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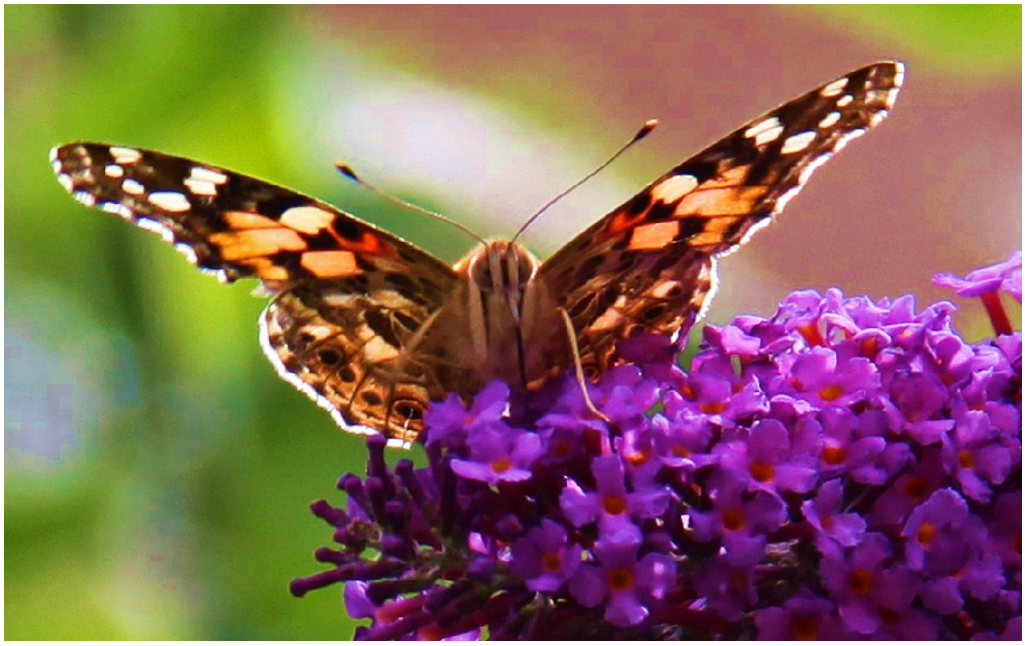

SUMMER TEAS
St Andrew's on Sunday afternoons in August – 3 to 5pm

COME AND SING CHORAL EVENSONG
St Andrew's Church, Saturday 8th August at 5.30pm
with refreshments afterwards, ALL WELCOME

THE ANNUAL TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC
Wednesday, 5th August, 12noon to 2pm, see page 7.
Hosted by Mothers' Union

HAGBOURNE COMMUNITY SHOP AGM
7.30pm on 30th July at the Village Hall, see page 11.

BIKE NIGHT AT THE FLEUR 3pm on 10th August

HAGBOURNE CRAFT and PRODUCE SHOW
Sunday 6th September at Village Hall

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

Thank you very much to the East and West Hagbourne Parish Councils
for giving the Parish Magazine a home on their websites.

www.easthagbourne.net **www.westhagbourne.org**

CHURCH CALENDAR AND DIARY FOR JULY/AUGUST 2026

The Prayer Intentions for July are for all who live in East Hagbourne.
The Prayer Intentions for August are for all who live in the Astons and Upton.

JULY 2026 **Prayer Focus:**

1 Wednesday	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm online Compline
2 Thursday	7pm Time for quiet and reflection: St Michael's B	8pm online Compline
3 Friday	*Thomas the Apostle*	8pm online Compline
4 Saturday		

5 +Sunday **FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** *Children, our village schools and Sunday club.*

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 and Sunday Club: St Andrew's H
10.30am All Age Service: St Michael's B
10.30am Parish Eucharist: All Saints' NM
10.30am Online Benefice Service
5pm Organ Recital: St Andrew's H
Our organ scholar James Lord will be playing for us.
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H

6 Monday	10 – 11.30am MU Coffee and Kids: Vale Room, Blewbury Village Hall	8pm online Compline
7 Tuesday		8pm online Compline
8 Wednesday	10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H	8pm online Compline
	7.30am Fellowship in the garden: Charity School House, Blewbury	
9 Thursday		8pm online Compline
10 Friday		8pm online Compline
11 Saturday		

12 +Sunday **SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** *Those recently baptised and baptism visitors.*

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

13 Monday		8pm online Compline
14 Tuesday		8pm online Compline
15 Weds	*St Swithun's Day*	
	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		

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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)

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

A Glimpse of Heaven

I wonder if you fancy a glimpse of Heaven? Glimpses of Heaven can come upon us in so many different ways, and they are often quite unexpected. For example, we might be going for a walk on a dull or wet day, and then suddenly the sun comes out and the scene in front of us is bathed in glorious light, and we feel that we have entered a different realm. We know the experience will be temporary, but while it lasts, our hearts are full of joy. It is a glimpse of Heaven!

In early August, we will have the opportunity to experience a glimpse of Heaven in our own local area. To be precise, this experience will be available at St Andrew's Hagbourne on Saturday 8th August, between 5.30pm and 6.30pm. It will take the form of a special Choral Evensong featuring the music of two great British Composers: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852 -1924) and Herbert Howells (1892 -1983). Stanford was born in Ireland but he spent his professional life in England, where he taught at the Royal College of Music. He was a prolific composer, and had a particular gift for writing choral music. Howells had a similar gift for choral music. Both Stanford and Howells wrote organ music as well.

There is no charge to attend this Choral Evensong. It is offered as an act of worship to God, in celebration of a feast in the Church's year called the Feast of the Transfiguration. All are welcome to attend - it is an experience open to Christian and non-Christian alike. It uses traditional words and beautiful music to take us all on a journey from this world to the world beyond: to give us a glimpse of Heaven. And if you are unfamiliar with the music of Stanford and Howells, all I can say is that you are in for a treat! - *Father Jason*

Save the date!

