

# St Andrew's Hagbourne

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

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

# CHURCH CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR MAY 2024

The Prayer Intentions this month are for all who live in West Hagbourne and North and South Moreton

## Prayer Focus:

- 1 Wednesday *Philip and James, Apostles*  
10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H 8pm online Compline  
2 Thursday 8pm online Compline  
3 Friday 8pm online Compline  
4 Saturday

### **5 +Sunday SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

- 8am Holy Communion: St Michael's B  
9am Parish Eucharist: All Saints' AU  
9.15am Lay led Service: St Mary's U  
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Andrew's H  
10.30am All Age Service: St Michael's B  
10.30am Online Benefice Service  
2-4pm North Moreton Church Fete in the Recreation Ground  
No 10.30am Parish Eucharist at All Saints' NM due to Church Fete  
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H  
7pm Youth Group: Benefice Office



*Churchwardens,  
our church fabric  
and churchyards.  
Church cleaners.*

- 6 Monday 8pm online Compline  
7 Tuesday 8pm online Compline  
8 Wednesday 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H 8pm online Compline  
9 Thursday *Ascension Day* 8pm online Compline  
7pm Benefice Choral Evensong: St Michael's B  
10 Friday 8pm online Compline  
11 Saturday

### **12 +Sunday SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – BELL SUNDAY**

- 9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U  
10.30am Taizé Service: St Michael's B  
10.30am Rogation Sunday Service:  
St John the Baptist SM  
10.30am Online Benefice Service  
4pm Parish Service celebrating Bell Sunday:  
All Saints' NM  
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H

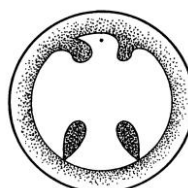


*PCC's, all in  
leadership and our  
Benefice Operations  
Manager.  
Bell-Ringers.*

- 13 Monday 8pm online Compline  
14 Tuesday *Matthias the Apostle* 8pm online Compline  
15 Weds 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H 8pm online Compline  
16 Thursday 10am MU Holy Communion: St Michael's B 8pm online Compline  
17 Friday 8pm online Compline  
18 Saturday

### **19 +Sunday PENTECOST**

- 9am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's AT  
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B  
10.30am All Age Service: St Andrew's H  
10.30am Online Benefice Service  
No 4pm Parish Service at All Saints' NM due  
to ArtWeeks in the Church  
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H



*Clergy and all who  
preach or lead.*

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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 An Old Tradition Revived

Have you ever heard of the Rogation Days? These are the special name given to the three weekdays before Ascension Day. Ascension Day is always observed 40 days after Easter day, and so this year the Rogation Days fall on Monday 6th May, Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th.

You may well be wondering: what are the Rogation Days? They are days specially set aside for prayer (the English word Rogation comes from the Latin word, rogare, which means "to ask"). On these days, we ask God's blessing on the world around us. In the old days, the emphasis was very much on asking God's blessing on the crops growing in the fields, and there was often a tradition of going on a procession around the fields. This seems to be the origin of the tradition of "beating the bounds" of a parish. Nowadays, the scope of Rogation has been widened to include prayer for the world of work more generally, as well as prayer for local communities.

In England, Rogation processions were suppressed at the Reformation, and the tradition of observing Rogation seems to have gradually died away. However, in the last thirty or forty years or so, there has been a revival of the tradition, at least some villages and communities. Locally, the tradition is observed at South Moreton. The 10.30am service at South Moreton on Sunday 12th May will take the form of a Rogation procession, and everyone is most welcome to come along and join in.

The idea of a procession to ask God's favour to protect the crops growing in the fields goes back long before Christianity. Despite its origins in ancient beliefs, I think it still has a place today, even in this age of scientific agriculture. It reminds us that all of us are still dependent for our food on the men and women who grow our crops and look after our farm animals. And now that so many of us no longer work on the land, it is good that the tradition has been expanded to include prayer for the world of work in all its diversity. The world of work, both paid and unpaid, plays such an important role in our lives. It is good to have the opportunity to ask God's blessing upon it.

It recognises the fact that God cares for the whole of our lives - not just for what we might or might not do on a Sunday.

*Father Jason*

**Home Communion** is available to anyone who is unable to get to Church through sickness or frailty, either for a short time or on a long term basis. If you, or anyone you know, would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the office 01235 850267 and Elaine will arrange it for you.

**Short Reflection and daily prayer** During weekdays, Fr Jason writes a short reflection and prayer. If you would like to receive this, please contact the Benefice Office. (p.4)

**Online Compline** This is a short time of Evening Prayer online every weekday at 8pm – time to wind down from the day and relax. Join using the details from [www.churches.co.uk](http://www.churches.co.uk) If you go to What's On and click on Services you will find the online Compline details to log on.

**Midweek Communion** Everyone welcome to the Midweek Communion at **St Andrew's, Hagbourne, every Wednesday at 10am**. This is a said Communion Service without hymns and the opportunity to stay for a coffee afterwards and a chat.

**This is a popular Service - all welcome.**

## Calendar and Diary for May 2024 continued . . .

## Prayer Focus:

20 Monday  
21 Tuesday  
22 Weds 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H  
23 Thursday  
24 Friday  
25 Saturday

8pm online Compline  
8pm online Compline  
8pm online Compline  
8pm online Compline  
8pm online Compline

### **26 +Sunday TRINITY SUNDAY**

9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U  
10.30am Village Service: St Michael's B  
12.30 midday Baptisms: All Saints NM  
4pm Parish Service: All Saints' NM  
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H



*Treasurers  
and Church  
finances.*

27 Monday  
28 Tuesday  
29 Weds 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H  
30 Thursday *Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of  
Holy Communion (Corpus Christi)*  
31 Friday *Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth*

8pm online Compline  
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### **How to contact the Churn Benefice:**

**BENEFICE OFFICE - 01235 850267 Churn Website: [www.churnchurches.co.uk](http://www.churnchurches.co.uk)**

The Benefice Operations Manager, Elaine de Ridder, is available from 9.00 am - 2.30pm Monday to Friday, contact on 01235 850267 or 07434 686044 during office hours.

