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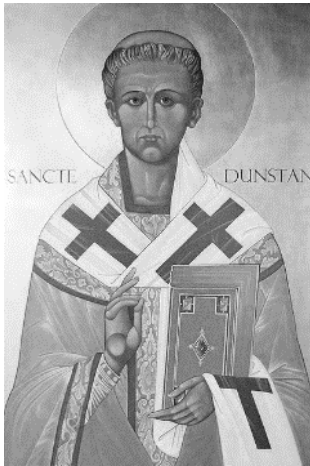
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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, HAGBOURNE

The United Benefice of Blewbury, East and West Hagbourne and Upton together with Aston Tirrold, Aston Uphorpe, North Moreton and South Moreton.



Rector's Reflections A Saint from Somerset

Are you familiar with Somerset? Personally, I have a soft spot for Somerset – I was born there, in Frome, and although we moved from the county when I was very young, I still have a sense that I belong to Somerset. I'm thinking of Somerset because of St Dunstan, who was born in the county back in the 10th Century. Why I am thinking of St Dunstan and who was he? Well, he was a nobleman who later became a monk and then Archbishop of Canterbury. He did much to further the spiritual and political well-being of England back in the 10th Century. We know quite a lot about him from various contemporary documents.

Dunstan enjoyed working with his hands. He practised painting, embroidery and metalwork. In the Bodleian Library, there is a manuscript from the time of Dunstan which includes a portrait of him, prostrate at the feet of Christ. This picture could well be Dunstan's own work.

Dunstan was committed to handcraft, and he encouraged every priest to have a handcraft. I can remember at primary school that we all had lessons in cookery and woodwork. I didn't understand at the time why we were doing this, as I thought school was all about reading and writing and maths. But I still remember making cheese straws and enjoying eating them! As I have got older, I have come to value the importance of the learning that can come through doing things, things as simple as making cheese straws and doing a straightforward piece of carpentry. With schools being shut and much learning of necessity having to be relocated to the home environment, I think it is re-assuring to know how much we learn simply by doing, especially under supervision. We can all learn by doing stuff on our own, but it's less messy and painful if we have a more experienced person to guide us on the way!

I wonder: is there a practical skill which we might learn? Is there a friend or a family member who might be only too happy to teach us? Is there a practical skill which we might teach to someone else? After all, Jesus himself was a carpenter, and he must have spent much of his childhood watching Joseph at work. Perhaps Joseph had other pupils as well! Fr Jason

Online Church Services Sundays at 10.30am. Login or connect at 10am to chat before the Service. Weekday evenings – Compline at 8pm. You can join using a computer, laptop, tablet, smart phone or landline. Please check with the website or the Churn leaflet for the service access codes and full details of how to join each week.

Bookings for Weddings and Baptisms During the current situation provisional bookings for Weddings, Baptisms etc may be made online by contacting the church office via email www.churnchurches.co.uk Dawn, the Office Administrator will be available via emails during her normal office hours.

CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR JUNE 2020

The Intentions this month are for all who live in Blewbury

		Prayer Focus
1 Monday	Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth 8pm Compline	Cossicle Mead B
2 Tuesday	8pm Compline	Dibleys B
3 Wednesday	8pm Compline	Eastfields B
4 Thursday	8pm Compline	Grahame Close B
5 Friday	S. Boniface Bishop and Martyr - 8pm Compline	Ladycroft Park B
6 Saturday		London Road B
7 +Sunday	TRINITY SUNDAY 10.30am Online Benefice Service	<i>Pastoral care & visiting.</i>
8 Monday	8pm Compline	Millbrook Close B
9 Tuesday	S. Columba Abbott - 8pm Compline	Nottingham Fee B
10 Wednesday	8pm Compline	Pilgrims Way B
11 Thursday	Corpus Christi – 8pm Compline	Thanksgiving for Eucharist
12 Friday	S. Barnabas Apostle – 8pm Compline	Robinson Close B
13 Saturday		South Street B
14 +Sunday	THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 10.30am Online Benefice Service	<i>All the churches in our Benefice.</i>
15 Monday	8pm Compline	Watt's Lane B
16 Tuesday	8pm Compline	Westbrook Green B
17 Wednesday	8pm Compline	Westbrook Street B
18 Thursday	8pm Compline	Whites Orchard B
19 Friday	8pm Compline	Woodway Road B
20 Saturday		Berry Lane B
21 +Sunday	THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 10.30am Online Benefice Service	<i>Outreach & parish magazines.</i>
22 Monday	S. Alban Martyr – 8pm Compline	Bessels Way B
23 Tuesday	S. Etheldreda Abbess – 8pm Compline	Bessels Lea Road B
24 Wednesday	Birth of John the Baptist – 8pm Compline	Those to be Baptised
25 Thursday	8pm Compline	Blewbury Hill B
26 Friday	Ember Day - 8pm Compline	Bohams Road B
27 Saturday	S. Cyril Bishop	Bridus Mead B
28 +Sunday	THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 10.30am Online Benefice Service	<i>Families & Mothers' Union</i>
29 Monday	Ss. Peter & Paul Apostles – 8pm Compline	Bridus Way B
30 Tuesday	8pm Compline	Chailey Gardens B