Come and Sing Choral Evensong

Saturday 8th August at St Andrew's

On Saturday 8th August St Andrew's Hagbourne will host a Come and Sing BCP Evensong, celebrating the Transfiguration of Our Lord. It will be led by our regular visiting organ scholar, James Lord, with the support of Father Jason. There will be beautiful music for the Feast of Transfiguration (and some fabulous congregational hymns!) which we will distribute to the choir beforehand together with some YouTube links.

We will use settings by Rose and Stanford and hymns by Wesley and Howells.

The proposed timings are:

Rehearsal 3-4.30pm Tea 4.30-5.15 Evensong 5.30 Refreshments afterwards.

Please help spread the word! There will be no charge, but registration with Elaine in the office is needed so that we can have enough copies of the music ready.

Email office@churnchurches.co.uk or phone 01235850267

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO EITHER JOIN THE CHOIR OR TO ATTEND THE SERVICE AT 5.30pm

Home Communion 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.

Church Calendar and Diary for July 2026 continued . . .

Prayer Focus:

19 +Sunday **SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

Youth group and teenagers.

9am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's AT
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B
10.30am Family Communion: St Andrew's H
10.30am Online Benefice Service
4pm Service of the Word: All Saints' NM
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H

20 Monday — 8pm online Compline
21 Tuesday — 8pm online Compline
22 Weds *Mary Magdalene*
10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H — 8pm online Compline
7.30am Fellowship in the garden, Charity School House, Blewbury
23 Thursday — 8pm online Compline
24 Friday — 8pm online Compline
25 Saturday *James the Apostle*

26 +Sunday **EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

Our worship, musicians, organists and choirs.

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

27 Monday — 8pm online Compline
28 Tuesday — 8pm online Compline
29 Weds 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H — 8pm online Compline
30 Thursday — 8pm online Compline
31 Friday — 8pm online Compline

Church Calendar and Diary for AUGUST 2026

Prayer Focus:

1 Saturday

2 +Sunday **NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

Weddings and God's blessing on new and existing marriages.

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 Village Service: St Michael's B
10.30am Parish Eucharist: All Saints' NM
10.30am Online Benefice Service
3 to 5pm Teas in Church: St Andrew's H
5pm Organ Recital: St Andrew's H
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H

3 Monday — 8pm online Compline
4 Tuesday — 8pm online Compline
5 Weds 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H — 8pm online Compline
12noon MU Teddy Bears Picnic: Orchard House, Blewbury
6 Thursday *Transfiguration of Our Lord*
7pm Time for quiet and reflection: St Michael's B — 8pm online Compline
7 Friday — 8pm online Compline

8 Saturday **COME AND SING EVENSONG** celebrating the *Transfiguration of Our Lord*
3 to 4.30pm Rehearsal for the "come and sing" choir (all welcome to join – please see item on page 3 on how to register for free).
5.30pm Evensong followed by refreshments.

9 +Sunday **TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U
10.30am Taizé Service: St Michael's B
10.30am Online Benefice Service
3 to 5pm Teas in Church: St Andrew's H
4pm Service of the Word: All Saints' NM
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's

Churchwardens, fabric and churchyards. Church cleaners.

10 Monday 8pm online Compline
11 Tuesday 8pm online Compline
12 Weds 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H 8pm online Compline
7.30pm Fellowship in the garden: Charity School House, Blewbury
13 Thursday 8pm online Compline
14 Friday 8pm online Compline
15 Saturday *The Blessed Virgin Mary*

16 +Sunday **ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
9am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's AT
10.30 Parish Eucharist: St Michaei's B
10.30am Family Communion Service: St Andrew's H
10.30am Online Benefice Service
3 to 5pm Teas in Church: St Andrew's H
4pm Service of the Word: All Saints' NM
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H

Families, children's outreach Family Services & Mothers' Union.

17 Monday 8pm online Compline
18 Tuesday 8pm online Compline
19 Weds 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H 8pm online Compline
20 Thursday 10am MU Holy Communion: St Michael's B 8pm online Compline
21 Friday 8pm online Compline
22 Saturday

23 +Sunday **TWELTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
9.15am Parish Eucharist: St Mary's U
10.30am Parish Eucharist: St Michael's B
10.30am Online Benefice Service
3 to 5pm Teas in Church: St Andrew's H
4pm Service of the Word: All Saints' NM
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H

PCC's, all in leadership and our Operations Manager.

24 Monday *Bartholomew the Apostle* 8pm online Compline
25 Tuesday 8pm online Compline
26 Weds 10am Holy Communion: St Andrew's H 8pm online Compline
7.30am Fellowship in the garden: Charity School House, Blewbury
27 Thursday 8pm online Compline
28 Friday 8pm online Compline
29 Saturday

30 +Sunday **THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
10.30am Village Service: St Michael's B
10.30am Online Benefice Service
3 to 5.30pm: Teas in Church: St Andrew's
4pm Service of the Word: All Saints' NM
6pm Service of the Word: St Andrew's H

Clergy and all who preach or lead.

Churchwardens Chatter. . .

The Church of St Andrew's at Hagbourne is alive and well! This is my after-fete feeling. It's always so good to see so many people enjoying their afternoon in and around the Church. Thank you so much everyone who helped in any way at all at the Fete. **It's all greatly appreciated**.

Of course we continue to use the Church for social occasions. As well as our regular weekly Services, we are fortunate to offer different types of worship Service and thus attract varying groups of people. In June we have hosted Services on Sundays and Wednesdays, Baptisms, organ concert on a Sunday evening, scarecrow teas, fete, and community choir concert. And so, the year goes on.

