Churches Together in Harborough

Newsletter August 2026

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

Bower House

House Prayer

Over the past little while we have also had the pleasure of being able to have fortnightly prayer meetings in the house. Our next house prayer will be on Tuesday 4th August at 2pm. If you would like to join us, it would be great to see you! If you are unable to make it in person, please join with us to focus on our clients, the team and the work of the Bower House in prayer that day.

We want to thank the Churches of Market Harborough for their prayers and ongoing support the Bower House receives. It remains a tremendous privilege to work alongside so many committed and faithful people in the Christian community in Market Harborough.

Cara Thompson and Loraine Tite

Service Co-ordinators Every Blessing

Congregational church

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Location: Congregational Church lounge, entrance Bowden Lane

There is a charge of £5 for the Course workbook, but help with this cost is available on request.

Contact: mhccroo@gmail.com. See attached poster.

Parish of St Hugh, Northampton Rd & Granville St.

Music for a Summer Evening. Sunday 16th August @ 4pm. An evening of music, Light entertainment & Readings. Free Entry with retirement collection. Refreshments available. See Attached poster.

Torch Trust

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 August 20th 2026.**

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 20th August.

Summer Events at The Cube.
Please see poster attached for our free summer events at The Cube.

Simon Bentley
Charity Administrator
(Working Hours: Monday to Thursday 9am until 1pm)
Harborough Youth and Community Trust (HYACT)
The Cube on Symingtons
Symington Recreation Ground, St. Marys Road, Market Harborough,
Leicestershire, LE16 7DS
T: 01858 437650 E: simon@thecubeyouth.uk W: www.thecubeyouth.uk

Grace Communion Market Harborough
Christian Summer Camp for 12-17 year olds 16-23 August. We've been running it for over 50 years and it's held at the Christian outdoor centre 'Rock UK' which is in North Northamptonshire. Any questions, please just contact Sinead Henderson on 07799 377018. See attached poster.

Sustainable Harborough Community

Another showing of the People's Emergency Briefing, **Wednesday 12th August 2026, at 7.15pm - 9.pm, at Our Lady of Victories Church Octagonal Hall. Age 16+**

The second showing of this film in Harborough setting out the risks facing the nation and positive responses we can make, is supported by St Di's Eco Church with thanks to who are organising it, Julie Fagan.

HARBOROUGH ECO CHURCHES

THE VIEW FROM MALAWI

The September 9th event organised by Sustainable Harborough Community will be CLIMATE JUSTICE - SCENES FROM MALAWI. The speaker will be JESSIE AKAMBADI, the advocate and communications lead for Mbedza, a charity based in Malawi promoting sustainable village farming. 7.30pm at the Octagonal Hall at the Catholic Church.

ALSO, earlier that same Wednesday, there will be a COFFEE MORNING with an informal opportunity to meet Jessie at St Nicholas Church, Little Bowden, at 11am. All welcome.

See attached posters.

NEXT ECO CHURCHES MEETING

Representatives of all churches in the town are invited to the next meeting of Harborough Eco Churches at 7pm at the Methodist Church on Friday September 18th. The meeting will share best eco practice and advice on eco issues, as well as planning future joint action.

Details from The **Climate Sunday** initiative is calling on churches to consider holding a climate-focused service during the period September 1st to October 4th. https://www.operationnoah.org/resources/climate-sunday/

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT will run this year from September 21st to October 4th.

Look out for news of a new event, a Fairtrade Wine Tasting at the Wine Shed in the town, as well as the regular Fairtrade Brunch at the Methodist Church. More details to follow.

