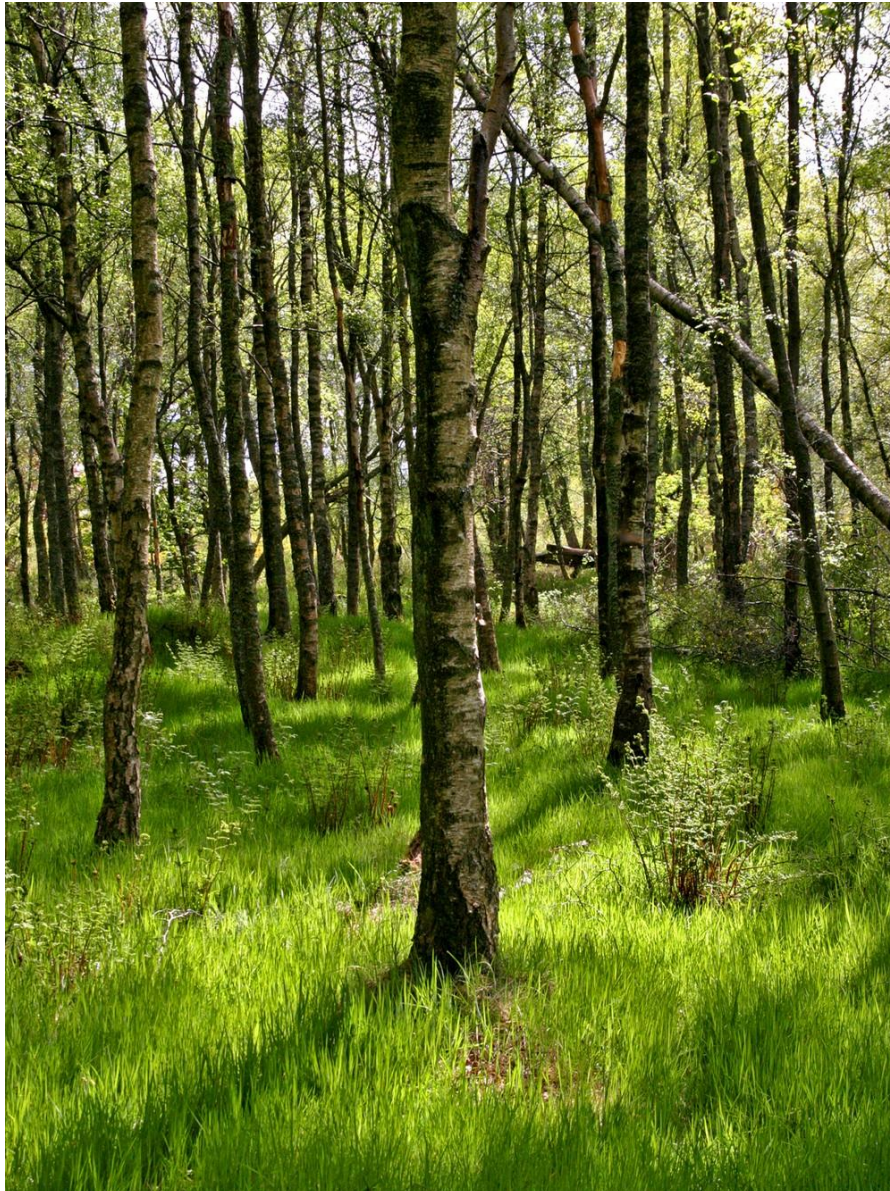


St Andrew's Hagbourne
PARISH MAGAZINE
ALTERNATIVE ISSUE – MARCH 2021



News, Views and Information for everyone in the Hagbournes

Thank you very much to the Parish Councils for giving the Parish Magazine a temporary home on their websites until we are able to safely go back to producing and distributing a printed copy.

www.easthagbourne.net

www.westhagbourne.org

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

Giving something up for Lent

I wonder if you are giving something up for Lent? In the old days, Lent was a serious business. It was associated with a time of fasting when people expressed sorrow for their sins. But times change, and so has the keeping of the Lent. It is fairly rare nowadays to hear anyone proclaiming the virtues of abstinence, perhaps because self-denial

seems quite negative concept. Nowadays, people often choose to keep Lent not by giving something up, but by taking on an additional commitment. It might take the form of giving money to a charity or attending a course to learn more about the Christian faith.

But I'm wondering whether we might still find spiritual nourishment in the old-fashioned idea of giving something up.

To start with, for most of us, our lives are probably so crammed full of activity and commitments that realistically we simply aren't able to do anything more. Perhaps we need to do less, so that we can create a bit of space in our lives – space for ourselves and for our relationships with one another. Lent can give us the permission to stop doing something. It's not that the thing we're stopping doing isn't a good and valuable thing. But we just need to give ourselves a bit more space in our lives. We can't be running at full speed every moment of every day.