In July we have our school leavers Service and a few Baptisms, whilst in August our Summer teas will be happening. We are also planning a come and sing Evensong. That's one to look out for. Meanwhile we hope you are all enjoying the lovely weather and not getting too hot! Jane and Jill

150 YEARS OF Mothers' UNION
Join us, Join in
Lighting the way for generations to come

Thank you for supporting **MAKE MAY MATTER**. Many toiletry goods have been collected for parents with very sick children who are being accommodated in Ronald McDonald House. **JUNE** has been a month of celebrations for Mothers' Union. A Thanksgiving Service was held at St Paul's followed by a national conference in London. Here, locally, we have displayed our MU banners in Blewbury Church and said special prayers in Churches across the Benefice.

In this article for July & August I want to stress how MU is a grass roots organisation. Each member has a part to play. Here in the Churn Benefice, we take "Christian concern for families worldwide" right to the local level. After the pandemic we started a monthly baby and toddler group we call **Coffee & Kids**, supporting parents and enabling our very youngest children to begin to interact with others. In August we hold a **Teddy Bears Picnic**, located in a secure private garden. Families bring picnics and we provide ice-cream and drinks with balloons to take home. We also organise a weekly coffee morning called the **"Drop In"**, Wednesdays, 10.30am – 12 noon at the Blewbury Benefice centre to meet others and chat together. This warm, friendly space welcomes you too. So do "drop in"!

Our branch continues to meet monthly for a Holy Communion service followed by refreshments. These dates are 16th July and 20th August, 10am at St Michael's Church, Blewbury. All are very welcome. Join us and Join in. *Revd Louise Butler 07837 009730, leader, Churn MU branch*

Free Organ Recital at St Andrew's
Sunday 5th July at 5pm

Organ Scholar, James Lord will be playing Bach, Messiaen, Hollins and Vaughan Williams

We hope to see you there!

How to contact the Churn Benefice:

BENEFICE OFFICE - 01235 850267 **Churn Website: 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

Father Jason St John Nicolle – 01235 850267 – office@churnchurches.co.uk
Revd Louise Butler – 07837 009730 – revlouiseb@aol.com
Revd John Clarke – 01235 510073 – jphclarke@gmail.com
Revd Dr Mark Rhodes-Smith – 01235 850267 – mark.rhodes-smith@churnchurches.co.uk

Annual Teddy Bears Picnic: Wednesday 5th August, 12 noon - 2pm We meet in the garden of **Orchard House, Chapel Lane, Blewbury OX11 9PQ** (Adjacent to the Red Lion). Some parking available in the driveway. We welcome all babies and pre-school children with siblings, parents, grandparents or carers. Please bring a teddy bear, picnic and a rug to sit on. Soft drinks and ice-creams will be provided.

Hosted by members of The Churn Mothers' Union

Summer Teas at St Andrew's

There will be teas served at St Andrew's Church on Sunday afternoons during August from Sunday 2nd August until Sunday 30th August, inclusive, from 3:00 – 5:00pm.

Last year the teas were run by various groups in the Church and the village to raise funds for their projects. This year we are hoping that once again groups in Church and the village may like to run one of the teas during **August**.
There is a sign-up sheet in the Church, or you can contact me, Shirley Goss, on 01235 815605 or e-mail shirley.goss@btinternet.com. I can provide an information sheet re: running the teas and all you have to provide is the milk and cakes. You could use this opportunity to advertise your group or to sell produce and the money made can be retained by your group. We would just ask for a small donation for the use of the Church and the tea, coffee and sugar. These were very popular in the past so we hope you will support us again this year. Shirley Goss

Coffee & Kids! - a monthly baby and toddler group based in Blewbury. We welcome families from Didcot and surrounding villages. Our next session will be on **Monday 6th July** from 10am to 11.30am in the Vale Room, Blewbury Village Hall. We welcome all bumps! babies and toddlers, along with parents, grandparents or carers. Here is a warm, friendly and safe place to enjoy the company of others and have some refreshment as the little ones have fun with toys, learn to play together, do some craft activities and sing together! A donation of £2 is appreciated towards our costs. Mothers' Union hosts look forward to welcoming you.

In August, please come to the **Teddy Bears Picnic** - at slightly different time and date. We welcome families with babies and pre-school children, including older siblings, parents, grandparents and carers. Helen and family invite us to their garden on **Wednesday 5th August,** 12 noon, at Orchard House, Chapel Lane, Blewbury, next door to The Red Lion. Bring your picnics and something to sit on. We are providing hot drinks, squash and ice creams. It will be lovely to see you and many thanks to Helen for allowing us to spend this lunch time in her secure garden. Don't forget to bring your teddy bears!

Benefice Online Church Service . . . Please help spread the word about our regular online Church Service! Every Sunday at 10.30 using this link:
Computer, tablet, smartphone https://meet.goto.com/ChurnBenefice/sundayservice
New user https://meet.goto.com/install
Weekday evening Compline at 8.00pm for 10 minutes. Access via https://meet.goto.com/312446493
If you would like to be added to our weekly mailing list to receive the Churn newsletter, please contact Elaine or you can sign up here http://eepurl.com/iEcD8A.

Baptisms in the Benefice

14th June **Emily Grace Neofitou** was baptised at St Andrew's, Hagbourne
28th June **Leo Frederick Stephen Johnston** was baptised at St Michael's, Blewbury
May God's blessing of peace and joy be with them and protect them all of their days.

The East Hagbourne Scarecrow Trail 2026

Thank you to everybody who entered the Scarecrow Trail this year and to everyone who contributed in some way and helped raise **£1,010** for charity.

The overall winner was **'Leonardo da Vinci and The Last Supper'** created by the Elsmore-Wickens family from The Old Stables, Manor Farm Lane. This scarecrow display was the overwhelming favourite of all our voters although many of you will have seen that the field of 36 scarecrows was a really strong one. What a fabulous display it was!

