Churches Together in Harborough

Newsletter July 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 7th July 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 have been managing the waiting list quite effectively over the past few months. Previous years show that client referrals do seem to slow down over the summer period. Although we do have a waiting list, we are blessed with a strong and committed volunteer team, who continue to serve faithfully, often going above and beyond in whatever role they undertake.

The challenge of fundraising is ever-present, and this year we were pleased to take part in the Market Harborough Carnival. While the weather was a little soggy at times, it was a joy to support our local community as they continue to support us.

During our annual close this year we will be attending to some internal damp issues that have become increasingly more noticeable in the back offices. We are keen to complete this work during the drier weather to allow it time to settle before the wetter months return.

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

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 July 16th 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 **16th July.**

Congregational church

First Wednesday
Wednesday, July 1·2:30 – 4:00pm
Rob and Sharron Brannen giving a talk about their time spent working and living in China
The Lounge, Congregational Church Bowden Lane,,, Market Harborough LE16 7JD, UK
A very welcoming group open to everyone for afternoon tea with a Christian speaker. Mail mhcc.leics@gmail.comto book a space if possible.
https://mhcongregational.church/our-church-life-2/first-wednesday/

Classic Cars
Sunday, July 5· 12:00 – 3:00pm
Coffee and Cakes available on the steps of the church, no charge but donations welcome for Jubilee Foodbank, The Cube and Bower House.

Soup Sunday
Sunday, July 12· 11:45am – 12:45pm
We hope you will be able to join us after the service on 2nd Sunday of the month for soup and a roll. This coincides with our family services. Donation will be passed on to the Jubilee FoodBank

Prayer and Praise Night
Sunday, July 26· 6:00 – 7:30pm

Seaside on the Steps
Saturday, July 25· 10:00 – 11:30am

Activities on the Steps of the church for families with refreshments inside. No charge but donations welcome for The Bower House, Jubilee Foodbank and The Cube

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.

FAIRTRADE & 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 poster.

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

We continue to be grateful for your referrals, support of people in the community and donations.

As well as the foods that we give to people who need help, we would be grateful for any toiletries and clean strong carrier bags. We give out toiletries when requested and when they are available. The toiletries we often run out of are: period products, toothpaste and deodorant. It has been suggested that we give out small bottles of sun protection cream in this weather too--particularly for homeless people. Our 'shopping list' is here: https://www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk/shopping-list

We are grateful for a large shop of food from the Harborough Lions recently.

Your prayers of support are always welcome. Please pray for our decision making, referrers, volunteers, and, of course, the people who receive food.

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 August 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.

Congregational Church Market Harborough

CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Sunday 5th July

From 12.00 noon-3.00pm

Coffee and cakes on the Steps

Donations welcomed for
Bower House
The Cube Youth Centre
Jubilee Foodbank

www.mhcongregational.church



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



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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

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