Furthermore, giving something up helps us to strengthen our ability to make good choices in our lives. Our willpower is like a muscle: it needs to be exercised. Sometimes there are things we know we need to do, but we simply lack the willpower to do them. So, we need to strengthen the willpower that we do have. Some people have found that giving something up for Lent is a good way of strengthening our willpower more generally. If we have the strength to give up something fairly small, this will help us when we need the strength to make a more significant choice in our lives.

And what if we fail and give in to temptation? This can also be a helpful if painful experience, because it is a reminder that by ourselves none of us has the strength or insight we need to live the lives we ought to lead.

In short, Lent is a time to remind ourselves of our need for God.

Fr Jason



March Pram Service

meeting online with older siblings and friends

Wednesday 10th March at 4pm

Family Praise!

A short service in preparation for Mothering Sunday

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

CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR MARCH 2021

The Intentions this month are for all who live in East Hagbourne

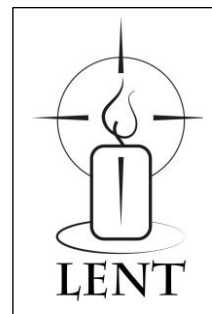
Prayer Focus:

1 Monday	S. David	8pm Compline	The Church in Wales Upper Cross Lane EH Viking Drive EH
2 Tuesday	8pm Lent Group – York Course	8pm Compline	
3 Wednesday	7.30pm Lent Group – My Song is Love Unknown	8.30pm Compline	
4 Thursday		8pm Compline	
5 Friday		8pm Compline	
6 Saturday			
7+Sunday	THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT		<i>Pastoral care & visiting.</i>
	10.30am Online Benefice Service		
8 Monday		8pm Compline	Bishops Orchard EH
9 Tuesday	8pm Lent Group-York Course	8pm Compline	Blewbury Road EH
10 Weds	4pm Online Family Pram Service: Family Praise		Church Close EH
	7.30pm Lent Group-My Song is Love Unknown	8.30pm Compline	Coscote EH
11 Thursday		8pm Compline	Cromwell Drive EH
12 Friday		8pm Compline	Fieldside EH
13 Saturday			
14+Sunday	MOTHERING SUNDAY		<i>Families, pram service, family Services & MU.</i>
	10.30am Online Benefice Service		
15 Monday		8pm Compline	Great Mead EH
16 Tuesday	8pm Lent Group-York Course	8pm Compline	Harwood Road EH
17 Weds	S. Patrick Bishop	8.30pm Compline	The Irish Churches
	7.30pm Lent Group-My Song is Love Unknown		
18 Thursday	S. Cyril Bishop	8pm Compline	Higgs Close EH
19 Friday	S. Joseph of Nazareth	8pm Compline	Foster Parents
20 Saturday	S. Cuthbert Bishop & Missionary		Kingsholm Close EH
21+Sunday	THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT		<i>Outreach and parish magazines.</i>
	10.30am Online Benefice Service		
22 Monday		8pm Compline	Lake Road EH
23 Tuesday	8pm Lent Group-York Course	8pm Compline	Little Langlands EH
24 Weds	7.30pm Lent Group-My Song is Love Unknown	8.30pm Compline	Main Road EH
25 Thursday	The Annunciation of Our Lord	8pm Compline	Manor Farm Lane EH
26 Friday		8pm Compline	New Road EH
27 Saturday			North Croft EH
28+Sunday	PALM SUNDAY		<i>All the churches in our Benefice and our relationships together.</i>
	10.30am Online Eucharist + dramatized Gospel		
29 Monday		8pm Compline	Pebble Drive EH
30 Tuesday		8pm Compline	Rymans Crescent EH
31 Weds	7.30pm Lent Group-My Song is Love Unknown	8.30pm Compline	Saxons Way EH

Online Services

Sundays at 10.30am login or connect at 10am to chat before the Service. **Weekday evenings** – Compline at 8pm Please note that Compline on Wednesday evenings will be at 8.30pm during Lent.

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.



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

Lent Courses 2021

York Course - "Living in Hope"

4 Sessions - Tuesdays at 8pm starting 2nd March, online, lead by Revd John. Contact Revd John for details, jphclarke@gmail.com. The theme of Hope is relevant to us all, but what difference can our faith make? Topics include Living Well, Dying Well, and what happens after we die. There is a course booklet which can be ordered on www.yorkcourses or Revd John will arrange for a booklet to be sent to you.