The winner of the Action Group Award was **'Decoding Life'** created by Ruth Elderfield and hosted by Pat Elderfied of 98 New Road. This was in recognition of 'Decoding Life' being a very original creation which included scarecrows of three historically significant women - Mary Anning, Ada Lovelace and Rosalind Franklin - which was supported by some excellent information sheets explaining who they were, what they achieved and why the work of these women mattered so much. This came second overall in the competition too.

Third place went to **'Sir David Attenborough'** created by The Fleur de Lys. Very apt in view of Sir David having just passed his 100th birthday!

Congratulations to them all!

There are too many people to thank really but particular thanks so to The Community Shop and the Fleur de Lys for selling the maps, Joy Napper for her help with the advertising in The Parish Magazine, The Powell's Farm for the straw and the Rector and Churchwardens for permitting us to use the Church to provide teas. Also, a big thank you to the Action Group for all their support and practical help throughout including organising and running the Sunday teas, and to Marian Powell for her help with the teas too!

£505.00 has been sent to each of this year's chosen charities:

Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue who do fantastic work in rescuing, caring and rehabilitating sick, injured and orphaned wild animals throughout Oxfordshire and Berkshire.

WaterAid, an international charity that helps transforms lives around the world by helping with clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene.

Thank you everyone for taking part and helping to sustain the success of this village event.

Chris & Sacha Powell

Winning Scarecrow display: Leonardo da Vinci and his mural "The Last Supper"

Sunday Club **In the Parish Room, 10.30am St Andrew's** on the first Sunday of the month, 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 July

HUGS - Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability

Starling photo by Christophe Eyquem
Wikipedia Commons

Our feathered friends

The results of a new global assessment published at the end of last year, show that more than half of bird species globally are in decline. Here in the UK, we have wealth of citizen science data along with research studies that tell us that many of our bird species are declining even faster.
The category of birds declining most steeply since the 1970s are farmland birds down by 62% – corn buntings, turtle doves, tree sparrows and more. Intensive agriculture (and especially increasing pesticide and fertiliser use), lack of overwinter habitat like winter stubble and adequate hedging all play their part.

Woodland birds are down by a third over the same period, nightingales, wood warblers and others. Changes in woodland management and climate change are both drivers.
House sparrows, starlings and skylarks are some of the worst hit species and all are common to our local area here. UK gardens make up more space collectively than all of the nature reserves in the UK put together. If you want to help our local birdlife survive, here are some things you can do in your garden this summer –

- Create a wildflower patch – either plant one or just let grass grow long. This supports insects that birds rely on for food.
- Avoid using pesticides, the insect life you spare is then food for birds, especially caterpillars for the later broods of baby birds.
- Put out fresh water for birds every day.
- Leave cutting hedges and shrubs (plus any tree thinning work) until mid-January, just before they start budding again. Shorn and clipped hedges leave no place for birds and insects to shelter over winter. And when hedges are cut and trees removed in the nesting seasons it leads to unnecessary bird deaths.
- Don't cut back all seed heads at the end of summer – leave at least some for the seedeaters like sparrows to enjoy over autumn.
- Plan for autumn planting of native hedges – e.g. hawthorn, blackthorn and holly to give home and food to more birds in your garden.

www.hugsustainability.org

Date for your Diary – CAR BOOT SALE Sunday, 27th September

There will be a Car Boot Sale in aid of St Andrew's Church to be held at York Farm, West Hagbourne on 27th September from 10am to 2pm. Time to have a sort out!!
Full details on how to book a space to be in the next magazine.

Ladies Thirsty Thursday LTT meets on the third Thursday of each month at The Fleur at 7.30pm for a friendly drink and an opportunity to meet other ladies in the village. Everyone welcome – come along to the next gatherings on **Thursdays 16th July and 20th August.**

Tower Talk

We held a quarterly meeting of HSCR on Tuesday 2nd June in the tower. Practices are going well and are well attended.

Jill's training session on touches of Single Oxford Bob Triples went well on Saturday 13th June. After a shaky start we did manage to ring two short touches of the method so thank you for your patience, Jill.

Paul is organising a tower ringing outing on the afternoon of Saturday 18th July starting in Thame. We will finish the day by having a meal at The George Hotel in Dorchester. We are all looking forward to our outing.

The Church Fete was held on Saturday 20th June starting at 1:00 and was held in and around St Andrew's Church. The tower was open to the public again this year so that they could view the ringing chamber and then go on up to the belfry to view the eight bells. A big thank you to the team that made this possible, Jeff, Daniel, Ian and Di.

August is a quiet month; we have no weddings during July and August this year. Some of the team will be on their holidays but the bells will be rung as usual for Services and on practice nights. On Saturday 12th September we will be ringing our bells for the Wedding of one of our members, Matthew Addison.

Shirley Goss

Birthdays: 18th July – John Napper, 20th August – Julie Culley

SEA SUNDAY – 12th July Sea Sunday is the day each year when churches worldwide come together to pray for seafarers, and to support The Mission to Seafarers' frontline ministry to them. Seafarers are essential to everyday life, yet many work unseen, facing long periods away from home, isolation, and often dangerous conditions. Sea Sunday offers an opportunity to pause and give thanks for the men and women who keep our world moving.

The Mission to Seafarers works in ports across the world. In 2025 alone, it made over 48,000 ship visits, provided shore leave transport for more than 150,000 seafarers, and ran programmes on family support and suicide prevention. These moments of care — a visit on board, practical help ashore, or someone to listen — can make a profound difference to seafarers far from home.