Bookings for Weddings, Baptisms etc. may be made by contacting the office via telephone or email: [office@churnchurches.co.uk](mailto:office@churnchurches.co.uk)

**Father Jason St John Nicolle – 01235 850267 – [office@churnchurches.co.uk](mailto:office@churnchurches.co.uk)**

**Revd Louise Butler – 07837 009730 – [revlouiseb@aol.com](mailto:revlouiseb@aol.com)**

**Revd John Clarke – 01235 510073 – [jphclarke@gmail.com](mailto:jphclarke@gmail.com)**

**Revd Dr Mark Rhodes-Smith – 01235 850267 – [mark.rhodes-smith@churnchurches.co.uk](mailto:mark.rhodes-smith@churnchurches.co.uk)**



**Benefice Online Church Service . . . Please help spread the word about our regular online Church Service!** This Service became a necessity during Covid but has proved to be popular with those people who are unable to attend regular or in-person worship.

The technology is easy to master but Elaine is happy to assist with setting it up.

Our online congregation is regularly the second-largest congregation in the Benefice!

**Every Sunday at 10.30am using this link:**

**Computer, tablet, smartphone** <https://meet.goto.com/ChurnBenefice/sundayservice>

**New user** <https://meet.goto.com/install>



### **The Churn Benefice's Churches are:**

St Andrew's Hagbourne (H), St Mary's Upton (U),  
St Michael's Blewbury (B), All Saints' Aston Upthorpe (AU),  
St Michael's Aston Tirrold (AT),  
St John the Baptist South Moreton (SM),  
All Saints' North Moreton (NM)

**Playful Climate Action** - Workshop about Climate issues using **LEGO Serious Play** to generate new ways of thinking about climate change. Led by **Lucy Hawthorne**, founder and facilitator at Climate Play. Join us at the **Centre for Reflection, URC, Spring Lane, Aston Tirrold OX11 9EJ on Friday 24th May at 7pm**. Cost: donation. Nibbles and tea and coffee available. For notifying in advance of your hope to attend if you can and for more details, contact Julian Gallop at [jgallop@freeuk.com](mailto:jgallop@freeuk.com) For more information about Climate Play please see <https://www.climateplay.org>

### **Bell Sunday – 12th May**

Bell Sunday is an annual opportunity to celebrate the contribution of bell-ringers to the life of the Church, and to acknowledge the part that bells play in worship and community life all the year round. Bell Sunday is always kept on a Sunday close to St Dunstan's feast day, who is known as the patron saint of bell-ringers due to his experimentation in the early forging of bells in the 900's and his encouragement of the use of bells in parish churches. Today, the day is designed to raise awareness of bell-ringing, to emphasise the importance of the sound of bells in our communities and how it can help bring church and community together, and to strengthen relationships between church leaders and bell ringers. <https://cccbr.org.uk/2024/03/16/bell-sunday-12th-may-2024/>

**There is a special Service at All Saints' North Moreton at 4pm on 12th of May to celebrate Bell Sunday to which all ringers are invited especially, but of course everyone is invited!**

### **North Moreton Church Fete Sunday 5th May, from 2 to 4pm**

Everyone welcome to this traditional church fete at the North Moreton Recreation Ground. Come along to enjoy teas or a BBQ, a dog show, Punch & Judy, games, teas, cakes, raffle and more!

### **Ascension Day – Thursday, 9th May**

There will be a Benefice Choral Evensong, 7pm, at St Michael's, Blewbury.

**With Sympathy** We send our heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of David Matthews who has died recently at the age of 87. David's Funeral Service took place at St Andrew's on 25th April.

**With Sympathy** It is with sadness we report the passing of Betty Eileen Hooker on 5th April at the age of 96 after a short illness. Betty was a resident of East Hagbourne for over forty years having moved with her husband Reg from Didcot. Betty was involved with many charitable organisations including collecting for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and the RNLI. She also volunteered at the Community Village Shop. She was a Cub Scout leader for many years with 10th Didcot Cub Scouts and a founder member of the Harwell Short Mat Bowls Club. Betty led a very full life, and she will be deeply missed by her family and many friends. Betty's Funeral Service took place at St Andrew's on the 26th of April.

### **Baptisms in the Benefice**

28th April **Seth Thomas Vaughan** and **Monty Daniel Boulter** were baptised at All Saints' North Moreton.

### **Wedding in the Benefice**

20th April **Charlie Brant** and **Courtney Lockyer** were married at St Andrew's Hagbourne

### **Funerals and Burials in the Benefice**

18th April at St Andrew's Hagbourne	<b>Vera Newman</b>	aged 95
19th April at Aston Tirrold Churchyard	<b>Julia Sheppard</b>	aged 50
25th April at St Andrew's Hagbourne	<b>David Matthews</b>	aged 87
26th April at St Andrew's Hagbourne	<b>Betty Hooker</b>	aged 96

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*





**Tower Talk** The bells were rung for the wedding of Charlie Brant and Courtney Lockyer on Saturday 20th April. We wish them every happiness for the future. A few of our friends from the local towers helped out on this occasion as some of the band were away in Gloucestershire on the Sally Forth.

A couple of the group attended a Branch mini outing in late April to the Dorchester area. Always fun to visit other churches and ring different bells and often including a pub lunch! Always nice to catch up with or meet other ringers in the branch too.

Shirley Goss.