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www.office@churnchurches.co.uk**

You can contact the clergy on:

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Louise 07837 009730

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John 01235 512987

jphclarke@gmail.com

THE CHURCH IN OUR BENEFICE continues to be alive and active, but our buildings must close for the present. You can contact The Revds Jason, Louise and John by telephone or email, and Dawn, the Benefice Administrator is working from home with full access to Benefice emails during her normal office hours.



The Churn leaflet and Readings along with information about Benefice activities for the current week are distributed by email – please ask family, friends and neighbours to contact Dawn at: office@churnchurches.co.uk if they would like to receive them. For details of online Sunday Services and other online events please look at the website: www.churnchurches.co.uk

AN UPDATE FROM FATHER JASON We are looking forward to the time when our church buildings can re-open. At present, various guidelines are being worked out at a national level to allow for the re-opening of places of worship. Once the guidelines have been published, we can then look to see how to apply them to the churches in the Churn Benefice. I very much hope that this will mean we will be able to re-open our church buildings sometime in July or August. In the meantime, our pattern of online worship continues on Sundays at 10.30am, and weekday evenings at 8pm. In addition, I hope to record a short service of prayer from inside each church, which will then be available to view online.

With Sympathy

Clifford Hutchings We send our heartfelt sympathies to Maureen and to all the family and friends of Cliff Hutchings. Cliff died on Sunday 3rd of May aged 87, and his Funeral Service took place at the South Oxfordshire Crematorium, Garford, on 22nd May. A countryman at heart and a keen gardener, Cliff had lived all his life in East Hagbourne.

Joan Cox We send our heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of Joan Cox who died on 3rd of May, aged 94 after a long illness bravely borne. Joan and her late husband Stan were regular attenders of St Andrew's Church in Hagbourne and had celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary with a Blessing at Church. Joan and Stan met at a dance in Hagbourne Village Hall in the War when Joan was working in the village as a Land Army Girl and Stan was on sickness leave from the Army having been injured in France after D-Day. Joan's Funeral Service took place on 29th May at the South Oxfordshire Crematorium. The family will hold a Memorial Service at St Andrew's when it is possible to do so.

Pam Page We send our heartfelt sympathies to Michael and to all the family and friends of Pam Page who died on the 15th May aged 90. Pam and Mike had lived for many years in East Hagbourne before moving to Blewbury. Pam was a volunteer at the Community Shop in East Hagbourne and also, with Mike, a member of the parish magazine collating "gang".

Tower Talk We would like to thank our Tower Keeper, John Napper, for keeping an eye on our bells while we are unable to ring them and for putting the flag up on the tower for St George's Day. We are all so happy that he has left it flying. John also keeps an eye on the church clock, the mechanism is housed in the ringing chamber.

Thank you, John, for the wonderful rendition, singing and playing the ukulele, of 'We'll Meet Again' which he videoed and sent to us all for the VE Day celebrations, let's hope that this will be soon. Happy Birthday to Sam Sweeney who celebrated his 16th Birthday on 28th May. Miss you all, take care and stay safe. Shirley Goss.



Hagbourne Garden Club

The Hagbourne Garden Club would like to thank everyone who supported our table top plant sales, both those that donated plants for sale and the people that bought them!

Hopefully we will be able to resume our regular monthly meetings in September as we have some wonderful, interesting speakers booked.

More details to follow soon!

Didcot Emergency Foodbank

The 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. The need for this facility has been greater than usual in recent months and thanks to a great response from Didcot and the villages, volunteers at the Foodbank have been able to provide support to 60+ adults & children every week.

If you would like to donate food, donations can be made via the collecting boxes near the checkouts of both branches of Sainsbury's in Didcot. They are very grateful for donations, e.g. tins of vegetables, meat, fish and fruit, plus UHT fruit juice and UHT milk.

Please contact the Foodbank for details **if you would like to make a financial donation** (by bank transfer or cheque) or if you would like to volunteer to help practically.

Contact details: Leave a message on the Baptist Church Office answering machine on 813187 (messages are checked daily) or by email: office@didcotbaptist.org.uk.