My Song is Love Unknown

Looking at some well-known Lent and Easter Hymns. 6 Sessions - Wednesdays at 7.30pm starting on 24th February, online – contact The Revd Jason for details. During this course we will be looking at some well-known Lent and Easter hymns and thinking about how the words and music can help us to grow in our relationship with God

Growing in God's Garden

A practical, reflective Lent Project over 6 weeks making a Lent/Easter garden. Weekly instruction given in the Churn starting 21st February. Opportunity to share and meet others online at: **"Teatime in the Garden"**, Thursdays at 4.30pm - starting 25th February - contact Revd Louise for details.
Please see the Churn website for more details on this project

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.

HUGS Owl Project

We're delighted to announce that SODC has granted us full funding for our owl project! And this is what the two funding councillors said about our project:

Councillor Anne-Marie Simpson's comment: *"A wonderful, inspiring project that benefits both our Natural World and the community that benefits from its enhancement and protection."*

Councillor Jane Murphy's comment: *"I am pleased to be able to support such an environmentally friendly group doing such good work"*



Tawny Owl Ron Blackburn

We're very grateful for all your owl surveillance over the winter months, emailing in about the owls you've seen or heard. We're now using this information to survey areas in the three parishes. Then, with landowner permission, Lu Barton, our Owl Specialist, will be installing owl nest boxes for Little Owls, Tawny Owls and Barn Owls. Lu will then be monitoring these boxes across the year and sharing data with the British Trust for Ornithology.

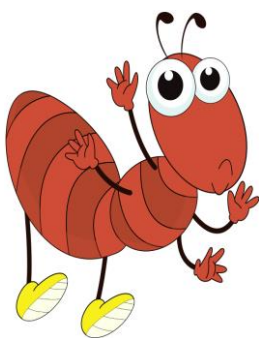
The project also aims to encourage us all to be more wildlife-friendly on our land and in our gardens. So, we'll be running a wildlife garden competition this year - more information to come! We'll also be surveying our parishes for areas where we can enhance habitat: planting new trees and hedging as well as wildflowers.

We want our three parishes to be even more owl-friendly. As they are apex-predators, helping owls means helping every species in the food chain. So please do keep sending in your owl information to Lusowls@btinternet.com. If you can, please include a postcode or use the *what3words* app on your phone, to help us get your accurate location.

Tawny owls will be going quieter for now, while they start nesting. Little Owls should start calling from now on until late June / July. And from March onwards, you might hear the screeching of Barn Owls until they start nesting too. So, lots to be listening and looking out for (and you can listen to the different owl calls on our owl page hugsustainability.org/owls)

Let's hope it's a good start to spring for our owls! Many thanks from the HUGS team.

Hugsustainability.org



Hagbourne Garden Club will be holding another Zoom meeting on Thursday, 25th March at 7.30 when **Aleck Harrison will be telling us all about 'Bugs and Beasties In The Garden' and how to deal with the little devils!!**

Just a quick reminder to club members that our subs will be due in March and an e mail will be forthcoming shortly with details on how to pay.

For any further information contact Sally on 01235 352275



Growing in God's Garden A practical, reflective Lent Project which can be done by individuals or family groups. Over 6 weeks we will be making a Lent/Easter garden, either on a tray inside your house or in a small area of your garden. Each week part of the garden is made, and time spent finding Bible connections, prayers, poetry and in reflection. Weekly instructions will be given in the Churn leaflet and in the Churn website. This project started on 21st February but you can catch up and join in. Please contact Revd Louise on 07837009730 or revlouiseb@aol.com

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Be a part of Census 2021

Census day is 21 March 2021.

By taking part and encouraging others to do the same, you'll help make sure your community gets the services it needs.



Find out more at www.census.gov.uk

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 Office for National Statistics

www.census.gov.uk

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East Hagbourne Community Shop

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

Operating Hours

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

Shop: Pick up **Easter treats**, such as mini chocolate or crème eggs, or a fresh home-baked cake on Thursdays. Or bring home a delicious dinner for tonight, select a tasty fish entree, or choose from savoury pies including 3 yummy vegan options alongside meat and vegetarian classics, all stocked in our freezers.