**Birthdays:** Saturday 8th May – Helen Clayson, Saturday 15th May – Janet Corderoy, Tuesday 18th May – Daniel Dawson

### **St Andrew's Church – Summer dates for your diary**

**8th & 9th June – Flower Festival and Teas in Church** – the Scarecrow Trail event will be taking place and also the East Hagbourne Open Gardens on the 9th.

**Saturday 27th July – Annual Church Fete** from 1pm to 4pm.

**Summer Teas** start in St Andrew's on Sunday afternoons from mid-July.



**Congratulations** to Sophie Dodd and Lewis Sykes on your Engagement. Best wishes from all your family and friends.

**Churchwardens Chatter** So Easter has come and gone, and we have had the Glad Rags Sale! Lots and lots of clothes – thank you to all who donated clothes, came to buy them, and helped on the day. The amazing sum of just over £1,200 was achieved.

Sadly, we have had three funerals this month but joyfully one wedding!

My ongoing issues at home mean that Jane has been doing a great job on her own.

The stonework we had hoped to have started by now has been put on hold until a bit more paperwork is covered! And the same applies to the state of the trees in the churchyard. However, Craig has done a marvellous job of clearing the overgrown laurels. Thank you so much Craig.

We continue to be very much a welcoming Church and have welcomed visitors to our Church both in and out of our Services. The people here continue to uphold their reputation of being just great! Thank you all.

We are now planning a Flower Festival to be held over the weekend of June 8/9th. If you would like to help in any way, please let us know. We are hoping to fill the church with flowers, so we need lots of arrangers. If you would like to be one - even if it's a first time for you - please let us know. We will also need people to supply and serve refreshments on the afternoons of June 8th/9th. If you can help, or know of anyone who would like to help, once again, please let us know.

Thank you all, Jane and Jill

**CYGnets Youth Group** A regular Sunday evening group in the Benefice Centre, Blewbury, usually on the 1st Sunday of the month from 7-8.30pm, but this does vary depending on the activity. The Group is for all young people of secondary school age. *Coming to one session doesn't mean you have to come to all and you don't have to go to church to come along. Friends welcome.*

Do let us know if you intend to come as we are now quite a small group.

For details email Elaine or Father Jason via the Benefice Office ([office@churnchurches.co.uk](mailto:office@churnchurches.co.uk))

**Next Meeting will be on Sunday, 5th May.**



**Sunday Club** In the Parish Room at St Andrew's, Hagbourne on the first Sunday of the month at 10.30am, joining parents in the Church Service later. Bible stories, circle time, drawing, colouring, painting, crafts and more. Ages 4 - 11. Encourages children to interact with each other and adults, make friends, be creative. A gentle introduction to Christian values.

**Next date: Sunday 5th May. ALL WELCOME.**

**Bank Holiday Monday 6th May 11am**



Register before Saturday 4th May at:

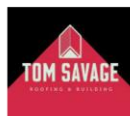
<https://www.evententry.co.uk/hagbourne-fun-run-walk-2024>

Or register from 09.00 – 10.30 on the day at the village hall.

**Everybody welcome!**

If we can't tempt you to run or walk then please join us for this community event - support, enjoy the refreshments and the amazing St Helen and St Katherine's Big Band at the village hall.

**All proceeds to Cancer Research and the Village Fund**



## **Hagbourne Garden Club Annual Plant Sale**

**The Garden Club Plant Sale will take place on  
Saturday 25th May from 2.30 to 4.30pm  
at The Pavilion, East Hagbourne.**

There will be Refreshments, Homemade Cakes and a Raffle.  
**We welcome plant donations.**

**Plant donations, clearly labelled**, can be left at The Gables, Main Road, East Hagbourne on Friday 24th May, early Saturday morning or at the Pavilion from 1pm on the 25th.

**ALL WELCOME – AMPLE PARKING AT THE PAVILION**



# Music Sunday



*A celebration of  
the Nation's favourite hymns*

*Promoted & supported by the Royal School of Church Music*

**St Andrew's Church - Sunday 16th June, 10.30am**

Keep the date free and join us to celebrate & sing some of the Nation's favourite hymns.

*This is a Benefice wide event.*

**Wednesday Church – 1st Wednesday of the month at St Peter's Church, Newlands Avenue, Didcot. An opportunity for worship together for adults with learning disabilities and memory problems and their family and carers.**

There are crafts, drinks, music, friends, and worship. People from special communities like day centres are very welcome as well as individuals who live with parents and carers. We have helpers from all Churches in Didcot – Anglicans, Baptists, Methodists and Kings Church. We meet at St Peter's because it has wheelchair friendly access, a kitchen so that we can serve drinks and biscuits and movable pews so that we can make space for wheelchair dancing. Some people just want to work on handicrafts and have a cup of tea with our congregation and chat to our volunteers and helpers. Our congregation are a real Wednesday Church Fellowship who care about each other and enjoy being together. We welcome helpers who would like to come and lead Services.

**For more information about joining us please ring:  
Jenny on 01235 510199 or Janice on 01491 836661**

**The Flower Festival at St Andrew's 8th and 9th June** will be on the theme of the **Church Year** – This includes Christmas, Easter, Lent, Weddings, Baptism Funerals, Carol Concerts, Pet Service, Harvest Festival etc . . . so there should be a good variety of displays.

**BIG Church Spring Clean at St Andrew's will be on Saturday 1st June at 10am.**

Please come along and help if you can. Let's make the Church sparkle for all the all the Summer events.