For Sea Sunday 2026, the theme is 'Harbours of Hope: The Church Alongside Seafarer', inspired by Matthew 25. This theme celebrates the local church as a place of welcome, refuge, and hope - a community offering both spiritual and practical safety to those who work at sea. It invites congregations to reflect on how they can stand alongside seafarers through prayer, hospitality, generosity, and justice. https://www.missiontoseafarers.org

CHURCH ROTAS	5th July 5th Sunday after Trinity	19th July 7th Sunday after Trinity	2nd August 9th Sunday after Trinity	16th August 11th Sunday after Trinity	General Notes:
Readers	Genesis 24, vv 34-38, 42-49,58-end Andrew Kaye Romans 7 vv 15-25a Helen Clayson	Genesis 28 vv 10-19a Jeff Powell Romans 8 vv 12-25 Justine Shepperson	Genesis 32 vv 22-31 Trevor Goss Romans 9 vv 1-5 Shirley Goss	Genesis 45 vv 1-15 Myra Hardiman Romans 11 vv 1-2a, 29-32 Sally Duncan	*Volunteer flower arrangers and cleaners are in big demand. If you can help or know of someone who could help, please let us know. The more the merrier. It may mean that you are only called upon once a year!*
Intercessions	Celebrant	Celebrant	Celebrant	Celebrant	
Sidesmen	Myra Hardiman Jacqui Mackenzie	Chris Price Wendy Price	Sally Duncan Trevor Goss	Robin Harries Jane Blond	
Coffee	Marian Powell Gillian Harries	Jeff Powell Justine Shepperson	Shirley Goss Helen Clayson	Myra Hardiman Jenny Smith	
Flowers Lady Chapel	Coral Powell	Amanda & Alison	Jane Blond	Marian Powell	
Flowers High Altar	Gillian Harries	Wendy Price	Shirley Goss	Denise Horswell	

East Hagbourne Community Shop

For over 23 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 in 1 or 2 hours a month:
email Alice at alice.w.smith@gmail.com
or 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/

All invited to our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 30th July, 7:30pm, Hagbourne Village Hall

By now you have heard that the Ministers of Trade and Industry have declined to grant the parliamentary petition presented 18th May by our local MP, Olly Glover, to reverse the PO Ltd.'s decision to close the EH Community Branch PO. Whilst we were gratified that the Plunkett Foundation, who also supported our efforts, has apparently contacted Olly's office to discuss further action regarding this issue, unfortunately whatever actions they coordinate will not help our local village to regain our branch.

Over the past few months, the Shop Committee have been considering both the potential opportunities and possible challenges that this next chapter in our community history may present, and we look forward to sharing our thoughts and likely next steps for your feedback and insight at our AGM, along with the usual annual report on the fiscal and commercial health of the Shop. Please join us, and bring your questions and thoughts, and have a chat with the Operating Committee about the coming year over a light beverage, wine and nibbles.
Have your say, share your ideas, and learn how you can help our Community Shop to help our wider community to thrive, as a welcoming and useful amenity to our village and friendly neighbourhood hub

JULY & AUGUST SHOP SUMMER HOURS:

Shop: Mon to Fri 9am – 4pm; Sat 9am – 12:30pm

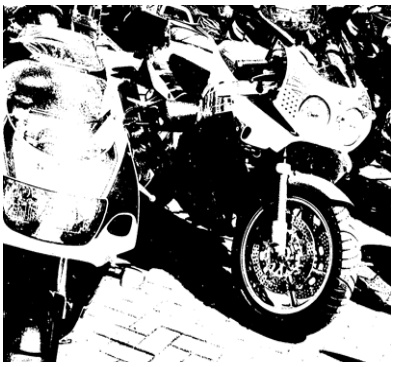
SWEET SUMMERTIME! Keep your cool with Magnums, Minis, Cornettos and other frozen treats, a cold drink or classic pick-and-mix sweets. What's for dinner? Choose from our high-quality frozen fish, Calnan's sausages or mince, Pie-licious pies or pizza to keep it easy-breezy in the summer heat. We also stock milk (including dairy-free!), local free-range eggs, local honey, homemade marmalade, a range of local artists' cards and household essentials. And check out our selection of locally authored and gently used books to while away a lazy summer day.

HERITAGE BAKERY AVAILABLE EACH SATURDAY Pre-order artisanal breads, savouries and pastries by 4pm Wednesday for collection the following Saturday! Order in Shop or by email to easthagbourneshop@gmail.com. Products and allergen details in Shop or at **easthagbourne.net**.

THURSDAY CAKE DAY! Mid-week pick-me-up or a weekend treat, stop in for one of our scrumptious homemade cakes every Thursday. Selections change weekly and come by early - they don't last long!

EXTRA VEG? Consider donating excess to the Shop where your high-quality produce will be sold for a modest sum, reducing waste and funding operating costs. Many thanks!

SAVE THE DATE: Hagbourne Village Produce & Craft Show, 6th September
Looking forward to seeing you at the annual Village Produce Show, where we'll bring along the best of our local goods plus our crowd-pleasing pick n' mix candies plus a prize basket for the raffle.



East Hagbourne Bike Night at the Fleur de Lys Monday 10th August at 3pm

Motorbike enthusiasts—bring your road bikes, sport bikes, vintage rides, and choppers.
Share stories, meet like-minded riders, and welcome anyone with a passion (or curiosity) for bikes.
Help make this year's our best yet. We have indoor and outside bars, BBQ, Pizza and music. **There's plenty of parking with a full road closure for bikes and pedestrians only.**

HAGBOURNE PRODUCE & CRAFT SHOW 2026

SHOW CATEGORIES & HOW TO ENTER

Sunday 6th September 2026

Entry drop off 9:00-11:00am | Show from 2:00-4:00pm | Hagbourne Village Hall

THE CATEGORIES

All home grown or homemade

VEGETABLES & FRUIT

VEGETABLES

- ★ Beans, potatoes: 4 of one variety
- ★ Beetroot, carrots, tomatoes (any variety - with calyx): 3 of one variety
- ★ Cucumbers, courgettes, chillies or peppers: 2 of one variety
- ★ Squash: 1 of any variety
- ★ Longest runner bean

~ ~ ~ **New Category** ~ ~ ~

Wonkiest Vegetable - any variety the wonkier the better!