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



Cheer Up Friends Far and Near with our local artists' greeting cards. Fresh seasonal designs from Sarah Pyne & Steve Granger or choose a favourite by Linda Benton, Lorraine Drewe & John Aigner. **Send Easter greetings or best wishes for special occasions – and don't forget to get your stamps too!**

Marcopolo Pick up Marcopolo's delicious pastries, fresh breads or savouries each Saturday from 9-12:30pm. Pre-order for Easter weekend – or any weekend - **by 4pm Wednesdays** in the Shop, or email to easthagbourneshop@btopenworld.com

NEW Local Authors Pass the last days of winter in the company of a good book! This month, we're pleased to offer ***A Dead Polar Bear on a Sledge***, by Alison Lane. Other local publications include ***The Blewbury Artists 1880 – 1999***, by Margaret Gallop; ***Past and Present Bloodlines*** by Yen Rickeard; ***The Thought Crystal*** by Rachel Waters; and ***The Four Seasons*** poetry anthology illustrated by Linda Benton. Read them all? **Take home some new-to-you paperbacks for only 50p.**

Fairtrade Fortnight through to 7th March The Shop offers a range of Fairtrade and sustainable local goods all year, now on special display. Please support the campaign and buy Fairtrade & sustainable goods during this special event!

Volunteers Welcome!

Would you like to get more involved in the community?

We are seeking additional Shop volunteers, aged 14 or older, even if for an hour or two per month. Contact Alice Smith by phone on 01235 813393, or text to 07474 937870 or by email to smith@hagbourne.plus.com

HAMS-TASTIC!

Oxfordshire Drama Network (ODN) Winter Festival 2021 – THE RESULTS ARE IN!

Festival participants from amateur dramatic societies across the county were invited to vote for their favourites in several categories, excluding voting for their own group.

HAMS submitted five entries:

- 'The Mad Hatter's tea party' from HAMS 2013 production of 'Alice in Wonderland'
- 'To a Mouse' by Robert Burns
- 'The Ghirlanda, A Country Girl's Curse', a dramatised poem written by Margaret Gallop.
- 'The Luncheon', written by Stephanie Hilder, loosely based on 'Luncheon of the Boating party' by Pierre-Auguste Renoir. (See link below for this month's feature.)
- 'Jack and the Beanstalk' by Jonathan Edgington, filmed and directed by Katherine Miller.

In the '**Rising Star**' category:

Eve Goodenough was given a special mention for her mime work in 'The Ghirlanda', with the comment that her performance had 'a haunting quality about her'.

Meabh Foster was runner up for her super performance as Jill in 'Jack and the Beanstalk', and Cody Sandland played the part of Bert, a market seller.

James Dyer was voted the favourite: '.... a really cheeky chappy who brought so much energy to the role.'

'The Luncheon' was voted in the top spot in the '**Most Imaginative Presentation**' category.

'..... the brilliantly original idea of taking one of Renoir's paintings and bringing it to life.'

Thanks to Yen Rickeard for the idea and a huge well done to Stephanie Hilder who wrote and directed the piece.

The '**Favourite Actor**' category was hotly contested. Iain Duff was given a special mention for his dramatic rendition of 'To a Mouse', complete with kilt and whisky! He was definitely 'waving the Scottish flag'.

Di Duff was voted runner up in the '**Favourite Actress**' category as the widow; one of the characters brought to life in 'Luncheon'. It was '.... a touching, understated performance'.

Well done, Di!

Doug Amos was voted favourite in the '**Production Hero**' category for his video creation and editing of 'The Luncheon' with the comment that it was '.... a clever and brilliant piece of work'.

Congratulations, Doug!

The '**Festival Favourite**' was 'The Luncheon' !!!!!!!

HAMS were given some super comments '...blown away by the concept. So simple but so clever. A good mix of characters and even a well-behaved dog...' (Thank you, Mac!) '.... nice attention to detail with background music and ambient sound. A great bit of editing.'

'HAMS are a creative bunch!' Click [here](#), to view 'The Luncheon'.

HAMS has never taken part in a festival, virtual or otherwise before, nor has the group had to work with green screens, zoom rehearsal rooms, selfie filming or such a wide variety of projects at any one time. Everyone involved played their part and particular thanks must go to Doug Amos, Stephanie Hilder, Katherine Miller and Bill Proctor, without whose support and technical expertise this could not have happened.



Mary Hands

www.thehams.co.uk

email: info@thehams.co.uk



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

Will we be able to ring the bells, or at least four of them for Easter Sunday? I think we are all hoping so, but it is a case of just wait and see, fingers crossed!

The tower AGM took place, online, on Tuesday 23rd February.

Shirley Goss.

Birthdays in March: 2nd March – Laura Makin **3rd March** – Mary Napper

Happy Anniversary to Jeff and Coral Powell **Mothering Sunday** is on 14th March.

Lent Giving 2021 St Andrew's has usually held **Soup Lunches** on the Saturdays during Lent when funds were raised for various charities and groups. This year we will not be able to hold the Lunches but it would be good to mark Lent with a donation to a popular charity that we have supported over many years at this time – **Sobell House Hospice in Oxford**.