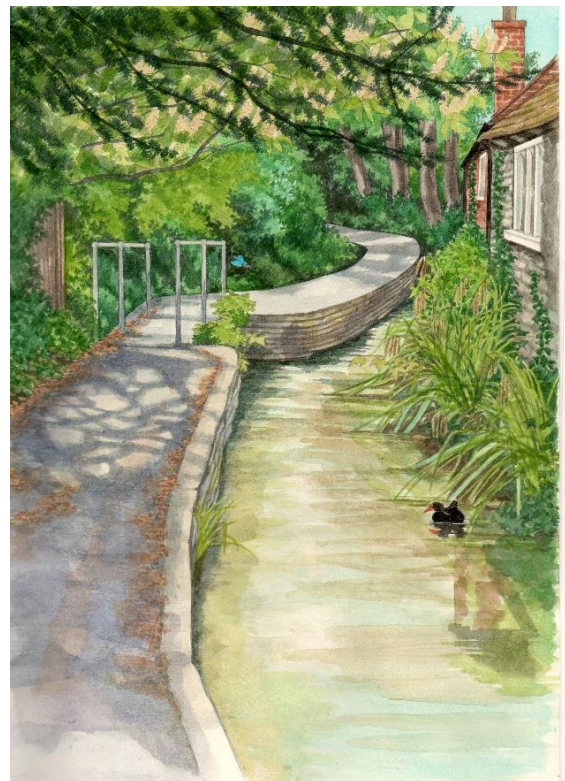
The Foodbank is a project of Didcot Baptist Church on behalf of the community. <https://www.didcotbaptist.org.uk/mission/local-activities/emergency-foodbank.php>
Thank you.

The Poet's Trail – Save the date: 27th September at St Andrew's

We were planning a walk around the Poet's Trail in East Hagbourne followed by teas in Church on 17th May but sadly, due to the government announcements, had to cancel the event for the time being.

We hope to be able to go ahead with the walk and teas back at St Andrew's on Sunday, 27th September depending on the situation at the time. It is very difficult to plan at this time but will give an update in the July magazine.

In the meantime, we are working on the illustrated anthology of poetry by local people on the Four Seasons theme and expect to have it in print later this year. Linda Benton 01235 817891





Thoughts at this Time by Beryl Clements

Usually at this time of year I would be at my “spiritual bolthole” in Cumbria, where, in the words of Psalm 121, I would lift up my eyes to the hills, these days enjoying not only the view but also the memories of when I could lift not just my eyes but my feet and my whole body to the hills (or, at least, to some of them). There is something both awesome and reassuring about that landscape – its beauty, its variety, its space and timelessness all give me a sense of perspective and stability. These fells and lakes have been moulded over thousands of years, and although there’s great variation within them, and they’ve suffered the effects of more recent extreme weather, such as storm Desmond, there is so much that is predictable and unchanging about them.

I’m so grateful to have had these experiences, and to be able to recall them; these memories of the landscapes and the people who’ve shared them with me there are helping to sustain me at the moment, as I negotiate the relatively minor inconveniences of our current restrictions, which in turn are a reminder of the privileged life so many of us have come to take for granted. There are many analogies between our current situation and journeys in unknown landscapes, particularly when we find ourselves on a route not of our choosing – the fear of uncertainty, facing the unknown, being lost, not in control, the relief of discovering that others are sharing at least some of the journey with us (I can’t be the only person who’s followed someone only to find that they have a totally different destination in mind). There’s the warmth of shared encouragement, of fellowship with strangers, of having the courage to trust and rely on others. As with today’s crisis, there are times to simply follow instructions, and other times to ask questions and learn from the experience.

I am grateful for so much in my life today, and I’m working on the late Dag Hammarskjöld’s words, “For all that has been, thanks”. Being grateful doesn’t prevent me from having difficult times, when loneliness and lack of social contact loom large, but as a Christian I have the one thing for which I’m most grateful, the gift of faith and hope, especially in this Eastertide. And that helps me face uncertainty, to get through the increasing weariness and decreasing motivation, the balancing of tragedy and suffering with the many good things that are happening. I do believe that we have a loving God who cares for his creation, and that somehow good will come from this, maybe with an increased awareness of the inequalities within our society and the world and a will to address them, and a willingness to work together to protect our planet.

