Churches Together in Harborough

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AN INVITATION TO THE **ELDERBERRIES** OPEN MORNING 21 OCTOBER 1000-1200

Lenthall House Garden, Lenthall Square, Market Harborough.







We need new volunteers to join in at Elderberries - could this be you?

Come and join us in a beautiful mature garden growing vegetables, fruit trees, soft fruits, cut flowers and roses. A perfect place to work, learn and relax alongside a friendly team of gardeners and enthusiastic volunteers.

Some of our Volunteers may be referred from NHS Social Prescribers or Adult Social Services.

We would love more volunteers from The Harborough Anglican Team and Churches Together Harborough to join us on a Thursday afternoon to help build community and love our neighbours.

Fresh air, nature, peaceful setting for an afternoon in the garden(tea and sometimes cake included!).

You do not need any prior experience, just an interest in gardens or the natural world, and enjoy working with a team of like-minded people.

The Elderberries Gardening Club is run as an outreach project by the Harborough Anglican Team.

We currently meet on THURSDAY afternoons 1400-1600 during the gardening season, (March – October) at Lenthall House Garden, Lenthall Square, Market Harborough. (what 3 words – defers.unite.cyber).

We would love to meet you, feel free to come along on the 21st October if you would like to see what we do and discover more.

For more information or questions, contact: rob@harborough-anglican.org.uk

FAIRTRADE CHALLENGE

The seventh year of the Kilombero Rice Challenge is beginning! Market Harborough Fairtrade Town invite you to buy this Good Taste-awarded white and brown rice. Every 90Kg sold pays for a year of secondary education for 1 child of a Malawian Rice Farmer. And every year so far, people in and around Market Harborough have bought at least 3 x 90Kg; that's three children's progress in education. Can we do even better in 2023?

You may find that your church is selling the rice. Or contact us if your workplace or community group would like to be involved.

Website fairtrademarketharborough.org.uk

Bower House Firewalk Fundraiser – November 24th
Cara and Loraine (The Bower House Service coordinators) are firewalking for the Bower House in November. If you would like to sponsor them, please visit the Bower House or their 'Just Giving' page at WWW.JUSTGIVING.COM/PAGE/BOWERHOUSEFIREWALK
They are hoping to raise £1500. (This amount would pay for 60 counselling sessions for those that need to access counselling but are experiencing financial challenges.) Thank you for your support!
(Firewalking is a practice that involves walking on a bed of hot coals or embers and has been used for centuries to test physical and mental limits and explore the relationship between fear, fire, and belief. Certified Firewalking Instructors will give a presentation, sharing their knowledge and experiences with the group. Following the presentation, participants are invited to walk across the coals, prepared by a team of professional instructors and tenders.)

Can you help? Bower House volunteer cleaner
The Bower House is seeking a volunteer cleaner (approximately 4 hours a week) to clean the house during the hours that it is closed – either at the weekend, before 9am or after 6pm. This can be split between volunteers and over different days. If anyone is able to serve in this way we would be very grateful. Please contact the Bower House on 01858 469257 and ask for either Cara or Loraine. Thank you!

The Bower House Christmas Coffee Morning – December 2nd at Market Harborough Theatre
The Bower House Christmas Coffee Morning will take place at Harborough Theatre on the 2nd December - 9:30-12pm. There will be stalls, a tombola, tea, coffee and bacon 'buttys', as well as some delicious sweet treats. Please save the date – the Bower House Team would love to see you there.

Cara Thompson

COMMUNICATIONS HELP NEEDED

We need someone to take over the communications role for CTH. The role is not huge and involves organising the rota for the weekly Church Talk

column in the *Harborough Mail* and forwarding contributions (with any minor adjustments needed) to the appropriate staff at the newspaper. It also involves compiling the occasional CTH newsletter from submitted information, and occasionally producing reports or alerts for the *Mail*, Harborough FM, and the CTH website Some communications experience might be helpful but is not necessary – some mentoring would be available. If you or anyone you know in your church might be able to consider this, please contact the current Communications Officer Derek Williams on communications@harboroughchurches.org.uk

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