It is very easy to donate – just go to www.sobellhouse.org/donate or you can donate over the phone, the fundraising team are on 01865 857007, Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm or if you prefer you can send a cheque to Sobell House Hospice Charity, Churchill Hospital, Headington, Oxford. OX3 7LJ. Sobell House charity shops are not open and the various fundraising events have had to be cancelled so funds are greatly needed.

Sobell House is a hospice based on the Churchill Hospital site and is part of the Oxford University NHS Foundation Trust being jointly funded by the NHS and Sobell House Hospice Charity. They offer specialist palliative care to those facing life threatening illness, death and bereavement in Oxfordshire, which encompasses physical, psychological, social and spiritual care and includes supporting families of patients and those close to them.

They care for around 3,000 patients and their families every year. Their mission is to enrich the lives of patients and those who love and care for them and they aim to make sure that excellent palliative and end of life care is available to everybody in our community who needs it.

With Sympathy We send our heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of the late Revd David Platt who died on 4th February. David's Funeral Service took place at St Andrew's Hagbourne on 18th February followed by Burial at St Mary's Upton. Many villagers will have fond memories of the Revd David and his wife Gill when he was working as assistant priest in Hagbourne, Upton and Blewbury for many years during the time of The Revd Edwin Clements.

Funerals in the Benefice

29th January at St Mary's Upton	Muriel Wright	Aged 106
2nd February at St Andrew's Hagbourne	Brian Osborne	Aged 83
3rd February at St Andrew's Hagbourne	Jacqueline Crick	Aged 58
5th February at St Michael's Blewbury	Queenie Crook	Aged 98
15th February at St Michael's Blewbury	Jolyon Kay	Aged 90
18th February at St Andrew's Hagbourne/St Mary's Upton	David Platt	Aged 90

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.



Easter Flowers in St Andrew's

Dear Flower Arrangers, We are still in lockdown and no Services in Church at this present time. Don't know yet whether there will be an Easter Service in church but as the church is open twice a week on Wednesdays and Saturdays, for private prayer, I thought it would be nice if some flowers were in there for this most important time of year. So, thinking it to be fitting, it would be lovely if any of you, who would like to, could place some arrangements wherever you would normally do so.

It would have to be on Holy Saturday, 3rd April, as any time earlier in Holy Week would not be appropriate, (that is except Gillian's usual placement of lilies in the Lady Chapel on Maundy Thursday if desired).

Lynne - I would be most grateful if you would do the High Altar as is your place on the rota for Easter but please do let me know if this is not convenient just now.

I understand if you are preferring to stay isolated at this time but, hopefully, we will have some floral beauty in church to brighten these worrying days.

Stay well and safe everyone and take care. Regards and best wishes, Helen Clayson.

The Children's Society I have been given several donations, [thank you] and have now sent £145 to this charity. Hopefully this money will be used to improve the lives of vulnerable children, some who feel scared and unloved during these difficult times. If you think you could help and become a Box Holder for a year and save some of your spare cash during this year, please let me know. Stay safe everyone!
Many thanks, Marian 816808.

Congratulations! We send many congratulations to Edna Napper who celebrated her 100th Birthday on 24th February. Edna from Upton now resides at Rush Court Care Home in Shillingford. We send our very best wishes to Edna on her great achievement and wish her a Very Happy Birthday.



Mothering Sunday – 14th March – There will be an Online Benefice Service at 10.30am. Please see the Churn leaflet or the Churn Churches website for details of how to log on. Everyone welcome.

Church Services in Holy Week

Easter Sunday falls on the 4th April so will be included in the April parish magazine but as it is so early in the month we have included the Services here:



Palm Sunday 10.30am online Eucharist with dramatized Gospel. Starting us on our journey through Holy Week and helping us to anticipate the unfolding story of Jesus from his Triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the contrast of Good Friday.

Maundy Thursday 8pm online Eucharist.

The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday: a moving Service to immerse us in the themes of humble Christian service, the Institution of the Eucharist, and the perfection of Christ's loving obedience as we start these holy three days culminating in Easter Day.



Good Friday 2pm online
An Hour before the Cross.



Easter Sunday
Online Service
10.30am



Fairtrade Fortnight 2021 Monday 22nd February to March 7th



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

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

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

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

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

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

Our local Community Shop will have a display of Fairtrade items during the fortnight.
Fairtrade is more than a Mark on a product. It's a call for change.

Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman

CENSUS 2021 The big event of this month is the decennial census on 21st March. The census is conducted by the Office of National Statistics (ONS). This is a big event since the data from the census is used in many ways by many bodies and can have an influence on government policy and future funding. It is also a big event in that it is mandatory to complete the census although some of the questions are optional. Details of the census can be found on the website www.census.gov.uk. My comments below are obtained from this website so I have hopefully interpreted things correctly.