As the Psalmist says, “My help comes from the Lord....who will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.” (Thank you Beryl for your article – The Editors)



The CYGnet Youth Group is now online. This regular Sunday evening group, usually on the 3rd Sunday of the month from 6.30pm to 8pm and all young people of secondary school age are welcome to come and join. Please contact the Churn office for details, office@churnchurches.co.uk



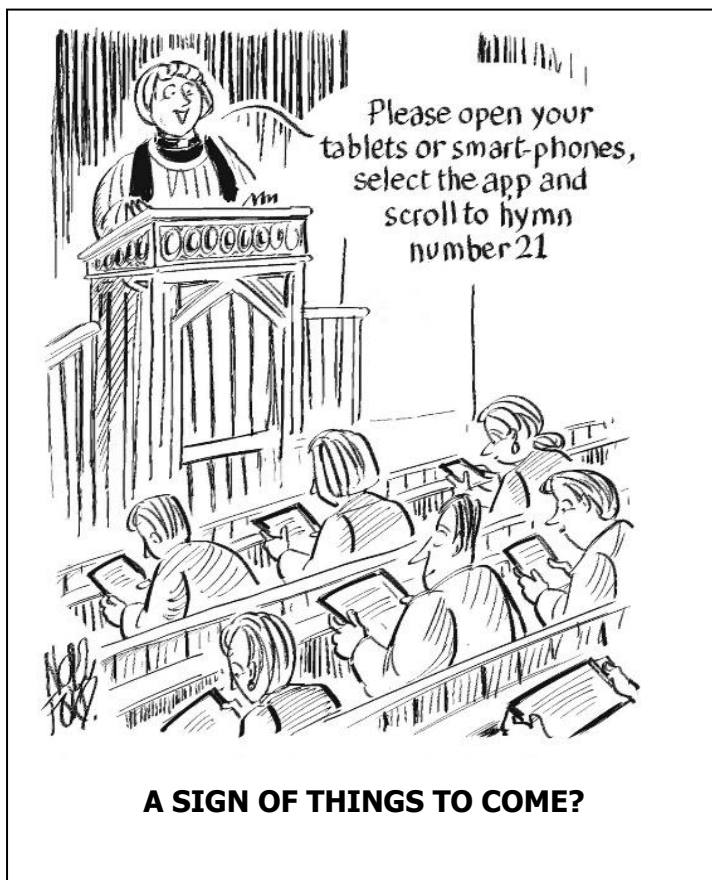
Lockdown – Impact on Church Finances

Our nation is enduring the biggest crisis in a generation. It is vital through this time that we sustain and build local churches in every place to offer a ministry of service and care and prayer in every local community, urban and rural, into the future. The financial situation in the Oxford Diocese is serious. And like most, if not all other churches, we on the St Andrew's PCC are facing a shortfall in income this year. We hope and pray that the shortfall will be modest.

Clearly, income will be lost through the absence of Services and fund-raising activities. However, there are fixed costs and obligations that have to be met month-in, month-out despite this. The Parish Share, Building Insurance and Utilities (albeit on a reduced scale during lockdown) all figure prominently; Parish Share primarily funds clergy stipends.

We are fortunate and thankful that so many people offer their Giving on-line regularly (either annually, quarterly or monthly), and we hope and pray that, economically, they can continue to do so in these challenging times. If ever there was a realisation of the beneficial impact of on-line Giving, it is right now. This is also a time to delve into our cash reserves. Reserves are there for significant unexpected occurrences and that is exactly what the present situation is. Fortunately, we have unrestricted reserves of over six months' expenditure, which will be used to bridge the gap in income needed to meet both our fixed costs and with other financial commitments (funded projects such as Stage 1 of the Sound System Upgrade, and routine maintenance and minor works to the church building).

The Church finances will continue to be managed and monitored closely to support the mission in the challenging weeks and months ahead. *Trevor Goss, St Andrew's Church Treasurer.*



ST SOFA'S

We worship at St Sofa's now
Since Covid came to stay
We don't dress up or do our hair
But still we come to pray!

Our Vicar is a clever chap
A Zoom with his IT
And so we sit down ev'ry week
And meet up virtually!

Our Parish Church stands empty
With praise she does not ring;
But still her people gather round
To pray, and praise, and sing!

The virus is a nasty thing
Yet it has helped us see
The church is NOT a building
But folk like you and me!

By Nigel and Carol Beeton



East Hagbourne Community Shop

find us on the East Hagbourne website:
www.easthagbourne.net
and follow us on Facebook

Shop locally and safely!

Thanks to Steve and our great team of volunteers both the Shop and the Post Office continue to serve the local villages well in a difficult time.