MAY 2024 ROTAS	5th May Sixth Sunday of Easter	19th May Seventh Sunday of Easter Bell Sunday	<u>General Notes</u>
<b>Readers</b>	Acts 10. vv 44-48 Daniel Dawson  1 John 5. vv 1-6 Helen Clayson	Acts 2. vv 1-21 Jeff Powell  Romans 8.vv 22-27 Justine Shepperson	Church cleaning should be done on the Friday afternoon or Saturday before your name is on the rota. Thank you.
<b>Intercessions</b>	Celebrant	Celebrant	
<b>Sidesmen</b>	Robin Harries / Sally Duncan	Trevor Goss / Myra Hardiman	If unable to do duty, please let your organiser know or find a suitable replacement.
<b>Coffee</b>	Marian Powell / Richard Powell	Jeff Powell / Justine Shepperson	
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	12th May: Helen Clayson Rachel Williams	22nd May: Helen Stutley Myra Hardiman	<u>Volunteer flower arrangers and cleaners are in big demand.</u> If you can help or know of someone who could help please let us know. The more the merrier.
<b>Flowers Lady Chapel</b>	Jane Blond	Marian Powell	
<b>Flowers High Altar</b>	Shirley Goss	Mary Goy	





## East Hagbourne Community Shop

For 20 years, East Hagbourne Community Shop has been proudly run entirely by volunteers. We are seeking new Committee members and volunteers to help keep it going and growing! To learn how you can help for 1 or 2 hours a month: email Alice at [alice.w.smith@gmail.com](mailto:alice.w.smith@gmail.com) or [easthagbourneshop@gmail.com](mailto:easthagbourneshop@gmail.com) or pop in and chat with the Volunteer on duty.

Visit us on FB or on the village website at: [easthagbourne.net/our-village/shop-post-office](http://easthagbourne.net/our-village/shop-post-office)

**PROUDLY VOLUNTEER-RUN** the East Hagbourne Shop was founded to help keep our community Post Office open, offering convenient essentials, local goodies, and a welcoming neighbourhood hub – all sales contribute to supporting our community. We welcome new Committee members and Volunteers to keep our Shop going! To learn more about how you can help in just an hour a month: email [easthagbourneshop@gmail.com](mailto:easthagbourneshop@gmail.com) or call Alice Smith on 01235 813393 .



## NEW HOT DRINKS FOR CHILLY SPRING MORNINGS & BREEZY AFTERNOONS!

Coffee, tea and hot chocolate are now available for takeaway on the school run, dog walk or to the playground in recyclable cups (or bring your own re-useable mug). Pick up a sweet or snack, even a paperback, for your elevenses or mid-afternoon break.

**FRESH HOMEMADE CAKES EVERY THURSDAY** A variety of scrumptious cakes are available from 9am each Thursday but hurry – they go before you know it! We also stock high-quality frozen fish, savory pies, pizza or chips; plus milk, local eggs, local honey and marmalade, household essentials, local artist cards, ice cream & pick n' mix sweets.

## HERITAGE BAKERY (FORMERLY "MARCOPOLO") WEEKLY EACH SATURDAY



Pre-order artisan breads, savouries, or pastries by 4pm each Wednesday in the Shop or by email to [easthagbourneshop@gmail.com](mailto:easthagbourneshop@gmail.com) for pick-up the following Saturday. Or take your chances and make your choice in the Shop on Saturday.



**EXTRA VEG?** If your allotment or garden is overflowing, consider donating your excess to the Shop, where we sell this high-quality, low-impact produce for a modest sum, helping to reduce waste and to defray operating costs.

**BUSINESS OR PERSONAL BANKING AT THE PO** Deposit cheques or cash, withdraw cash, pay council & utility bills, top up pre-paid cards & utility keys or purchase gift cards.

**OPERATING HOURS: CLOSED for May Bank Holidays on Mondays 6th & 27th May.**

**Shop Hours:** Mon and Thurs 9am–5pm; Tue/Wed/Fri 9am–4pm; and Sat 9–12:30pm

**Scarecrow Trail Maps available from 25th May!**

**Post Office Hours: CLOSED for May Bank Holidays on Mondays 6th & 27th May.**

**Regular Hours:** Mon to Sat 9am – 12:30pm + Mon and Thurs afternoon 1:15pm – 4:45pm

# ***Scarecrow Trail***

***in East Hagbourne 2024***



**CUP FOR THE  
WINNING SCARECROW**

**Theme:**

**“Your Favourite  
TV Character”**

**Scarecrow Trail...  
...for everyone to  
follow  
and vote for your  
favourite  
Scarecrow...**

**Saturday 25th May until Sunday 9th June**

**Buy your maps for £1 from The Community Shop and The Fleur  
from Saturday 25th May in order to follow and vote for  
your favourite scarecrow.**

**Entry forms available in the magazine, at the Community Shop or you  
can print your own from [www.easthagbourne.net](http://www.easthagbourne.net).**

**Entry forms to be returned by Friday 3rd May**

**Profits will be shared between  
Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue and WaterAid**

**The Hagbourne Action Group are kindly doing teas in Church during  
the afternoons of Sunday 26th May and Sunday 2nd June  
when maps will also be for sale.**

## HUGS - Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability

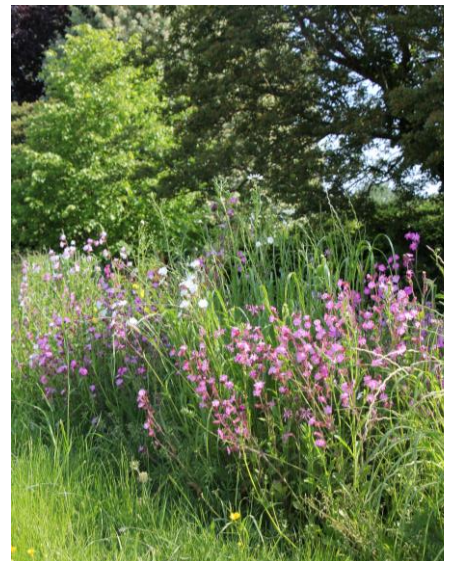
### Help Mother nature - make your garden matter

We can all make real difference by doing simple things to support nature in our back gardens. Private UK gardens cover over 400,000 hectares - more than all national nature reserves. In the UK, 1 in 6 species is at risk of extinction. You can help recovery by:

- Cutting the grass less often or leaving wild patches to be cut just once or twice a year- leaving dandelions, daisies & other wildflowers to support pollinating insects.
- Not being too tidy - leaving homes for nature.
- Weeding beds and borders less often - allowing wildflowers and the insect life they support, into your garden.
- Avoiding pesticides and other chemicals in the garden – building a more natural balance between 'garden pests' and their predators.