Every household should receive a letter containing a 16 character access code to enable online access and completion of the census. It is also possible to obtain a code for individual completion outside of a household. Paper copies of the census form can also be requested. At the moment these requests have to be made through the website but other ways of contacting ONS regarding the Census will be available from 1st March. These will include phone, webchat, email or text messages. There are also Support Centres although, at present, our nearest centre is at Rose Hill Community Centre in Oxford. Their email address is rhcc@oxford.gov.uk.

Right now, the Parish Council is trying to ascertain what role we and other community organizations in the village might have in assisting with the census. At the very least, the Clerk to the Parish Council will broadcast any information that we receive both on the village facebook pages and by email to our mailchimp distribution list.

There are of course several people in the village who do not access any online system. They should of course receive the letter that should offer the option of applying for a paper copy but, if you have neighbours whom you know to be in this group, it might be worth checking with them to make sure that they are able to complete the Census.

Communicating information

I am pleased that, after my comments last month, we had a significant increase in people joining our list for receiving emails. Anyone on this list will have been made aware that brown bin collection recommenced on the week of 22nd February and should continue at fortnightly intervals until further notice. My article above is hopefully an additional incentive to sign on to the distribution list. An easy to complete form for this is available on the village web site or directly by going to <https://mailchi.mp/9791c642ed24/ehpc>. Please note that your email will not be shared with any other people or used for purposes other than sending communications from the Parish Council. Normally, you should expect no more than about one message each week.

Dog fouling The dog waste bin on the Sustrans footpath on the railway embankment near to Mowbray Field and Green Close will be replaced by a much larger bin on or shortly after 1st March. There should also be an additional bin on the corner of North Croft and Wilcher Close.

Housing Development by the Village Hall We still await a response from the Case Officer to the RM application by Mactaggart and Mickel. As soon as anything happens, we will let people know through our facebook and mailchimp channels.

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



CONTACT DETAILS:

Parish Clerk, Laura Lloyd
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Email: easthagbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com

REPORTING ISSUES IN THE PARISH

There has been an increase in recent months of reported issues such as fallen trees, damage to verges, potholes, footpath concerns and street lighting.

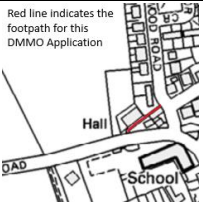


The majority of these issues are the responsibility of Oxfordshire County Council or South Oxfordshire District Council and the best way to report them is using one of the websites listed below. This is important to ensure the issues are logged with the correct department and actioned.



<https://www.fixmystreet.com/> allows you to report on a wide variety of issues and the reports are forwarded to Oxfordshire County Council or South Oxfordshire District Council depending on the nature of the problem. You can request updates to be sent and follow up with further comments on your post if you wish.

<https://publicrightsofway.oxfordshire.gov.uk/standardmap.aspx> can be used if the issue is with a countryside path or public right of way. Reports are again forwarded to the relevant departments and dealt with accordingly.



VILLAGE HALL FOOTPATH UPDATE The User Evidence Statement is now available to complete for all users of the footpath running from Harwood Road to the zebra crossing on Main Road next to the school. Please click the link below to the web article for further details and a copy of the statement to complete:

<https://easthagbourne.net/village-hall-footpath-user-evidence-form-completion/>



CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT GROUP The group is still active, so please do get in touch if you need help. Please contact easthagbourne-covid19@gmail.com or call/text 07568 395228.



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

Hagbourne Charities – hagbourne.charities@gmail.com or 07572 401769

East and West Hagbourne Fund – www.easthagbourne.net/directory/village-fund Contact Trevor Chambers on 01235 814892

Community Hub – Contact via communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk or call 01235 422600
www.southoxon.gov.uk/communityhub

Winter Support Grant - Please note that due to the volume of referrals this has had to close early and is no longer available.



Defibrillators The village defibrillators are available 24/7 at the following location
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:

P21/S0184/AG Erection of agricultural building – Coscote Farm, Coscote

P21/S0135/LB Installation of an en-suite unit to the large bedroom – Tudor House, 46 Main Road, East Hagbourne

P20/S4343/FUL Field West of 96A New Road East Hagbourne - S73A - Retrospective change of use from agricultural to enable use of the application site as a Dog Agility Training Field

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Thursday 18th March 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

Snowdrop 2021

Outside, the iron fist of Winter
Grips the land.

Inside, fear grips the staunchest:

Four walls a shield against an enemy
not even alive,

Too small, too deadly to contemplate.

Yet. And yet,

Through the bleary window

A green blade rising -

Impossibly slender, improbably strong.

Green imperative versus solid earth.

No clod, no crust can stop the growth.

