page to help you identify owl calls ([click here](#)).



**East
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**HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2021**



A THOUGHTFUL THANK YOU

Thank you to all the wonderful residents of East Hagbourne - for rising to the challenge of making the current pandemic more bearable. Whether you have been involved with the Coronavirus Support Group, helping at the Community Shop or joining in with the Christmas Tree Festival and Advent Windows, you help make the village a very special place to be.

Community is so important and it is a privilege to live in such a positive parish.



Councillor Community Grant Scheme – a reminder

As noted last month, each District Councillor currently has £5,000 to award to projects or services that offer community benefits in their ward area. The money is available to non-profit community organizations whose primary purpose is to benefit the residents of South Oxfordshire. There is particular interest in supporting projects which focus on protecting and restoring our natural world; action on the climate emergency and improved economic and community well-being. **The scheme runs until Friday, 5th February so there is still time to apply. Visit the website [here](#)**



Coronavirus Support Group The group is still active although requests for assistance have dropped, so please do get in touch if you need help. easthagbourne-covid19@gmail.com or call/text 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

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

Planning applications received since the last meeting:

P20/S3987/HH 26 New Road, East Hagbourne - New side extension to bungalow with some internal changes.

P20/S4487/FUL 56 Blewbury Road, East Hagbourne - Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) on planning application- Demolish existing bungalow and the erection of two residential dwellings.

P20/S4483/FUL 5 Kingsholm Close, East Hagbourne – Single storey rear extension

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Thursday 21st January 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

HAMS Spam

New Year, New Start

Despite half a year of frustrated inaction following the total blast that was *Our Day Out*, HAMS has actually ended 2020 on a bit of a high.

We've spent the dark evenings so far creating some short videos for submission to the Oxfordshire Drama Network (ODN) Winter Festival. The results are an eclectic collection of auld and new, and they will be viewable for all to see and (hopefully) enjoy during January on a new HAMS YouTube channel. More details here soon, or via the HAMS emailing list (sign up by sending an email to the address below).



Thus we greet the New Year with renewed vigour and look forward to building upon our new-born video/online talents, and we will soon be deciding how we might bring further HAMS delights to the good folks of the Hagbournes and beyond, until life gets back to normal and we can welcome you back into the good old Village Hall, our one-and-only spiritual home.

A January Quiz from HAMS



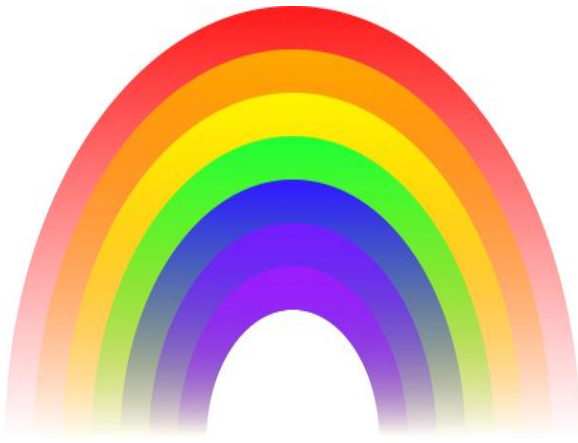
HAMS wishes a very happy New Year to all our friends, and to help celebrate, here is a short quiz about this special month.

- 1) How many nights is it from Twelfth Night to Burns Night?
- 2) Where in the world is a city called "January's River"?
- 3) Who had a hit single in the 1975 with "January"?
- 4) After whom is January named (pictured left)?
- 5) On January 25th, 2020, the current Chinese year began; which year is it? a) Pig b) Rat c) Cat d) Horse.
- 6) Which two large Commonwealth countries hold their national day on 26th January?

All the best from HAMS!

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

Answers: 1) 20 days – 2) Brazil (it's Rio) – 3) Pilot – 4) Roman god, Janus – 5) Rat – 6) India and Australia



A New Year Prayer

Loving God, you know us and all that we are facing.
We thank you that we can come to you as we are -
with all our fears and concerns,
our difficulties and challenges.
Please draw close to each of us and those we
remember before you now.
Bring to us your peace and comfort.
And fill us with your Spirit that we may be bearers
of your grace and hope to others.
As a country, protect us, encourage us and keep us.
In the name of your Son Jesus we pray. Amen

Churn Benefice Remote Communications - How has it been for you?