From 1st June, in response to the demand for longer opening hours, our hours will be:

	Shop	Post Office (tel. 811815)
Monday	9-4	9-12:30
Tuesday	9-4	9-12:30
Wednesday	9-4	9-12:30
Thursday	9-4	9-12:30
Friday	9-4	9-12:30
Saturday	9-12:30	9-12:30

Saturday Bread and Bakery

Our Saturday sales of artisan bread and bakery from Marcopolo continue to be a great success. Remember to place your order by 4 p.m. on **Wednesday** either via the hard copy list in the Shop or by email to:

easthagbourneshop@btopenworld.com

On the following Saturday collect your order between 9 and 12:30 from the pop-up stall outside the Shop, or, if this has closed, from inside the Shop.

Flour and Yeast We usually have stocks of dried yeast and four types of flour: plain, self-raising, strong wheat and wholemeal.

Ice Creams and Cold Drinks Out for a walk on a warm day? Cool down with a Magnum £1.50, Solero £1.25, Cornetto £1.20, Mini milk 35p; Ice pop 20p; or a cold drink.

We are continuing to offer a delivery service for essential supplies. Email your order to:

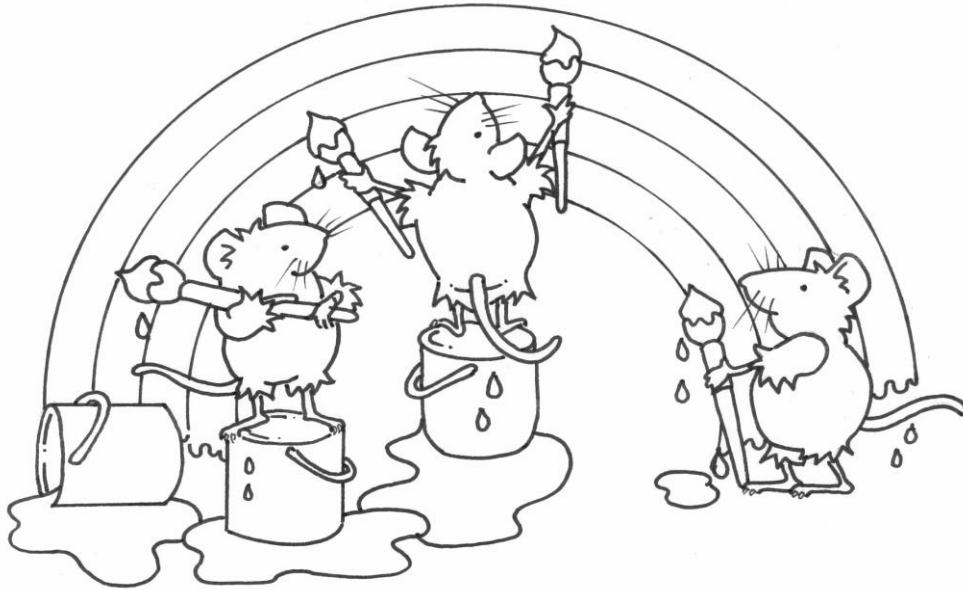
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and it will be delivered, usually later the same day, and your payment by cash or by cheque collected, please make cheque payable to:

East Hagbourne Community Shop Ltd

Online Children's Worship Once a month, since Easter, the Benefice has been holding online worship for children. The Pram Service has been re-modelled to include children of primary school age. These short Services are led by the Revd Louise.

This month it is "**Joyful June: Join with Jesus and each other**" on **Wednesday 3rd June** at **4pm** on the ZOOM platform. We meet and greet from 4pm, worship begins at 4.10pm and we say goodbyes at 4.30pm. We are all linked up! Our youngest children are asked to draw a picture of their family and older children may like to draw their family tree. Do look out some photos too. Please text the Revd Louise on 07837 009 730 or email revlouiseb@aol.com if you would like to receive the ZOOM access code.



MANY THANKS to all those in East and West Hagbourne who are volunteering in lots of ways to help out those in social isolation and many thanks to Steve and to all who help in the Community Shop who continue to work tirelessly to help out and to deliver items.

LOCAL BUS SERVICES

The 94/94S Bus Our weekday bus service between Didcot, East and West Hagbourne, Upton and Blewbury is continuing running to the school holiday timetable – please see the timetable on the East Hagbourne website. Many thanks to our bus drivers for keeping the service going.

The DVTG Community Bus Service to Wallingford Our weekly minibus service to Wallingford on a Friday morning has had to be cancelled. There is no social distancing on a minibus! We look forward to restoring the service when it is again possible and safe to do so as we know it is much appreciated. Good wishes to all our customers and our bus drivers at this difficult time.

An update from St Andrew's Church Firstly, we hope and pray that you, your families, and friends are all keeping well in these continuing difficult times. We are thankful that we live in such a beautiful village with such a wonderful community spirit and we appreciate all those who volunteer to help people who are self-isolating or unable to get out.