FRUIT

- ★ Apples, pears, or plums: 3 of one variety
- ★ Bunch of grapes
- ★ Nuts: 4 of one variety
- ★ Berries: 8 of one variety

FLOWERS & POT PLANTS

FLOWERS

- ★ Flower arrangements in vases: Combined or single varieties
- ★ Specimen blooms (eg roses): single bloom
- ★ Flower arrangement in an unusual container
- ★ Miniature vase arrangement

POT PLANTS

- ★ Foliage indoor plant
- ★ Flowering indoor plant
- ★ Succulent or cactus

MIXED HERBS

- ★ Up to 6 varieties in a container

BAKING & PRESERVES

BAKING

- ★ Traybake (brownies, tiffin etc)
- ★ Layer cake
- ★ 5 scones (sweet or savoury)
- ★ 5 cupcakes
- ★ 5 decorated biscuits

PRESERVES

- ★ Jar of homemade jam, honey, marmalade or chutney

EGGS

- ★ Nest of 4 home laid chicken eggs

ARTS/CRAFTS

- ★ Anything (portable!) paintings, models, photos, craft items, knitting, crochet, pottery etc

CHILDREN *(UNDER 11)*

- ★ Animal vegetable (any vegetables/fruits constructed to make an animal)
- ★ Celebrity vegetable (any vegetables/fruits constructed to look like a celebrity)
- ★ Garden on a plate
- ★ Any arts and crafts

HOW TO ENTER

Entry is free!

All entries must be home grown or homemade

Bring entries to the Hagbourne Village Hall between 9-11am. If you have lots of entries, please come earlier at 8.30am.

No Entry Forms needed!

PRIZES & CUPS AWARDED!

DONATIONS

If a profit is made, a donation will be made to a local community group or charity

COMMUNITY CUP

Awarded to a person who has made a major contribution to the community

Comments from the East Hagbourne Parish Council Chairman

Roadworks You have certainly been aware of the extensive road works and resurfacing on Blewbury Road and part of New Road. Several people have remarked that Main Road between the village and Coscote is arguably in a worse state and should have had priority for resurfacing.
We have been talking with the County Council for some time trying to get significant work done on the Coscote Road. Apparently, there are a range of criteria for the prioritization.
These include: The classification of the road. Blewbury/New are a B road, Main Road is unclassified. The traffic volumes are not at a threshold. Indeed, in the data collected recently (after full occupation of St Andrews Crescent) for positioning of speed signage, traffic was around half the threshold. Other metrics are the number of buses and the number of Fix My Street requests.
I mention the former below and mention again that it really is important to report any road issues, not only potholes of depth greater than 40mm, to Fix My Street (www.fixmystreet.com).

Bus services in the village Our Parish Transport Representative, Joy Napper, and David Bellchamber from OCC have been discussing the placement of bus stops in the village. The old days of stop on demand are no longer supported so it is important to get more bus stops in the village to reduce distances people have to travel to the nearest stop. The discussion is going well although final approval is still needed with OCC and the bus companies. At the moment, on the proposal list are: Stops in both directions on New Road near the Crescent, Stops in both directions by Parsonage Lane on Main Road, Stop at bus shelter by War Memorial for going out of village and hopefully another coming in but nearer to Higgs Close. Stop by the lay by at bottom of Blewbury Road, and the existing one in both directions further up Blewbury Road.
Noting that only one sign is needed if the stop is in both directions.
Other locations, for example near Upper Cross have been proposed but have been refused because of traffic and safety concerns. Having a stop near the new housing at St Andrew's Crescent is still being discussed. The long term hope might be that better provision and clarity of stops might encourage more people to use this facility and, in the future, more bus provision, perhaps helping our Main Road resurfacing prioritization. And talking of the bus shelter, it will soon house some marvellous artwork from our resident artist, Linda Benton.

Speed Signage At last night's (18th June) Parish Council meeting decisions were taken to go ahead with getting the poles installed by OCC and for us to purchase and install the Speed Signs. Hopefully, these should be in place in the summer: on the entries to the village on Main Road and Blewbury Road, to complement the one already after the entry on New Road, and two in both directions in Blewbury Road and one coming into the village in the 20mph zone on New Road.
The signs will enable us to monitor speeds and inform both us and a future Speedwatch team.

Post Office The minister has answered the parliamentary petition with the normal comment that they don't intervene in particular cases, but his tone is quite sympathetic leading our MP's Team to contemplate keeping the campaign going.

Parish Surgeries I will not be holding any parish surgery in July and presently do not plan any for August. I will, however, no doubt be in the Fleur and around the village so feel free to contact me in person or by email (iain.duff@easthagbourne.net), or indeed the clerk **or any other councillor should you have any concerns.**

Parish Council meetings The next meeting of East Hagbourne Parish Council will be held in the Pavilion in the Recreation Ground starting at 7.30pm on Thursday 16th July. Members of the public are welcome, indeed encouraged; to attend the meeting and the agenda is posted on the Parish Council noticeboard outside the Community Shop and on the village website https://easthagbourne.net/parish-council/meetings-minutes-agendas/ at least three clear days before the meeting. There will be no Council meeting in August.
Although I often ask the clerk or a council member to review parts of this page, and I am grateful for any improvements, this is not a formal or even approved article from the Parish Council. I accept full responsibility for any errors or omissions, and do please alert me to any you find! Iain Duff.

East Hagbourne Parish Council

NEWSLETTER No.286 – July/August 2026

CONTACT DETAILS:
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Telephone: 07891 551 851
Email: parishclerk@easthagbourne.net

PUBLIC ART PROJECTS – UPDATE

Lower Cross: The artwork for the bus shelter by Linda Benton is almost complete and should be installed in the newly refurbished bus shelter early this Summer.