Since the onset of the pandemic back in March 2020 the Churn Benefice has been making extensive use videoconferencing (mainly the GoToMeetings system) and other types of remote communication (mainly email, websites and other communication using the internet) and this has allowed us to continue with a wide range of services, meetings, and social functions.

It has been a steep learning experience for most of us who have been involved.

Nine months into this very big change we now want to take stock of what we have learned from this experience. We would like to hear your views concerning:

What has worked well?

What hasn't worked so well?

Are there things that we can improve even further in the weeks ahead while we continue to need to use videoconferencing?

Are there uses of videoconferencing and remote communication that could usefully become part of our ongoing?

Please feedback your opinions and ideas to: Roger Murph (Roger.murphy65@gmail.com)

Maranda Nicolle (marandachurch@stjohnnicolle.org)

or Dawn Saunders (office@churnchurches.co.uk or 850267)

Stamps!

I am continuing the tradition of saving used stamps for charity, so if you have any, please leave them in the back of the St Andrew's (if and when you can) or drop them off to me at home and I will make good use of them.

and Tins!

If you were given (or have acquired) a nice-looking tin and you don't know what to do with it, will you please pass it my way? I am hoping to have a "tin" sale to raise funds for the church some time, when we are allowed to do such things. I am not sure what I shall put in the tins yet, maybe cakes or biscuits (handmade) or sweets? Please pass them to me as above if you feel you can spare them that is. Thank you.

Jill Garlick 07873431144 hjgarlick@gmail.com

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Mondays to Fridays, except Public Holidays

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Didcot, Loyd Park					1438		1438			
Didcot, Parkway Station, stop R4	0840	1010	1140	1340	1445	1510	1545	1655	1715	1845
Didcot, Orchard Centre	0844	1014	1144	1344	1449	1514	1549	1659	1719	1849
Didcot, Sandringham Road	0850	1018	1148	1348	1454	1518	1554	1664	1724	1854
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	0853	1021	1151	1351	1457	1521	1557	1667	1727	1857
West Hagbourne, Moor Lane	1	1	1	1	1508	1	1508	1	1	1
Upton, Village Hall	1	1	1	1	1507	1	1507	1	1	1
Blewbury, The Blueberry	0901	1029	1159	1359	1514	1529	1614	1615	1735	1904
Upton, Village Hall	0907	1035	1205	1405	1	1535	1	1621	1741	1910
West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow PH	0908	1036	1206	1406	1	1536	1	1622	1742	1911
Chilton, Main Street	0918	1048	1218	1418	1	1544	1	1630	1750	1919
Harwell Campus, Bus Station	0923	1050	1220	1	1551	1		1737	1925	
Ashton Upthorpe, The Chequers PH					1623		1623			
South Moreton, The Crown PH					1629		1629			
North Moreton					1635		1635			
Didcot, Orchard Centre					1645		1645			
Didcot, Parkway Station					1649		1649			

Notes:
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Harwell Campus • Blewbury • Didcot

Mondays to Fridays, except Public Holidays

Notes	M-Th/Sat									
Bus Number	94	94S	94	94	94	94	94	94	94	94
Harwell Campus, Bus Station	0935		0935	1035	1235	1435	1435	1535		1800
Chilton, Main Street	0940		0940	1040	1101	1281	1431	1601	1633	1800
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	1	0723	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
West Hagbourne, Moor Lane	1	0734	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow	0940	0737	0908	0937	1107	1287	1437	1607	1639	1812
Upton, Village Hall	0948	0741	0908	0939	1109	1289	1439	1609	1641	1814
Blewbury, The Blueberry	0950	0742	0910	0945	1115	1245	1445	1615	1647	1820
Ashton Upthorpe, The Chequers PH	1	0753	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
South Moreton, The Crown PH	1	0804	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
North Moreton	1	0810	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Didcot, St Birinus School	1	0824	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Didcot Girls' School	1	0832	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
East Hagbourne, War Memorial	0704	1	0824	0933	1123	1253	1433	1623	1655	1829
Didcot, Sandringham Road	0707	1	0827	0936	1126	1256	1436	1626	1658	1831
Didcot, Orchard Centre	0712	1	0832	1001	1131	1301	1501	1651	1703	1836
Didcot, Parkway Station	0716	0833	0830	1005	1135	1305	1505	1655	1707	1840