St Andrew's are here for you during this time. The clergy are available should you wish to talk to them, and Services are continuing online. To be included in these, please phone Dawn in the office on 01235 850267 to be added to the email distribution list. Our website www.churchchurches.co.uk also has current service information and contact details. All are very welcome.

We would also be interested to hear of your individual experiences, thoughts or memories you will take away from this time of lockdown which we can then keep in the Church archives. We will also produce a report for the rescheduled APC Meeting in October and would like to include some comments.

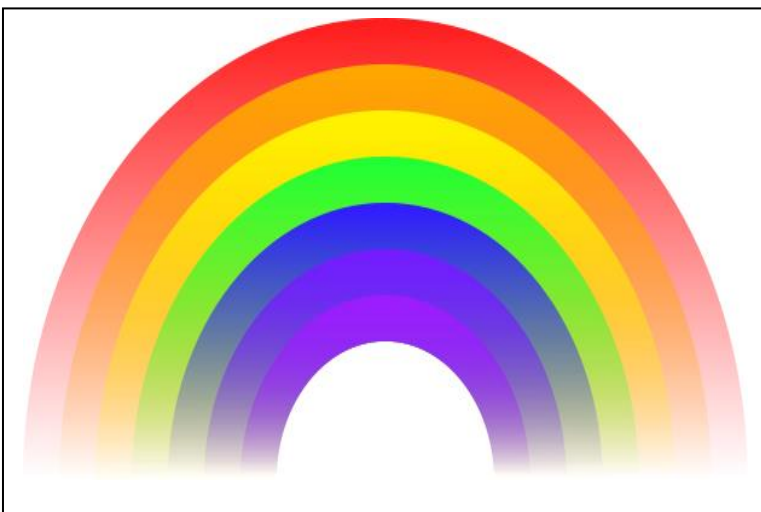
Emails can be sent to Justine Goodenough, PCC Secretary, at Justine@barnendevents.com or drop in to 25 North Croft, East Hagbourne. May God bless you all, and may you know His gifts of love, joy and peace.

Wimbledon Tennis Fans Those tennis fans who will be missing the Wimbledon tennis this year can go online to www.wimbledon.com and view lots of videos of the tennis stars in action.

Christian Aid Coronavirus Emergency Appeal

The coronavirus outbreak threatens the health of our neighbours near and far. Refugees are fleeing violent conflict but are now threatened by coronavirus. Christian Aid and its partners are drawing on their experience from the Ebola crisis and helping communities to prevent and delay infection.

In the Hagbournes, our usual Churn quiz and other ways of collecting for Christian Aid were not possible this year. However, if you would like to help, you can do so by telephoning the Christian Aid Head Office, 020 7523 2046 for direct debit or payroll giving. Or visit www.christianaid.org or 020 7523 2269 to make card donations. Cheques are difficult for the office to process at the moment. You can also make a donation in memory of a loved one. Thank you, Mary Harrison



Your dwelling place

Lord, grant me a simple,
kind, open, believing,
loving and generous heart,
worthy of being your
dwelling place.

*By John Sergieff,
Russian priest, 1829 – 1908*

Funerals in the Benefice

23rd April at Oxford Crematorium – Richard Davies, aged 77, Hagbourne

28th April at Blewbury Parish Cemetery – Edna Tankard, aged 84, Blewbury

28th April at Blewbury Parish Cemetery – Peter Tankard, aged 87, Blewbury

Comments from the Parish Council Chairman

It is in times like these that I think we all appreciate being in what is still very much a rural village with immediate access to the countryside and the space to be able to practise social distancing.

Community Support

It is worth reiterating that there are several activities in the village that are helping us to maintain the resilience of our village in these troubled times. **The Community Support Group** continue to offer assistance primarily for shopping and getting prescriptions. If you wish any help you can contact the support group by email to easthagbourne covid19@gmail.com or by calling the dedicated phone number 07568 395228.

For people who have emergency needs for financial support, **Hagbourne Parish Charities** can help. You can contact them through the support group or directly by emailing hagbourne.charities@gmail.com or calling 07572 401769. Another source of financial support is the **The East and West Hagbourne Village Fund** (<https://easthagbourne.net/directory/village-fund>) who have money to assist villagers quickly in times of need and can be contacted through Trevor Chambers on 01235 814892.

In addition to these, the **Post Office and Village community shop** are doing an incredible job in keeping well-stocked and providing a safe environment for supplying many shopping needs including the highly successful provision of bread on Saturday mornings from 9.00am.

Another well used initiative has been the take-away service from the **Fleur de Lys pub** where food is available on Thursday, Friday, and Sunday and drinks including fresh beer in plastic containers is available every day except Monday and Tuesday. To get a weekly update on menus and opening hours, you can email Darren on takeaway.fleurdelys@gmail.com.