Recreation Ground: The nature-inspired decorative metal gates by Julie Grose are being safely stored until their installation after the pavilion car park resurfacing is complete.

St Andrew's Crescent: The sculpture project is now in the early stages of discussion with stone carver Alex Wenham.

These Public Art projects are fully funded by developer contributions from the St Andrew's Development (S106 agreement). This funding is legally ring-fenced specifically for public art and community enhancement.

CHAIRMAN'S SURGERIES – ON A SUMMER BREAK!

There will be no surgeries in July and August, but we are still here – please contact the Clerk, Chair or any Councillor if you have concerns or queries relating to matters in the parish.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE:

SOFEA Didcot Community Larder is open on Thursdays.
Didcot Emergency Foodbank is open at Didcot Baptist Church on Tuesdays and Fridays.
First Steps Baby Bank at Didcot Baptist Church on Tuesdays and Fridays.
Cost Of Living Crisis An SODC page with a range of advice and support.
The Community Hub can assist with isolation and financial help.
Warm Welcome Space at Didcot Library, click the link for opening times and other nearby venues

Hagbourne Charities – hagbourne.charities@gmail.com or 01235 814024

East and West Hagbourne Fund – Contact David Stainthorp on 07711 802887 or email hagbournevillagefund@gmail.com

East Hagbourne (Coronavirus) Community Support Group - 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.

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

https://powertrack.ssen.co.uk/powertrack for information on planned/unplanned power cuts.

https://www.thameswater.co.uk/contact-us/report-a-problem to report issues to Thames Water.

Planning applications received since the last newsletter: None

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 16th July 2026 at The Pavilion, Great Mead. There will be no Parish Council meeting in August.

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

Didcot Health Centre – There will be an **Annual General Meeting** of the **Patient Participation Group** at **Didcot Health Centre** on **Wednesday 15th July at 7:30**. The meeting will be held in the Health Centre in the main waiting room downstairs. All Health Centre patients are invited to this meeting, come along and find out what is happening at your Health Centre and the problems that face medical practices locally and what they are trying to do to improve the situation.

TABLE TENNIS at the Hagbourne Pavilion Join our friendly table-tennis groups at the Pavilion at the Recreation Ground for exercise and fun:

Tuesday mornings 10am to 12noon, £3 per session. All ages, skills, welcome; bats available. New players would be most welcome. Session fee waived for introductory session. More info from Julian 01235 813599 jgallop@freeuk.com
and Anthony 01235 511920 aannanjones@gmail.com

Wednesday evenings 7:30-9:30pm contact Adrian Coles 0771135001 1adrian.coles@gmail.com

HAGBOURNE BOWLS CLUB Hagbourne Bowls Club is a friendly inclusive club and welcomes members old and new to the Club House in the heart of East Hagbourne village. We are open from April to September. Club nights are Monday evenings, why not come along – a warm welcome awaits you. https://hagbournebowls.co.uk

FOOTBALL in East Hagbourne: Hagbourne United FC plays regularly at East Hagbourne at the Recreation Ground and welcomes new men and youth players.
Contacts: John Symonds 07831 714076 jesymonds29@gmail.com
or Keith Davies 07810 504155 keithdavies4@hotmail.co.uk

Tai Chi Classes

I am running a Tai Chi class in West Hagbourne, it is small and personal, and we have a first-class teacher with over 30 years' experience, it is for health and mobility. Any ages welcome. It is on a Monday afternoon from 3.45 – 4.45pm and runs continuously except for the teacher's holiday and Bank Holidays. Payment is in 6 weeks blocks, individual classes can be taken if unable to make all six, at a slightly higher cost. All booked in advance. Maximum in class 12.
For further details please contact Sue Lay on 07900010367 – text or WhatsApp.

Hagbourne Barn Dance Club

an evening of Traditional English Dance is usually held on the third Friday of the month at the Hagbourne Village Hall at 8pm to 11pm. Please bring your own mug and plate, saves on the washing up!
Next session: 17th July.

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 Hagbourne Village Hall. Please contact sue.somani@sky.com 07748 771188

Lunar Kites set controls for Doctor Who gig on 5th July at The Fleur

Following the success of last summer's Doctor Who-themed concert in East Hagbourne, space rockers Lunar Kites are set to do it all again in 2026. This year's gig will take place at the Fleur de Lys pub at 3pm on Sunday 5th July, outside event – no tickets required.
The event marks the anniversary of the Tom Baker story, *The Android Invasion*, which was filmed in East Hagbourne in July 1975.

"We were delighted with how many people - Whovians and non fans alike - turned out for last year's gig at East Hagbourne village hall. So, we thought we'd jump into our Tardis and set the coordinates for 2026," said guitarist Tim Masters, who lives in West Hagbourne. "We're excited that this year's venue will be the Fleur de Lys pub, which was used as a key location in *The Android Invasion*. We hope our show will send the audience swirling with delight into the time-space vortex."

The other band members, from across Oxfordshire, are Roger Bowley (bass), Andrew Findlay (drums), Jason Foster (guitar) and Antonio Serrano (vocals).

Bus service to the Churchill, Nuffield and Warneford Hospitals

The bus to catch for any of these hospitals from the centre of 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. Those stops work whether you're connecting from Didcot with the Thames Travel X32 or, quicker but more walking, using the train from Didcot. The set down points are announced on the bus; for the Warneford, Warneford Road; for the Churchill, Roosevelt Drive; for the Nuffield, the stop is further on, called Lime Walk, and is actually in Old Road near the Old Road entrance to the hospital. **The website for the 15** is https://www.oxfordbus.co.uk/services/OXBC/15, where you can also find a useful bus map and even live information. When using the X32 to Oxford, it's also possible to connect with the 15 near the Police Station, generally fewer people trying to get on at once.

