Churches Together in Harborough

Newsletter December 2025

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

St Dionysius Christmas Tree Festival

Friday 28th November to Tuesday 2nd December

Step into the church and discover a magical collection of Trees decorated by local businesses and community organisations. Funds raised helps St Dionysius church and Harborough District Children's and Young peoples charity.
See attached leaflet for details of dates & times .

ECO CHRISTMAS TREE which HARBOROUGH ECO CHURCHES will be putting into the Christmas Tree Festival, open to the public in St Dionysius Church from November 28th to December 2nd.
The tree itself is made from pieces of pallet wood. The decorations are a mix of natural greenery, Fairtrade items and handcrafted baubles made from things that would otherwise go into the recycling bin.
The message of the tree is that Christmas and New Year generate huge amounts of waste which goes into landfill and accelerates global warming. People will be encouraged to think about alternative ways of showing love during this period: giving time, being good company, making good conversation, sharing food, sharing fun, reaching out to the lonely and forgotten.

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Meanwhile, the ECO CHURCH team at the Parish of the Transfiguration (St Hugh and St Nicholas churches) will have an entry in the CHRISTMAS SONG FESTIVAL which takes place at St Hugh on Saturday and Sunday, November 29th and 30th. The group is working with the lyrics to 'Don't they know it's Christmastime', the best-selling Live Aid song from 1984 which brought the famine in Ethiopia into the public view and raised £140million, half of which was spent on food and half on long-term development.
The eco team's table-top tableau will show two huts in Malawi, by many measurements the poorest country in the world and dramatically affected by climate change. The first hut will show the problems of using an open wood fire for heating and cooking. Women spend hours each day to feed the fire. Their health suffers because of constantly being exposed to smoke. And small children often get terrible

burns by falling into the flames. The second hut shows a home with the support of a small charity called Mbedza, which has built a safe eco-stove, which runs on about a quarter of the wood and is much safer. And outside the hut are a small grove of trees – planted and nurtured in nurseries by Mbedza and then distributed to villagers.
The Malawian hut tableau is entirely made using pre-used/unwanted items … cardboard boxes, corks, yogurt cartons, bottle tops, wrapping paper, leftover paints … all transformed with a bit of crafting skill.

Market Harborough Fairtrade Town

Gifts that are Fairtrade and have a local connection. Available from Louisa's Place, Emerson and West, Great Bowden Post Office and shop, MH Methodist Church stall in the foyer.

Market Harborough Baptist Church

30th November 3pm Christmas Messy Church

Friday 5th December - Open for Christmas Fayre 5-8pm with a place of peace and refreshments in The Sanctuary and Family crafts in the Cafe space

Sunday 7th of December 6pm - Worship and Prayer evening

Sunday 14th December 6pm - Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 21st December 4pm - Christingle Service

Saturday 17th January 9am- 10:30am - Ladies Breakfast, open to all ladies in all churches with Special Guest Esther Wright of Esthers promise, talking about faith and forgiveness, £5 pp, pay on the day. contact admin@mhbaptistchurch.org to book your space.

Congregational church

Friday 5th December 5.30-7.30 Christmas Fayre – on the steps. Christmas activities for children and refreshments with carol singing throughout the evening.
Friday 12th December 9.45 am Crib Chaos (Toddlers' Service)
Friday 12th 1.30pm Ridgeway Carol Service,
Sunday 14th December 10.30am Pop up Nativity Service
Sunday 21st December 4pm Carols with Candlelight

Sunday 21st December 6pm Blue Sunday for those who find Christmas difficult
Thursday 25th December 10am at MHCC United Service with the Baptists and Methodists

Upcoming events at The Cube, Symington Recreation Ground, St Marys Road, Market Harborough

Christmas Cracker Family Event
Saturday 6th December from 2.00 to 4.00pm
Crafts, Refreshments, Treasure Hunt, Sensory Play and Santa!
For tickets go to **https://www.tickettailor.com/events/harboroughyouthcommunitytrust/1867029**

Our Lady ofVictories Catholic Church.

A Journey through Advent with Fr John Farrell OP

Using the daily lectionary readings at mass to guide us through the Advent Season. Saturday December 6th, Saturday December 13th, Saturday December 20th.
10.30am (coffee) to 12.30pm (when some share a light lunch together.) There are no charges, but voluntary donations to defer expenses may be given. The meetings will be held in in the Catholic Church Octagonal Hall in Market Harborough. There will be parking in the School playground.

Torch Christmas Carol Service - Thursday 11 December 2025, 2pm

Our annual Christmas Carol Service will be held on 11 December at 2pm, with refreshments provided afterwards. We look forward to welcoming you to Torch House, Torch Way, Market Harborough LE16 9HL or you can tune in from anywhere via Zoom or our livestream on YouTube via our 'Torch Trust on Video' channel.