For more ideas on helping nature see our wildlife gardening page <https://www.hugsustainability.org/wildlifegardening>

To take part in No Mow May this year see Plantlife <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/>



Flowers at Rymans Crescent

**JAZZ AT THE FLEUR** A new focus on Jazz and Blues, with a launch on **Sunday, 16th June** at 2pm, tickets £30, featuring the world-famous **Ronnie Scott All Stars**. Additional events are being planned, including community events such as Jam Sessions and Jazz singing experiences. Tickets for the 16th: The Fleur [info@thefleurdelyspub.co.uk](mailto:info@thefleurdelyspub.co.uk) Tel: 01235 813247. Contact Peter for more information, playing or singing - all standards welcome. Phone: 01235 819057

### Ladies Thirsty Thursday (LTT)

The Ladies Thirsty Thursday is up and running. We meet on the third Thursday of each month in The Fleur from 7.30pm for a friendly drink (or two) and an opportunity to meet other ladies in the village. Everyone is welcome, so come and join us, and spread the word. Tell your friends, neighbours and acquaintances and we look forward to seeing you at the next gathering on Thursday 16th May.



## Christian Aid Week 2024 12th to 18th May

**Please donate this Christian Aid week**

Your donation will help push back against the inhumanity of poverty this Christian Aid Week.

**Christian Aid works in some of the world's poorest communities. We act where there is great need, regardless of religion, supporting people to live a full life, free from poverty.**

**For more about Christian Aid's work and how to give, please visit:  
[www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk).**

# Vera Newman

19th August 1928 – 24th March 2024

Vera was born in Hertfordshire into the Livings family of grocers. They moved briefly to Steventon, where her father took over as manager of Rant & Toombs Grocery, but soon moved on to Didcot when an opportunity arose to establish their own business. Livings became a well-known bakery in the town, with the bakehouse in Bourne Street and the main grocery store on The Broadway.

Vera married Arthur Newman in 1956 and they moved to East Hagbourne where their daughters, Jill and Sarah were born. Always happy to be involved in village life, Vera was an enthusiastic member of the Hacca Club and keen fundraiser for local causes.

The arrival of grandchildren was a special time and Dominic, Emily, Lucy and Louis have always been a very important part of her life. Following Arthur's death in 2002, Vera adopted Hugo the 3-legged labrador and became a familiar sight walking him around the footpaths of Hagbourne. She loved to bake and delighted in trying out new recipes which friends were encouraged to taste test.

Although sad to leave Blewbury Road when independent living became impossible, Vera made the most of her time at Lyndhurst where she was so well cared for. As always, she approached life with enthusiasm and a smile, firm in the belief that tea and cake could solve most things.

Vera died peacefully at Lyndhurst after a short period of failing health.

The kindness and support of so many friends and neighbours has been much appreciated by Vera's family at this sad time.



## East Hagbourne Open Gardens Sunday 9th June 2024 from 1 to 4pm

Come and visit seven glorious gardens on your doorstep in East Hagbourne, open through the National Garden Scheme (NGS) on Sunday 9th June. Gardens open are: Bottom Barn, The Gables, Lime Tree Cottage, Buckels, 5 Higgs Close and on Fieldside: Kingfisher House and Yew Tree Cottage. The admission price of £5 raises money for the NGS and covers entry to all 7 gardens. Please bring a printout of your booking. Although you can buy tickets on the day, it is easier to book online: <https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/25852/east-hagbourne-gardens>

**Tea and cakes** will be available at St Andrew's Church (where you can also visit the Flower Festival) and on Fieldside; Open Gardens Pimms (and other options!) will be available from the Fleur de Lys; plants will be on sale at 5 Higgs Close; ice creams will be available from the Village Shop. While most local people will visit on foot, parking is available for those coming from further afield in the Pavilion carpark (off Great Mead – opposite the Post Office on the left coming from Didcot) and on the field accessed down Manor Farm Lane (on the right coming from Coscote).

**About the National Garden Scheme:** The NGS has been running for nearly 100 years, giving visitors unique access to over 3500 UK gardens and donating over £70 million to nursing and health charities. In 2023 it made an annual donation of over £3.4 million to core beneficiaries including Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK and The Queen's Nursing Institute as well as supporting garden charities and providing grant bursaries to help community gardening projects. Thank you in advance for your support. We look forward to seeing you in the gardens.

**Knitwit News** We are continuing to produce large, knitted blankets to send to Knit for Peace. We need some more volunteers to knit 6" squares – these are in double knitting yarn, size 8mm needles, 32 to 34 stitches, depending on your tension and garter stitch, i.e. knit every row. If you would like to knit some squares for us, please get in touch – Joy Napper on magtemp5@gmail.com.

**TABLE TENNIS at the Pavilion:** Join our friendly table-tennis group at the Pavilion for exercise and fun on Tuesday mornings. We play from 10am to 12noon, £2 per session. All ages, skills, welcome; bats available. More info from: Julian 01235 813599 [jgallop@freeuk.com](mailto:jgallop@freeuk.com)

Anthony 01235 511920 [aannanjones@gmail.com](mailto:aannanjones@gmail.com)

**FOOTBALL in East Hagbourne:** Hagbourne United FC plays regularly at East Hagbourne and welcomes new men and youth players.