SODC Plan

We have just heard that the Secretary of State has appointed Planning Inspector Jonathan Bore MRTPI to conduct an Examination into the soundness and legal compliance of the SODC Local Plan. The public examination will be conducted using the online system Microsoft Teams starting at 10.00 on Tuesday 14th July and potentially continuing until 7th August.

The Parish Council had already responded to the plan, generally supporting it because of the protection it gives against further development in the Didcot area. These comments will be automatically included in the public examination. After the conclusion of this examination, the Inspector will present a report that will either recommend adoption or recommend modifications to make the plan compliant and sound.

Mactaggart and Mickel development by the Village Hall

It is amazing to reflect that the decision to accept the outline plan on this site was taken at a planning committee meeting in Didcot Civic Centre as long ago as 18th October 2017. It has been a long story as much for the developers as for the village. Perhaps this partly reflects the sensitivity of our site. A few days ago, the Planning Consultant for Mactaggart and Mickel resubmitted their main plan, the Reserved Matters plan P19/S0357/RM. The case officer, Penny Silverwood, is now in the process of checking a few details before entering the plan on the SODC planning website. This may well have happened before you read this article. There are already many conditions that must be met by the developers that are now listed in the conditions attached to the acceptance of the recent plan P20/S0084/FUL. Given that there is no way to reverse the October 2017 decision, we now have a final chance to provide comments to ensure the best outcome for the development.

Parish meetings

Parish Council meetings are still taking place but are now online, using the Zoom platform. As always, members of the public are welcome to join the meeting and can get the details of how to do so from the Parish Clerk. The next Parish Council meeting will be held starting at 7.30pm on Thursday 18th June.

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Comments from the Parish Council Chairman continued . . .

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).

I am also, as an experiment this month, opening a zoom surgery from 10.00 - 11.00 on Tuesday 9th June. The link for this will be:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84838061983?pwd=NG5qZE9heERTRzBBZk1IT2VvVVZ4Zz09>

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

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Astronomy Notes



The Rosette Nebula

Last month we had an exploding star at the end of its life. This month we have the other end of the life of a star. The cluster of hot stars in the middle of the Rosette nebula are very young, producing huge amounts a radiation, which is pushing away the original star forming molecular cloud. At the same time, this radiation is exciting the atoms of the cloud, causing them to emit radiation themselves, producing the emission nebula we see, at a distance of approximately 5,000 light years, the nebula spans around 130 light years across. Image produced from the Starfields Observatory in East Hagbourne with modified DSLR camera fitted with a light pollution filter.

John Napper – Starfields – 818853 napperjohn@gmail.com
www.flickr.com/photos/67647466@N08/



Use new fast-track reporting for suspicious emails – Citizens Advice

Scam emails, one of life's most tiresome phenomena, are becoming so smooth and sophisticated that even computer experts can be deceived by them, and the rest of us are in constant danger of being taken for a ride. There is no need to feel isolated with the problem, though. If you are suspicious of an email or simply unsure, you can use a new, dedicated reporting service which is very quick and convenient: forward the email to **report@phishing.gov.uk** and the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) will investigate it.

How does a scam email work? The usual methods are persuading you to divulge sensitive information, like bank details, or urging you to click on certain links. If you click on those links, you could be directed to an unsafe website which might download viruses on your computer or steal your passwords or data.

It's crucial to bear in mind that a scam email is designed in such a way as to get you to act quickly and without thinking, so NEVER give way to that pressure.

How do you spot a phishing email? This is very tricky, since many of them look just like the real thing. Scammers are quite capable of producing professional quality graphic design with pleasant pastel colours, for example. This makes the email look authoritative and trustworthy and thoroughly up to date.

However, and fortunately for us, if you examine a scam email carefully it will reveal its true nature. Remember these key points:

First, it is very unlikely to be a message you are expecting.

Second, the language of most scam emails has an uncompromising toughness that isn't characteristic of the average business email. It might try to rush you into making a decision or threaten you with legal action or financial losses, telling you that you have to act right away to avoid them. The email might claim to be from a bank, a government department or the Inland Revenue, perhaps saying that a warrant has been issued for your arrest.

The email could also be from a company that doesn't normally contact you or from an organisation that you normally deal with in a different way, e.g. TV Licensing or the district council – which, it might strike you, have never emailed you before.

Beware too of topical scams: an email might offer you a cure for coronavirus or encourage you to donate to a related cause.

Always check the sender's email address because this is the only part of the message which can't be beautified. There will be something peculiar about it for sure. For instance, it might be extremely long and complicated with lots of numbers and letters, or the country code might be unfamiliar.