And now a new wonder

Tenderest, purest sight

Out-whiting even the
snow, and as soft,

But of sterner stripe.

A trinity of petals

Each no larger than a fingernail,

And a bell, green-fringed,

Ring out that life

Hidden, threatened, imprisoned, buried

Can survive

Can hope. Jane C.



Don't despair! Citizens Advice can help you with debt

When bills start piling up and multiplying, vague fears can turn into a paralysing panic for people experiencing money troubles.

Turn to Citizens Advice, which has eighty years of experience in pulling people back from precipices. Your burden might seem overwhelming and impossible to resolve but in reality there is a lot you can do to turn things around. Start by assembling your bills and make an overall list, with relevant details like dates when payment is due. Sort the bills into priority debts (rent and mortgage arrears, Council Tax, gas and electricity, tax and National Insurance – and see <https://www.citizensadvice.org/debt-and-money> for a complete list) and non-priority debts (water rates – your supplier can't cut you off – credit card debts, unsecured loans, hire purchases etc). Take the priority debts first and contact your creditors. Don't be afraid of this step. Many companies will be expecting you to get in touch, saying on the bill itself "We know that paying a bill can be difficult" or "Affected by Covid-19?" - and providing a telephone number or web link. Approach them with a constructive attitude, tell them you are actively tackling your debts, and perhaps ask them to suspend interest charges while you do so. They also might be amenable to letting you defer payment or pay smaller amounts over a longer time period. Ask about any special reductions – for example, the Warm Home Discount Scheme for electricity supplies (see www.gov.uk for more information).

If you need to compose a letter or email to a creditor, you don't have to start from scratch: you could copy or adapt a template letter from the Citizens Advice website. One especially useful letter asks creditors to give you more time. If your circumstances have changed you might be able to claim benefits, or extra benefits. Citizens Advice runs a Help to Claim programme (call 0800 144 8444) and can guide you through all the stages. The Turn2us website at <https://www.turn2us.org.uk> will tell you what benefits you might be able to claim and has details of grants available to those on low incomes.

If you have an overdraft, talk to your bank. In the coronavirus age many banks are making concessions and charging no interest on overdrafts up to a certain amount. Contact your district council about a possible Council Tax reduction. And think creatively about ways of increasing your income. Could you rent out a spare room in your house, for instance?

Talk to a volunteer at Citizens Advice:
call Adviceline free on 0800 278 7907, Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm or through webchat "chat with us online about debt" Monday to Friday 8am to 7pm
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The Teatime sessions will be hosted by Lesley Botchway. Someone will always be there and the sessions are open to all. The links to join in on a GoToMeeting are published each week on the Churn website: www.churnchurches.co.uk

Daily Reflections – Thought for the Day and Prayer During the weekdays Fr Jason is writing a short reflection and prayer. It can be found on the www.churnchurches.co.uk or can ring the Benefice Office on 01235 850267 or 07434 686044.

Benefice Birthdays and Anniversaries Please email the Benefice office if you have a birthday or anniversary in the coming weeks so that it can be included at the end of the Sunday morning online Services.

Welcome to the new Bishop-designate of Dorchester

The Venerable Gavin Collins and his wife Christina were welcomed to our Diocese at Dorchester Abbey on 28th February in a Service which was live streamed and can be watched on YouTube. <https://youtu.be/RoLSsiErqwl>



Didcot Emergency Foodbank

The Didcot Emergency Food Bank now has a new home at The Didcot Baptist Church, 43 Wantage Road, Didcot. OX11 0BS

Telephone: 01235 813187. Email: 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

Do you need help? If you need to access the Foodbank, this can be done by referral from one of the agencies who are registered with them. You must already have a connection with the referrer or be known to them. The list of referrers includes schools, housing associations, social care departments and various voluntary organisations. Please contact one of these organisations and ask for a Foodbank referral. They will either issue you with a voucher or make an email referral. Citizens Advice Bureau can advise you about other help that might be available. Their offices are currently closed due to COVID-19, but they can be phoned on 0300 3309 042.

Can you help? If you would like to make a financial donation, this can be done by visiting [online donation facility](#) and choosing "Foodbank" as your option. Alternatively, a bank transfer can be made, or a cheque sent - please contact the Foodbank for details. If you would like to volunteer to help practically, please contact us for a chat.

Contact details You can leave a message on the Baptist Church Office answering machine on 01235 813 187. You can email the Foodbank: foodbank@didcotbaptist.org.uk or use the [contact form](#) on the website. Thank you.