Thames Travel bus service to Oxford and 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 - every 20 minutes. It then goes to GWP South and down Wantage Road, past Didcot Hospital, to the Orchard Centre, Station, and on to Oxford and the JR.

Useful extra 94 bus on Saturdays There is a bus, just on Saturdays, at 8.45am from the Lower Cross East Hagbourne to the Didcot Orchard Centre and Didcot Station.

Didcot and District University of the Third Age

Learn, Laugh, Live! if you are retired or semi-retired why not consider meeting up with like-minded individuals and enjoy a healthy, convivial walk or learn to play an instrument, exchange horticultural ideas in a gardening group, or try one of the Wine Appreciation groups, then consider joining the Didcot & District U3A with over 30 Interest Groups there must be something for You! Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 2.30pm at Didcot Civic Hall. Visitors are welcome to come to one meeting as a taster before joining.
The next talk on Tuesday 21st July by Dr Kathryn Harkup explores the poisons used in Agatha Christie novels. Then on Tuesday, 18th August, we will have a talk on The Flanders and Swann Story by James Mitchell and James Williams
For more information: https://www.didcot.u3asite.uk/

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
and Shirley Goss – 815605 shirley.goss@btinternet.com

Didcot Festival of Culture Saturday 11th July from 10am to 3pm Cornerstone Arts Centre and their courtyard

Didcot comes together to celebrate culture and community
Everyone is invited to come together for a vibrant celebration of culture and community at the Didcot Festival of Cultures on Saturday 11th July. The festival is a free, family friendly day of performances, workshops and food, running from 10am to 3pm at Cornerstone Arts Centre and their courtyard outside. The event has been funded by Didcot Town Council, South Oxfordshire District Council, Healthy Didcot, Cornerstone Arts Centre and organised in partnership with Didcot Interfaith Group. Over the past two decades, Didcot has grown into a diverse town, welcoming people from across the UK and around the world.

On festival day, Cornerstone and the courtyard outside will be filled with live music, dance, workshops, food stalls and family-friendly activities inspired by traditions and cultures from across Britain and around the world. Visitors can also enjoy a range of free workshops, including the chance to try traditional Turkish marbling art and create colourful patterns to take home, as well as an African drumming workshop and performances by the Military Wives Choir.

Local Bus Service 94 and 94A beween Didcot, East and West Hagbourne, Upton via Blewbury, Aston Upthorpe and South and North Moreton.

Mondays to Fridays (except Public Holidays)

This journey starts at St Birinus School on school days only.

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West Hagbourne The Horse & Harrow				0905								1725			
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West Hagbourne The Horse & Harrow	0646	0739	0752		0931	1028	↓	1228	↓	1428	1603		1749	1838	↓
Upton Village Hall	0648	0741	0754		0933	1030	1133	1230	1333	1430	1605		1751	1840	1943
Blewbury The Blueberry	0653	0746	0759		0938	1035	1138	1235	1338	1435	1610		1756	1845	1948
Aston Upthorpe The Chequers	↓	0755	0808		↓	1044	↓	1244	↓	1444	1619		↓	1854	↓
South Moreton The Crown	↓	0801	0814		↓	1050	↓	1250	↓	1450	1625		↓	1900	↓
North Moreton Bus Shelter	↓	0805	0818		↓	1054	↓	1254	↓	1454	1629		↓	1904	↓
East Hagbourne War Memorial	0700	↓	↓		0945	↓	1145	↓	1345	↓	↓		1803	↓	1955
Didcot Sandringham Road, Saxons Way	0704	↓	↓		0948	↓	1148	↓	1348	↓	↓		1806	↓	1958
Didcot Orchard Centre	0710	0812	0826		0954	1102	1154	1302	1354	1502	1637		1812	1912	2004
Didcot Parkway Railway Station	0715	↓	0831		0959	1107	1159	1307	1359	1507	1642		1817	1917	2009
Didcot Girls' School		0820													
Didcot St Birinus School		0828													

This journey operates during school holidays only.

This journey operates on school days only.
Buses set down for the Orchard Centre on Broadway.

Saturdays

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Upton Village Hall	0754		0933	1030	1133	1230	1333	1430	1533	1630	1733	1830	1933
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South Moreton The Crown	0814		↓	1050	↓	1250	↓	1450	↓	1650	↓	1850	↓
North Moreton Bus Shelter	0818		↓	1054	↓	1254	↓	1454	↓	1654	↓	1854	↓
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Didcot Sandringham Road, Saxons Way	↓	0848	0948	↓	1148	↓	1348	↓	1548	↓	1748	↓	1948
Didcot Orchard Centre	0826	0854	0954	1102	1154	1302	1354	1502	1554	1702	1754	1902	1954
Didcot Parkway Railway Station	0831	0859	0959	1107	1159	1307	1359	1507	1559	1707	1759	1907	1959

No service on Sundays or Public Holidays

To look up timetables for all bus services please visit: www.oxfordbus.co.uk
There are some printed timetables in the Community Shop. Buses from the Orchard Centre, Didcot, go to Wallingford, Henley, Wantage, Abingdon and Newbury.

Please use our local 94 and 94A bus to help keep the Service going.

Didcot Emergency Foodbank – food donations urgently needed.

If you are able to donate, these are some of the items most needed: Tins of meat, fish, vegetables, soup, fruit, puddings; Jars of pasta sauces, jam, peanut butter, coffee (small); Packets of pasta, rice, packets of dried potato, breakfast cereals, biscuits, treats, tea, hot chocolate; Cartons of long-life milk and long-life juice; Toiletries, toilet rolls and clothes-wash items. NO alcohol, razors, medicines or homemade preserves. **There is a collection point at Sainsbury's in Didcot**.
All donations are gratefully appreciated.
If you need to use the Foodbank 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 or use the contact form on the website.

SEPTEMBER 2026 PARISH MAGAZINE

Please let us have copy for the September parish magazine by
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Thank you, the magazine committee.

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