To join via Zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85641163967?pwd=T29lWmVaQ2NKNnFHMlFmbEYya1V5dz09

Meeting ID: 856 4116 3967

Passcode: 904610

To join via telephone:

0203 481 5240

0203 901 7895

Via our YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/@torchtrustonvideo

Jubilee Foodbank Market Harborough

If you are planning an additional Christmas food drive, please let us know as early as possible using the Jubilee gmail address so that we can arrange collections as early as possible. This avoids last minute pressures on our volunteers.
Also if you need our most up-to-date information about referring to Jubilee Foodbank, please email jubileefoodbankmh@gmail.com
Liz Mills
Chair, Jubilee Foodbank Market Harborough

Homelessness Information
Please let us know if you would like an emergency homeless food parcel at your church (or if your current parcel is
out of date): 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

The next newsletter will be issued in January. 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.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

At St Dionysius' Church, Market Harborough

Step into the church and discover a magical collection of trees, decorated by local businesses and community organisations. Funds raised help St Di's, and Harborough District Children's and Young People's Charity.

- Live music performances
- Children's author workshop
- Refreshments
- Children's trail

Fri 28th November 1pm-8pm

Sat 29th November 11am-5pm

Sun 30th November 1pm-5pm

Mon 1st December 11am-5pm

Tue 2nd December 11am-5pm

£3 entry (children free)
includes prize draw
programme



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St Dionysius,
Market Harborough
Part of the Harborough Anglican Team
ROOTED RESPONDING REACHING

Christmas Services

at Market Narborough Baptist Church

CHRISTMAS FAYRE
A PLACE OF PEACE & FAMILY CRAFTS
FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER 5-8PM

WORSHIP & PRAYER
SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER 6PM

ADVENT SUNDAYS
30TH NOVEMBER, 7TH, 14TH, & 21ST DECEMBER 10AM

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER 6PM

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER 4PM

CHRISTMAS DAY SHARED SERVICE
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 10AM



Join us to celebrate Advent and Christmas

All regular services continue as normal unless otherwise stated. See website or church noticeboards for more details.
www.harborough-anglican.org.uk

Harborough Anglican Team
ROOTED RESPONDING REACHING

★ Suitable for children

Christmas Tree Festival at St Dionysius ★
Friday 28th 1-8pm and Sunday 30th Nov 1 - 5pm
Saturday 29th Nov, Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd Dec 11am - 5pm

Christmas Song Festival at St Hugh ★
Saturday 29th Nov 10am - 4pm
Sunday 30th Nov 12 - 3pm

Sunday 30th November

3.30pm	★	Christingle at All Saints
4pm		Advent Carols and Readings at St Hugh,
6pm		Advent Carols at St Dionysius

Sunday 7th December

10am	★	All Age Christmas Tree Festival at All Saints

Saturday 13th December

3-5pm		Light a Candle at St Nicholas For someone you will miss this Christmas

Sunday 14th December

10.30am	★	Christingle Service at St Peter & St Paul
6pm		Carols by Candlelight at St Nicholas

Thursday 18th December

2pm		Accessible Carol Service at St Hugh Dementia Friendly
7pm	★	Carols on The Green at Little Bowden Refreshments from 6.45pm

Saturday 20th December

2pm	★	Outdoor Crib Service at St Dionysius
2pm	★	Messy Christmas at St Hugh
7pm	★	Faith Explorers at St Peter & St Paul

Sunday 21st December

3pm		Lessons and Carols at All Saints
6pm		9 Lessons and Carols at St Dionysius
6pm		Carols by Candlelight at St Peter & St Paul

Christmas Eve

2.30pm	★	Crib Service at All Saints
4pm	★	Christingle at St Dionysius
4pm	★	Nativity at St Nicholas
5pm	★	Crib Service at St Peter & St Paul
11.15pm		Midnight Eucharist at All Saints
11.30pm		Midnight Mass at St Dionysius
11.30pm		Midnight Mass at St Nicholas
11.30pm		Midnight Eucharist at St Peter & St Paul

Christmas Day

8am		Said Eucharist at St Dionysius
10am	★	Sung Eucharist for all ages at St Hugh
10am	★	All Age Eucharist at St Dionysius
10.30am	★	All Age Holy Communion at St Peter & St Paul

Esther's PROMISE

Ladies BREAKFAST

17th January 2026 9am - 1030am

Market Harborough Baptist Church

£5 per person

Guest Speaker **Esther Wright** Author of Esther's Promise talks about faith & forgiveness

CONTACT ADMIN@MHBAPTISTCHURCH.ORG TO BOOK YOUR PLACE