If you are in any doubt, don't open the email and don't click on any of its links, but forward it right away to **report@phishing.gov.uk**. The NCSC says it acts on every message received, analysing it and the dubious websites it links to. Government specialists can then block the criminal's email address and instruct hosting companies to remove the websites from the Internet.

For essential reading see <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/information/report-suspicious-emails> or ring Citizens Advice Adviceline on 0300 330 9042.



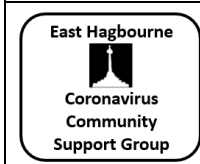
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CORONAVIRUS

The Parish Council's main role in the current situation is to liaise with other statutory bodies, doing whatever they advise and broadcasting their communications to the village. The support group has over 40 volunteers who are happy to help, so please do get in touch. easthagbourneecovid19@gmail.com or call/text 07568 395228.



Lockdown Reminders: The Parish Council has closed the children's playground at Great Mead, but the recreation ground remains available for daily exercise. The cemetery and allotments also remain open in line with government recommendations.

We are so lucky to live in such picturesque surroundings. As the government eases the lockdown restrictions, please continue to enjoy the village but be conscious of the social distancing requirements along footpaths and ensure that litter and dog waste are disposed of in the appropriate bins to keep the village tidy. Thank you!



Traffic in the Village: We are aware of concerns regarding increased vehicle speeds which have been noted during lockdown. The Parish Council have been working on a number of projects for some time, including a potential 20mph speed limit through the village and supporting Community Speedwatch. Progress on these is difficult during the current epidemic but our efforts will continue.



Parish Council Chairman's Surgery: Please contact the clerk (using the details at the top of the newsletter) if you have anything you would like to discuss with Iain Duff in lieu of a face-to-face Chairman's surgery. He is very happy to communicate by phone or online about any village matters and will be trialling a virtual Chairman's surgery from 10.00 - 11.00am on Tuesday 9th June, using the Zoom link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84838061983?pwd=NG5qZE9heERTRzBBZk1IT2VvVVZ4Zz09>



Road and Footpath Repairs: The Parish Council is in regular contact with the footpath and highways officers at Oxfordshire County Council, reminding them of concerns such as potholes, footpath repairs and overhanging trees. We are encouraging the increase in cycling due to lockdown and are encouraged to see that some potholes have now been repaired in the village and out towards Coscote.

Please report any issues using <https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/> as this provides evidence to support our continued efforts with these matters.



Defibrillators

The village defibrillators are available 24/7 at the following
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/S1685/FUL Green Acres, Great Mead, East Hagbourne – Conversion of barn to a single residential dwelling.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Thursday 18th June 2020. This will be held virtually using the Zoom platform, please contact the clerk for a link 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

Hagbourne Summer Fete which was planned for 20th June will not be taking place this summer along with so many of our annual events having to be cancelled.

Short daily reflection and prayer During weekdays Fr Jason is writing a short reflection and prayer. If you would like to receive this, please contact the Churn office on 01235 850267 or you can read it each day on www.office@churnchurches.co.uk

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Make May Matter is the name of the Mothers' Union project to raise funds to give holidays to needy families in the Oxford Diocese (our Away from It All scheme) AFIA.
How can charities raise money during lockdown?

Traditional bring and buy sales cannot take place. So much is going on, but in different ways. The Churn MU have some gifted card makers, so following on from our Easter cards, we started making **Thank You** cards to people who have been making special efforts to help others and **Greetings** cards to some who may feel isolated.

We asked our churches and communities to put names forward and looked to the church family for sponsorship. As I write over 120 cards have been sent (target was 100) and nearly £500 has been received from sponsorship. I am very grateful to those who have supported this venture. It has been worthwhile, I know because there have been a number of touching responses.

Inevitably we will not have "**Sent to All!**" and apologise for missing some. If you have suddenly thought of a name, let me know, and the sponsorship fund is still open!

Contact Churn MU leader, Revd Louise Butler 07837 009 730 or email revlouiseb@aol.com

Thank You from The Knitwits Thank you for all the knitting being done at the moment. We will have plenty to send to Knit for Peace when we are able to do so. If you have made lots of squares and feel that you would like to have a change there are a few patterns for little items that are easy to make. If you would like a pattern or two then email: magtemp5@gmail.com

JULY 2020 PARISH MAGAZINE

We hope that as many of our readers as possible will be able to see the Parish Magazine on our temporary home. We apologise to our advertisers that it is not possible to include the advertisements at present but will resume our usual format as soon as it is safe to do so.

Please let us have any copy for the July parish magazine by 20th June to [**magtemp5@gmail.com**](mailto:magtemp5@gmail.com)

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

