Churches Together in Harborough

Newsletter April 2025

Please pass on this information to your church in any appropriate way. Please check our website for any updates.

EASTER LIVE on the Square.
Good Friday 18th April 2025 11am -1pm.
The story of Easer with live music, family activities, face painting artisan food and drink, stories, drama, and much more.

Churches Together Worship & Prayer Nights.
Sunday 6th April 6pm @ Harborough Community Church. A time for the Church in Harborough to come Together To Worship God and pray for our Town with special on the Easter Live Event.

Friday Lent Lunches 4th &11th April
Time: 12.30 - 1300. Reflections on the theme -**Journey's of Faith.**
Venue: Baptist Church, Coventry Rd.
Light lunch after the service of Soup, bread, Tea, coffee & Cake.
Suggested donation of £5.00. See attached poster.

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Please see attached poster for more details. Final session Saturday 5th April 10.15am-12.30pm. Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church, Octagonal Hall, Fairfield Rd.

Torch Trust

Dear Friends,
You are invited to our monthly coffee morning every third Thursday of each month, at Torch House from **10:30am – 12:30pm.**
Our next coffee morning will be on **Thursday 17th April.**

Do come along for tea, coffee and cake. At around 11:30 we'll have a time of worship and prayer.
There's no need to book, just turn up, please invite your friends and you will be assured of a very warm welcome!
We do hope that you will be able to join us on **17th April.**

An Evening with Christian singer / songwriter Philippa Hanna at HCC on Saturday May 17th.

Tickets are 12 pounds with 100% of the ticket price going to Myra's Wells, an organisation that has provided over 300 fresh water drinking wells in Burkina Faso.

You can book tickets by clicking this link https://hc.churchsuite.com/events/fdj2tea0 or by scanning the QR code in the advert.
Harborough Christian Counselling Service (The Bower House) would really like to hear from you if... you would like to volunteer as a support worker you are a professional counsellor or clinical supervisor you have an interest in fundraising or have other skills you'd like to offer. Build your CV, use your skills to help others and be part of a supportive community!
Find out more at: bowerhousecounselling.org (O1858) 469257
We look forward to hearing from you!

Induction of new minister for the Congregational church.

On 22nd of February, friends from across the country travelled to Market Harborough Congregational Church to share in the induction service for our new minister, Rev. Roo MacRae. The service was led by Yvonne Campbell, General Secretary of the Congregational Federation, with an apt sermon preached by Rev. Sara Iles. During the service our Secretary gave a narrative of the vacancy and Roo a testimony about his calling. Members of the Congregation laid hands as he was inducted, with members of the church and Maureen Douglas from Churches Together welcoming Roo with the right hand of fellowship. Members of his former Church and Congregational Churches in Scotland, where he was Chair of the Congregational Federation in Scotland, also gave the right hand of fellowship. The service was hopeful, joyous and marked with fantastic singing and a real sense of the Spirit's presence. Afterwards, there was a bountiful spread which was enjoyed by members and visitors.

From Roo,"I want to say a huge thank you to Churches Together for their kind and warm welcome. The Congregational Church has always sought to work with our brothers and sisters in other Churches in the town, and I'm delighted there are such warm and strong links. I've loved worshipping together in the Lent services, meeting folks in other Churches and getting to know each other better. I look forward to serving Jesus together, sharing the Good News with our town and am praying the Holy Spirit will be poured out upon us to restore, refresh and revive us for the glory of God."

Homelessness Information

Jubilee Foodbank Market Harborough

Please let me know if you would like an emergency homeless food parcel at your church (or if your current parcel is out of date).

If you need our most up-to-date information about referring to Jubilee Foodbank, please email jubileefoodbankmh@gmail.com

Harborough District Council and Homelessness

Emergency out of hours

Contact number outside office hours is **01858 828282**

- after the announcement it will ask you to hold-on the call and you will be automatically transferred to our out of hours service.

Streetlink

Raise an alert with Streetlink whenever you are aware of a homeless person. (Call 999 if the person is in immediate danger, needs medical assistance, is under 18 or is with someone who is under 18.) https://thestreetlink.org.uk/start

Help for rough sleepers in the district | Homelessness | Harborough District Council

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We are grateful for your donations. Thank you for your support.

To support our store team, please ensure donated food is in date and unopened.

Thank you, Liz Mills
@jubileefoodbankmh
www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk
Registered Charity Number: 1202589

The next newsletter will be issued in May. Please send any information to Maureen Douglas at maureen.e.douglas@btinternet.com Please note that your contribution may be reduced or edited according to the space available. We are unable to reproduce posters.

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DATES & TIMES

SATURDAYS: 15, 22, 29, MARCH

SATURDAY 5 APRIL

PLEASE BRING A BIBLE, NEW TESTAMENT or THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

10.15am for a 10.30am start

10.30am to 11.15am Talk, followed by discussion

11.15am to 11.30am Break

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12.15pm to 12.30pm Silent Prayer

12.30pm Lunch (Bring your own. Tea/Coffee provided)

There are no charges, but voluntary donations to defer expenses may be given

The meetings will be held in in the Catholic Church in Market Harborough

Further information from Father Chris O'Connor, (462359) or Peter Green (414964)(email: green853@btinternet.com)

AN EVENING WITH
PHILIPPA HANNA

MAY 17 2025 - 7PM



RAISING FUNDS FOR Myra's Wells

AND THEIR WORK IN BUILDING

WELLS FOR THE PEOPLE OF

BURKINA FASO

TICKETS £12 -

BOOK NOW!