Lin Ball linb@creativepages.co.uk

Jubilee Foodbank Market Harborough

Thank you for all of your donations and support. We continue to have around 100 referrals a month. The reasons vary from low wages, benefits and change in circumstance to one off financial challenges. People are struggling to make ends meet by the end of their financial month. Renew Wellbeing at the Baptist Church, Beacon Care and Harborough Community Church are regular referrers.
In addition to non-perishable food, we give vouchers to top up the parcel with fresh food. We hope to continue these as long as funding allows.
This year we have a new collection point for food parcels: VASL. We also have new links with the Fire Station as a supporter. We have a new donation point: the Sainsburys on Harvest Road, and Manor Walk Wellness is also about to become a collection point. Market Harborough Congregational Church has Soup Sunday donations for us too.
Please pray for: decision making, people who receive food and all of the volunteers, referrers and donors. It takes a vast number of people to keep the foodbank running.
We would love to see a sharp decline or end to food poverty. Please keep praying for this and support for those who are struggling.
Let us know if you would like to know more about Jubilee Foodbank. Due to us all being volunteers, the best way to contact us is by email: jubileefoodbankmh@gmail.com
Liz Mills, Chair Jubilee Foodbank Market Harborough

To support our store team, please ensure donated food is in date and unopened. Thank you.
@jubileefoodbankmh
www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk
Registered Charity Number: 1202589

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 September. 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.



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Parish Church of St Hugh

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Sunday 20th August

7.00 pm

An evening of music and light entertainment

Free entry with retiring collection

Wine, beer and soft drinks available







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SEP 2026

SEP UK is for young people 12-17. Focusing on Jesus & his teachings, we offer a variety of activities for those of all faiths & none.

CHRISTIAN ACTIVITY CAMP









Hosted by GCI UK & held at
Rock UK Frontier Centre, Northamptonshire.
16-23 August 2026

An African take on climate change

This summer's record-breaking heatwaves provide more worrying evidence of the growing climate emergency across the UK. And perhaps the challenges of these extreme weather conditions are giving us insights into some of the pressing issues that other countries have been dealing with for years.

Africa, for instance, contributes less than 5 per cent to global emissions – yet it has been long battling with the impact of the changing climate. Its hottest decade has brought droughts, floods and record sea temperatures that have destroyed lives, homes and livelihoods.

Malawi is a land-locked country half the size of the UK. Ninety per cent of the population is dependent on agriculture. Rainfall has decreased – but sudden rain events bringing flash floods have increased, making crop growing unpredictable.

Sustainable Harborough Community, a local environmental campaigning group, and the Transfiguration Eco Team (who lead eco initiatives at the local churches of St Hugh and St Nicholas) have worked together to bring to Market Harborough a speaker from the charity Mbedza, working in Malawi.



This evening event is entitled **CLIMATE JUSTICE – SCENES FROM MALAWI**, and the speaker is **Jessie Akambadi**, a young Malawian working with Mbedza who is currently in the UK studying for a PhD at Loughborough University. Mbedza is trying – and succeeding – to counter the impact of climate change. Working with small groups in villages, the charity is teaching skills to grow trees in nurseries and plant them in ways which give resilience to the land. And they are also teaching Tiyeni, an approach to farming which is organic and grows crops on raised ridges or mounds to better survive heavy rains.

If you'd like to come along to Jessie's talk and Q&A, it's at 7.30pm on **Wednesday September 9th** in the Octagonal Hall at the Catholic Church on Fairfield Road near the town centre (LE16 9QQ). The event is free.

For more information:

Lin Ball from the Transfiguration Eco Team: linb@creativepages.co.uk

Also www.sustainableharboroughcommunity.co.uk

HARBOROUGH CLIMATE ACTION



FREE

CLIMATE JUSTICE — SCENES FROM MALAWI

Wednesday September 9th 2026, 19.30 – 21.00

Jessie Akambadi

Octagonal Hall, Our Lady of Victories, LE16 9QQ

Free Admission

Jessie Akambadi from the charity Mbedza will talk about how climate change is affecting her community in Malawi and will discuss the benefits of tree planting and improving agriculture.

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net zero for our future

SUMMER FUN



July 21st - Crafts

July 28th - Traitors Game

Aug 4th - Cooking

Aug 11th - Water Fun

Aug 18th - BBQ

1pm-4pm

The Cube, Market Harborough

Book now!

email youthwork@thecubeyouth.uk



For Young People aged 11-16