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Didcot • Blewbury • Harwell Campus

Saturdays

Bus Number	94	94	94	94	94	94
Didcot, Parkway Station, stop 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	0908	1035	1205	1405	1535	1735
West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow PH	0908	1036	1206	1406	1536	1736
Chilton, Main Street	0918	1048	1218	1418	1548	1748
Harwell Campus, Bus Station	0920	1050	1220	1420	1550	1750

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Harwell Campus • Blewbury • Didcot

Saturdays

Bus Number	94	94	94	94	94	94
Harwell Campus, Bus Station		0925	1055	1225	1425	1555
Chilton, Main Street		0930	1031	1101	1431	1601
West Hagbourne, Horse and Harrow PH		0930	0937	1107	1287	1437
Upton, Village Hall		0938	0939	1109	1289	1439
Blewbury, The Blueberry		0914	0945	1115	1245	1445
East Hagbourne, War Memorial		0922	0933	1123	1253	1453
Didcot, Sandringham Road		0923	0930	1129	1259	1459
Didcot, Orchard Centre		0850	1001	1131	1301	1501
Didcot, Parkway Station		0854	1005	1135	1305	1505

NEW Local Bus Timetable which starts 4th January

Please note that there are a **lot of changes** with the new timetable and the bus will no longer be taking a circular route around the villages.

It will not be calling at Coscote or into West Hagbourne but will stop at the Horse & Harrow.

The School Service 94S on this route will be calling in West Hagbourne

There will now be an extra Service on a Saturday.

The route and larger size timetable can be found on the East Hagbourne website.

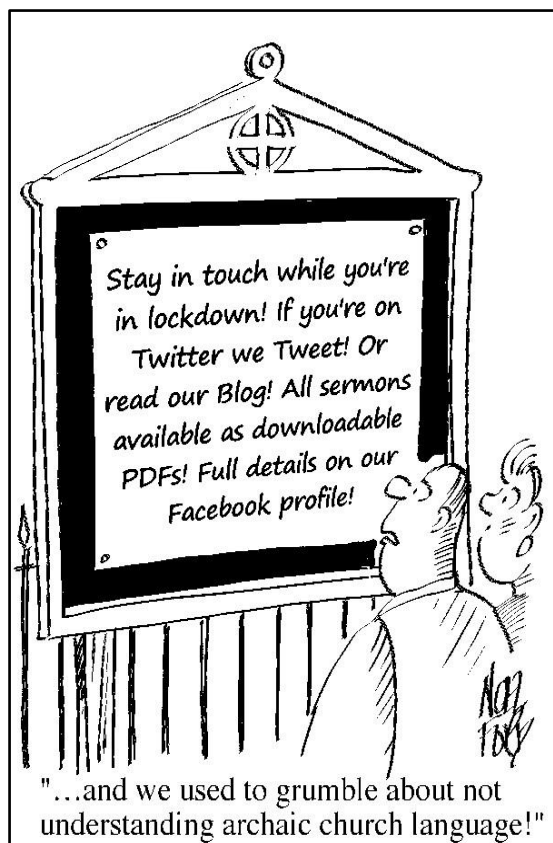
Thank you to all our bus drivers who have been keeping the Services going through these difficult times.

**Very Best Wishes for the New Year to all our readers and contributors
from the parish magazine committee**

THANK YOU to all who have helped keep this "parish magazine" going during the past difficult year, to the contributors, to the Parish Councils and also "thank you" to all our loyal advertisers who have continued to support us. I would also like to say a big "thank you" to my co-editor, Joy Napper, whose dedication and skills have kept the magazine available to all.

Let's hope that 2021 will be an improvement on 2020! Happy New Year to everyone.

Janet Corderoy, Chairman of the Hagbourne Parish Magazine Committee.



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We hope that our readers will find these useful

FEBRUARY 2021 PARISH MAGAZINE

**We hope that as many of our readers as possible will be able to see the
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Please let us have any copy for the February parish magazine by **19th January**
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Janet Corderoy, Joy Napper and the parish magazine committee.



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