Contacts: John Symonds 07831 714076 [jesymonds29@gmail.com](mailto:jesymonds29@gmail.com)

or Keith Davies 07810 504155 [keith\\_davies4@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:keith_davies4@hotmail.co.uk)

**HAGBOURNE BOWLS CLUB is one of the most special places to play in the whole county.** We have an active and growing membership and in particular, our lady players have been making great progress in local leagues and friendlies, however, more players of any level are always needed. Whatever your bowls experience; from beginner to Commonwealth Champion (and anything in between), you'll find a warm welcome and many new friends at Hagbourne Bowls Club. For more info please contact our Ladies Captain, Sandy Budd on 07477 814801 or [sandybudd@sky.com](mailto:sandybudd@sky.com)

**HAGBOURNE BOWLS CLUB OPEN DAY Saturday 11th May between 10am-3pm** If you fancy giving lawn bowls a try for free, come along to the club and our enthusiastic members will help you learn this enjoyable sport. Please bring/wear flat soled shoes, we'll provide the bowls, and the bar will be open! For more info please call Sandy on 07477 814801

**The Rt Revd Gavin Collins, Bishop of Dorchester writes: On the 4th of May I will be abseiling down the Tower of Dorchester Abbey** to raise funds which will be split equally between the Abbey's fabric appeal and "Restore", a brilliant Oxfordshire-based mental health charity that supports people to take control of their recovery, develop skills, and lead meaningful lives. They offer recovery groups, training and employment coaching to make this possible. If you would like to give to support me as I attempt to conquer my fear of heights, the link to my Just Giving page is here: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/gavin-collins-1713341535193> And for anyone who would like to come along and cheer and encourage me on the day, this is taking place as part of the Dorchester Abbey Festival weekend and I am scheduled to do my abseil at 12.30pm on Saturday 4th of May. With thanks and every blessing, Gavin.

## HAMS – A.G.M and video showing

The HAMS Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 9th May in the Village Hall at 7 pm. The doors will be open at 6.45 pm for a welcoming drink to be served.

We anticipate that the AGM will be quite short since the existing steering group is willing to stand for re-election. The accounts for the HAMS financial year ending on 30th April will be available. Members and supporters will shortly receive a separate reminder that membership fees for the current year are now due and will remain at £25/£10 for adults/students, respectively.

The highlight of the evening will be a showing of HAMS FEST THE MOVIE on a large cinema-like screen.

As usual, DVD and Blu-ray copies of the movie will be available at a cost of £12 each; all the money goes to support HAMS since the cost of producing the video discs has been covered by a donation. Please order your copy (copies) by emailing [proctor1a@aol.com](mailto:proctor1a@aol.com) and you will receive payment instructions by return.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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

## News from Your Village Hall - Chairman Urgently Required

At the last committee meeting, and which I repeated at the Annual Parish Meeting the following day, I announced that I would not be standing again at our Annual Meeting in November for the post of Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.

I have now been Chairman for 12 years, and whilst I have enjoyed the job immensely, I think the time has come for me to hand over to a fresh pair of hands.

**However, it is essential that someone steps forward to become the new Chairman, otherwise the Village Hall may have to close.**

We are lucky to have a Village Hall, which is entirely independent and well used. It generally makes a surplus. year on year, although recently we have been spending some of our reserves to upgrade the kitchen, as well as the small hall.

We have a team of caretakers, principally Linda Benton, and more recently Mark Sutherland, who take care of the hall on a day-to-day basis. Geoff Leaver is our Booking Secretary.

However, as a charity, we run with a board of Trustees who direct policy and manage expenditure.

Our constitution allows for up to 13 people, made up of nominees from various user groups, as well as some trustees with no affiliation. However, in recent years we have seldom had more than 7 trustees attending our committee meetings.

There are only 3 executive Trustees, namely a Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who, in theory at least, are elected each year from amongst the newly nominated committee members. However, there is presently a vacancy for the post of Secretary. Charles Stutley is our Treasurer. We only hold our meetings 3 to 4 times a year, so the time commitment is not excessive for ordinary Committee Members.

Ideally, we would like to also recruit more people onto the committee, as well as seeking a new Chairman and Secretary.

If you or someone you know would like to join us in managing the Village Hall, you can call me on 01235 814140. Or else Email me at [richardelliott900@gmail.com](mailto:richardelliott900@gmail.com)

Richard Elliott *Chairman Hagbourne Village Hall (until November 2024)*



**Calling local artists and crafters . . . There will be an Arts and Crafts fair at St Andrew's Church on Saturday, 26th October.**

If you would like to have a stall/display or a demonstration, please contact Linda Benton on 01235 817891 [Linda.Benton@live.co.uk](mailto:Linda.Benton@live.co.uk)



### Oxfordshire Artweeks – 4th to 27th May

**Artists and makers in the South Oxfordshire area will be throwing open their doors in the area from 4th to 27th May. You will find everything from paintings and pottery to installation and intrigue.** You can visit artists' homes and studios, galleries and gardens, Oxford colleges, churches and a wealth of other art spaces.