Grace Communion church.
Easter Sunday service, 4pm. Our church is at 9 The Point, Market Harborough, LE16 7QU. There will be a meal afterwards so if staying for me, helpful but not essential for us to know.

We are doing a community outreach meal and games on Monday 21/4/25 from 1-3pm and that will be at the Scout Hut on Coventry Rd. Guests and volunteers welcome, please do share my number freely for any of the above - 07799 377028.

St Mary's Catholic Church Husbands Bosworth.
Holy Week
Tuesday- 9:30am Morning Prayer. 10am Mass
Wednesday 6:30pm Evening Prayer 10am Mass
Holy Thursday 7:30pm Mass of the Lords Supper
Holy Saturday 8pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday 10am Holy Mass

Our Lady Of Victories Catholic Church
Thursday 10th April . Penitential service with visiting confessors 7.30pm
Palm Sunday Sat 6.00pm & 10.00am(with Blessing of Palms and Procession)
Wednesday: Chrism Mass 11.30am Nottingham Cathedral
Maundy Thursday 7.00pm
Good Friday: Liturgy of the Passion 3.00pm; Stations of the Cross 7.00pm
Easter vigil: 8.00pm - First Mass of Easter: Mother of all Masses
Easter Sunday: 10.00am

Methodist Church Northampton Rd.

Sunday 13th (Palm Sunday) 10:15am Revd. Brian Kennard

Monday 14th 12pm Coffee Lounge Helen and Maggie

Tuesday 15th 12pm Coffee Lounge Helen and Maggie

Wednesday 16th 12pm Coffee Lounge Helen and Maggie

Thursday 17th 7pm Maundy Thursday Communion Revd.

Trevor Thomas

Friday 18th 10am Good Friday contemplative worship.

Chris Hodgson followed by Easter Live on the Square 10.30am

Sunday 20th 10:15am Easter Communion Celebration. Revd. Trevor Thomas

EASTER 2025

At Market Harborough Baptist Church

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday 13th April, 10am
Including an Easter Fellowship Lunch, 12noon

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday 17th April, 7:30pm
Including Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY

Easter Live on the Square Festival, 11:00am-1pm
Good Friday Service, 3pm (MHBC)

HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday 19th April, 10:30am
A Time To Remember

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 20th April, 10am
All-Age Service with a Baptism

www.mhbaptistchurch.org

Market Harborough Congregational Church

Easter Services & Celebrations

- **Palm Sunday 13th April MHCC Chapel 10.30 am**

Service including making an Easter Garden on the Steps with families & children.

- **Friday 18th April MHCC Jubilee Hall 5.30pm**

  Passover Meal :- All welcome. A hot evening meal will be provided. There will be an informal communion within the meal.

Please let us know if you are coming and if you have any special dietary requirements.

Suggested donations of £10- although 'pay what you can' applies-all welcome.

- **Easter Day Sunday 20th April MHCC**

Easter Day Breakfast 9.30am Jubilee Hall Free and All Welcome *Please let us know if you would like to attend so that we can cater.*

Communion 10.00am Jubilee Hall

Easter Day Service MHCC **Chapel** 10.30 am

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2025 11TH - 17TH MAY

- **Sunday 11th May Christian Aid Service** MHCC Chapel 10.30 am
- **Saturday 17th May Christian Aid 'On The Steps'** family activities 10-11.30am
- **Saturday 31st May CHRISTIAN AID BIG BREKKIE** MHCC Jubilee Hall 10-11.13 am All Welcome

See attached poster



Christian Aid Week 11th - 17th May 2025

Big Brekkie

Christian Aid Week this year is from **11th - 17th May 2025** and our Church main event is as usual **The Big Brekkie** a full English or Continental Big Brekkie together, a time when friends from our congregation and Churches Together Harborough are invited to come and share a delicious cooked breakfast, paying what you would like to donate or can afford.

Please put this date in your diaries and plan to breakfast all together for Christian Aid at the Big Brekkie on **Saturday 31st May from 10.00am – 11.30am.**

A payment of £5 is the suggested cost of the meal but anything more will be gratefully received; and anyone is welcome to pay whatever they can afford.



Holy Week

Harborough Anglican Team
ROOTED RESPONDING REACHING

Stations of the Cross

7pm

Monday 14th April at St Hugh

Maundy Thursday

7pm

Eucharist at St Dionysius

Agape Meal and Watch at St Hugh

Agape Meal at St Peter andSt Paul

Good Friday

Last Hour before the Cross

2pm

All Saints, St Dionysius,
St Nicholas, St Peter & St Paul

Easter Saturday

5pm

Graveside service at St Mary in Arden

8pm

Vigil at St Dionysius