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Mondays to Fridays, except Public Holidays

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Didcot, Loyd Park					1438		1538			
Didcot, Parkway Station, stop R4	0840	1010	1140	1340	1445	1510	1545	1655	1715	1845
Didcot, Orchard Centre	0844	1014	1144	1344	1440	1514	1540	1650	1710	1840
Didcot, Sandringham Road	0850	1018	1148	1348	1454	1518	1554	1604	1724	1853
East Hagbourns, War Memorial	0858	1021	1151	1351	1457	1521	1557	1607	1727	1856
West Hagbourns, Moor Lane	↓	↓	↓	↓	1503	↓	1603	↓	↓	↓
Upton, Village Hall	↓	↓	↓	↓	1507	↓	1607	↓	↓	↓
Blewbury, The Blueberry	0901	1029	1159	1359	1514	1529	1614	1615	1735	1904
Upton, Village Hall	0907	1035	1205	1405	↓	1535	↓	1621	1741	1910
West Hagbourns, Horse and Harrow PH	0908	1036	1206	1406	↓	1536	↓	1622	1742	1911
Chilton, Main Street	0918	1043	1213	1413	↓	1544	↓	1630	1750	1919
Harwell Campus, Bus Station	0923	1050	1220		↓	1551	↓		1757	1926
Aston Upthorpe, The Chequers PH					1523		1623			
South Morston, The Crown PH					1529		1629			
North Morston					1535		1635			
Didcot, Orchard Centre					1545		1645			
Didcot, Parkway Station					1549		1649			

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Harwell Campus, Bus Station	0655			0925	1055	1225	1425	1425	1555		1800
Chilton, Main Street	0640		0800	0931	1101	1231	1431	1431	1601	1833	1808
East Hagbourns, War Memorial	↓	0728	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
West Hagbourns, Moor Lane	↓	0734	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
West Hagbourns, Horse and Harrow	0646	0737	0806	0937	1107	1237	1437	1437	1607	1839	1812
Upton, Village Hall	0648	0741	0808	0939	1109	1239	1439	1439	1609	1841	1814
Blewbury, The Blueberry	0656	0749	0816	0945	1115	1245	1445	1445	1615	1847	1820
Aston Upthorpe, The Chequers PH	↓	0758	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
South Morston, The Crown PH	↓	0804	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
North Morston	↓	0810	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Didcot, St Birinus School	↓	0824	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Didcot Girls' School	↓	0832	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
East Hagbourns, War Memorial	0704	↓	0824	0955	1123	1253	1453	1453	1623	1855	1828
Didcot, Sandringham Road	0707	↓	0827	0956	1126	1256	1456	1456	1626	1858	1831
Didcot, Orchard Centre	0712	↓	0832	1001	1131	1301	1501	1501	1631	1703	1836
Didcot, Parkway Station	0716	0838	0836	1005	1135	1305	1505	1505	1635	1707	1840

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Saturdays

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Didcot, Orchard Centre	0844	1014	1144	1344	1514	1714
Didcot, Sandringham Road	0848	1018	1148	1348	1518	1718
East Hagbourns, War Memorial	0851	1021	1151	1351	1521	1721
Blewbury, The Blueberry	0859	1029	1159	1359	1529	1729
Upton, Village Hall	0905	1035	1205	1405	1535	1735
West Hagbourns, Horse and Harrow PH	0906	1036	1206	1406	1536	1736
Chilton, Main Street	0913	1043	1213	1413	1543	1743
Harwell Campus, Bus Station	0920	1050	1220	1420	1550	1750

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Harwell Campus, Bus Station	0925	1055	1225	1425	1555	
Chilton, Main Street	0900	0931	1101	1231	1431	1601
West Hagbourns, Horse and Harrow PH	0906	0937	1107	1237	1437	1607
Upton, Village Hall	0908	0939	1109	1239	1439	1609
Blewbury, The Blueberry	0814	0945	1115	1245	1445	1615
East Hagbourns, War Memorial	0822	0953	1123	1253	1453	1623
Didcot, Sandringham Road	0825	0956	1126	1256	1456	1626
Didcot, Orchard Centre	0830	1001	1131	1301	1501	1631
Didcot, Parkway Station	0834	1005	1135	1305	1505	1635



Written in March

The cock is crowing,
The stream is flowing,
The small birds twitter,
The lake doth glitter,
The green field sleeps in the sun...

There's joy in the mountains,
There's life in the fountains,
Small clouds are sailing,
Blue sky prevailing,
The rain is over and gone.

From a poem by William Wordsworth

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.



Don't Forget – the clocks go forward on the 28th March British Summer Time.

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APRIL 2021 PARISH MAGAZINE

We hope that as many of our readers as possible are able to see the Parish Magazine on our temporary home. We are very pleased to be able to include advertisement pages this year.



Please let us have copy for the April parish magazine by **19th March** to magtemp5@gmail.com Thank you.

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