**Free festival guide and artist directory is available in the Library or visit [www.artweeks.org](http://www.artweeks.org) for a full list of venues with local maps and illustrations to help you decide where to visit and be inspired!**

**Wednesday Sewing Class** Places available in The Wednesday Sewing Class for complete beginners through to the more experienced sewer. The class is from 12:30 to 3:30 in the Hagbourne Village Hall. Please contact [sue.somani@sky.com](mailto:sue.somani@sky.com) 07748 771188

### **Didcot Emergency Foodbank**

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

An Emergency Foodbank is a practical, community-based project aimed at providing short term relief by giving food to people in crisis in our local area. The Didcot Emergency Foodbank serves Didcot and the immediate surrounding villages. **There is very high demand on the Foodbank at the moment.** You can leave items in the supermarkets in Didcot, at Blewbury Post Office or make a money donation via the Foodbank. **Contact details if you need to use the Foodbank or you would like to make a donation:** You can leave a message on the Baptist Church Office answering machine on 01235 813 187 or you can email the Foodbank: [foodbank@didcotbaptist.org.uk](mailto:foodbank@didcotbaptist.org.uk) or use the [contact form](#) on the website. **All donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you.**

**Hagbourne Bridge Club** **If you can play bridge but haven't done so for a while – give us a go!** If you have never learnt to play bridge but would like to give it a try – why not come and see us? We meet every Thursday in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. We have a break around 8.30pm for light refreshments and usually finish playing cards by 10pm. It will cost you £3. We look forward to seeing you. We are: Jill Garlick – 07873431144 [hjgarlick@gmail.com](mailto:hjgarlick@gmail.com) and Shirley Goss – 815608 [shirley.goss@btinternet.com](mailto:shirley.goss@btinternet.com)

**Didcot Farmers' Market** takes place in the Orchard Centre, Didcot on the second Saturday of the month from 8.30 to 1.30pm The next one will be on **11th May**.



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Book online at: [www.englishmusicfestival.org.uk/2024-may-festival/box-office.php](http://www.englishmusicfestival.org.uk/2024-may-festival/box-office.php)



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**CHAIRMAN’S SURGERY – FRIDAY 10th MAY**

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



**ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE:**

**Winter Warm Spaces** are available at Didcot Library and the Didcot Wave, see further info [here](#) for opening times and other nearby venues

**Oxfordshire Age UK’s online Winter Hub** is accessible [here](#) with advice on Oxfordshire County Council’s Resident Support Scheme and other useful guidance

**SOFEA Didcot Community Larder** is open on Thursdays see [here](#) for information

**Didcot Emergency Foodbank** is open at Didcot Baptist Church on Tuesdays and Fridays, see [here](#) for information

**Cost Of Living Crisis** An SODC page with a range of advice and support can be found [here](#)

**The Community Hub** can assist with isolation and financial help. Details can be found [here](#)

**Hagbourne Charities** – [hagbourne.charities@gmail.com](mailto:hagbourne.charities@gmail.com) or 01235 814024

**East and West Hagbourne Fund** – Contact David Stainthorp on 07711 802887 or email [hagbournevillagefund@gmail.com](mailto:hagbournevillagefund@gmail.com)

**East Hagbourne (Coronavirus) Community Support Group** - [easthagbournecovid19@gmail.com](mailto:easthagbournecovid19@gmail.com) or 07568 395228



**DEFIBRILLATORS:** The village defibrillators are available 24/7 at the following locations:

**Outside the Village Shop** at 114 New Road

**Hagbourne Village Hall** (next to the main entrance)

**Hagbourne Bowls Club** on The Croft (defibrillator is wall mounted outside the gate)

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



**USEFUL INFORMATION LINKS:**

<https://www.fixmystreet.com/> for reporting a wide variety of issues from potholes to fly tipping.

<https://publicrightsofway.oxfordshire.gov.uk/standardmap.aspx> can be used to report an issue with a countryside path or public right of way.

<https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/recycling-rubbish-and-waste> for information on waste services and reporting missed bin collections.

Get the **Binzone** app on your mobile to receive notifications of bin services in East Hagbourne

<https://one.network/> for checking roadworks in the area

*Planning applications received since the last newsletter:*

**P24/S0884/HH** 1 Windsor Crescent, East Hagbourne – Part single-storey and part two-storey side extension, replacement of windows and guttering, and PV panels to the rear roof slope.

**P24/S1241/LB** Appletree Cottage, 32 Main Road, East Hagbourne - Replacement of two existing pine dormer window frames and windows with like for like painted hardwood window frames and windows.

**P24/S1300/LB** 6/7 Church Close, East Hagbourne - Replacement of first floor front facing dormer windows with associated works.

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 9th May 2024 at The Pavilion, Great Mead.**

All Council meetings are open to the public and we welcome your participation.

Agendas and Minutes of previous meetings are published at [www.easthagbourne.net](http://www.easthagbourne.net)



## Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman

**Annual Parish Meeting** The Annual Parish Meeting (APM) was a lively affair with a good attendance, perhaps stimulated by the headline request asking how best to spend around 1/4 million pounds CIL money. Draft minutes are already posted on the village website. These include a review of Parish Council activities during the last year and a report on the finances in addition to the many comments made at the meeting.

On the possible expenditure of CIL money, there was good support for using it on footpaths and footways. There was an appeal from the Village Hall for support for much needed repairs to roof and walls, a request for play equipment at the Recreation Ground for older children, possible regeneration of historic orchards, and village information boards. The District Councillor suggested that there might be other funding sources for work on the Village Hall including grants being offered by SODC.

**Development by Village Hall** The builders have finished all the work on Main Road at the entrance to the site although any remedial action may be done for the next 12 months. Already there is some concern over the quality of the road markings. However, the agreement with the County Council (the so-called S278 agreement) only includes the stretch of Main Road from Manor Farm Lane to the entrance to the car park so we will be asking the County Council, who in 2017 supported the planning application, to take responsibility for an extended area including Main Road to Coscote which suffered severe verge damage through heavy vehicles coming to and from site inter alia.

The ramp and step access from the site to the railway embankment is now open. Deanfield tell us that the responsibility for this is now with Sustrans who are responsible for the choice of safety barriers and the re-planting of vegetation on the embankment. The timing for the removal of the marketing suite building depends on when the last 7 Deanfield market houses are sold. This is likely to happen by mid-July when the children's play area will be built in that place. The workers car park and office buildings will be replaced by seeded soil from the mound near the drainage system in the August-September timeframe.

**Speedwatch** At the last Parish Council meeting, Councillor Robin Jaboor reported that eight people had volunteered to help with Speedwatch and are now doing the necessary online training. This should enable a start to running the monitoring of traffic through the village but more volunteers are needed to share the load. Interested parties and particularly volunteers should contact either Robin (robin.jaboor@easthagbourne.net) or the Clerk.

**Flooding** There have been encouraging meetings of a group of parish councillors led by Councillor Carolyn Shaikh and officers from SODC, OCC, and the Environment Agency with the support of SODC we are applying for working in de-silting part of our drainage system and further action on gully clearing that has already been started. There was a very well attended meeting concerning management of the two stream channels that run through the village. The flood group has also been revitalized and will be led by Jane Bell and Robert Ainger. One action has been to set up a WhatsApp group to help coordinate actions in flood situations. If you are interested in this flood group, contact Jane Bell (jane.p.bell@btinternet.com).

**Parish Surgeries** The next parish surgery will again be in the Fleur de Lys on Friday 10th May from 5.00 to 6.30 pm. However, feel free to contact me (iain.duff@easthagbourne.net), the clerk or any other councillor should you have urgent concerns.

**Parish Council meetings** The PC meetings are held in the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground. Members of the public are welcome to join the meeting and the agenda is posted on village notice boards and the village web pages at least three clear days before the meeting. The next meeting, which is the Annual meeting of the Council, will be held starting at 7.30pm on Thursday 9th May. 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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No service on Sundays or Public Holidays

To look up timetables for all bus services please visit:

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

There are some printed timetables in the Community Shop.

**Please see next page for useful details on how to get to the Oxford Hospitals via public transport.**

**Please note: The timetables for the Wantage, Faringdon and Newbury buses changed on 14th April – please check before you travel.**

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

The X32 service starts at Cockcroft Road, Didcot, which might be a convenient point for some people to catch it - still every half hour. It then goes to GWP South and down Wantage Road, past the Hospital, to the Orchard Centre, Station, and on to Oxford and JR.

## Thames Travel bus service to the Churchill and Nuffield Hospitals

**The bus to catch from High Street in Oxford is Number 15** which is every 1/4 hour during the day, taking 10-12 minutes, longer at busy times. You can catch it near the entrance to the Covered Market or near Queen's Lane. The stop for the Churchill is Roosevelt Drive. For the Nuffield, the stop is further on, and is called Lime Walk and is actually in Old Road near the Old Road entrance to the hospital. The 15 also stops near the Warneford.

The website for the **Number15** is <https://www.oxfordbus.co.uk/services/OXBC/15>. Where you can also find a useful map. **You can connect from Didcot with the 15 bus service by using either the X32 bus to the centre of Oxford or use the train from Didcot, quicker but more walking.**



**Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue** is a local charity dedicated to saving injured, sick and orphaned UK wildlife. They have been given notice to leave their current rented premises in the autumn. So they need to raise funds to buy land and build Oxfordshire's first wildlife hospital. They help 1000s of patients each year within Oxfordshire and Berkshire, so finding a new home for the charity is vital for local wildlife.

They have been fundraising desperately since November 2023 and still have a long way to go, here is a link to our fundraiser if you would like to take a look: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/urgent-appeal-save-oxfordshire-wildlife-rescue?aid=0ff7edeccafd8cd7188d0302e22e10a2>

## A Hagbourne Premier: Didcot Phoenix Drama Group brings new play 'I Hear You' to Hagbourne Village Hall Saturday, 1st June at 2pm

Didcot Phoenix Drama Group are touring an original play, **'I Hear You'**, round three local venues in June. The tour begins with a 2pm matinee performance on 1st June at Hagbourne Village Hall. 'I Hear You' is a comedy drama that takes a humorous look at situations that can happen to anyone and asks who is listening and who is not listening. It's full of characters who listen and don't listen in different ways. The aim is that every member of the audience will find a character to identify with. The play encourages the audience to reflect on how well they are listened to, how well they listen to others and the consequences of not listening well.

**The play was created by two Didcot Phoenix members** - writer Emma Gardner and actor/director Maria Xucla-Lerma. Didcot Phoenix Drama Group celebrated their 40th anniversary last year and have a track record of producing new plays. The creative team behind this production won 'Best Original Play' at the 2023 Henley Drama Festival for their previous play 'No Prime Minister', also written by Emma Gardner. Another of the group's own plays, 'Not a Cream Cracker', written by Gerry Rouse, won the Charlotte Thomas Award at the same festival in 2022. The script for 'I Hear You' was recently rated in the top 25% of entries to the inaugural Victoria Wood Playwriting Prize for Comedy, beating more than 400 other new plays in the process.

The play features a cast of nine local actors from Didcot and the surrounding villages. Cast members have previously been nominated for best actor and best supporting actor at local festivals and include Sarah Medley, who won Best Supporting Actor at the 2023 Wallingford Corn Exchange Drama Festival. Sarah, who plays the part of Alice, jumped at the chance to take part in this new play: 'I think the message of this play, exploring what it means to be listened to, is such an important one...that's if you choose to hear it!'

The cast are looking forward to welcoming Hagbourne residents (and their friends at HAMS!) to the performances. Also, **7:30pm Wednesday 5th June** at the Northbourne Centre Community Centre, Church St, Didcot, and **7:30pm Saturday 8th June** at Harwell Village Hall, High St, Harwell.

**Tickets cost £12 (£10 for concessions) and are available on the door and from [ticketsource.co.uk/didcot-phoenix-drama-group](https://ticketsource.co.uk/didcot-phoenix-drama-group).**

**£2 from every ticket sale will be donated to the Thames Valley Air Ambulance.**



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