Churches Together in Harborough

Newsletter May 2026

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

Christian Aid

Christian Aid Week is from 10-16 May. This is when the charity raises much of the money it needs to support worthy causes throughout the year. The more it raises, the more vital work it can do.
We have created a web page that allows you to contribute directly (and claim gift aid if appropriate). If you make your contribution on this page, Christian Aid will allocate it as coming from Churches Together in Harborough. This page is open now. You do not have to wait until 10th May to make your contribution.

https://caw.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2026/churches-together-harborough-christian-aid

Congregational church

Tuesday 5th May at 10- 12 in Lounge - Knit and natter. Please join us for refreshments and a chat and if you are a knitter, we are making bunting, knitted flowers and animals as part of the promotions for the Knitted bible exhibition in June. Knitters and non-knitters welcome.

Dear CTH Friends you are all invited to come along and support the MHCC regular Christian Aid event The Big Brekkie. It is being held as usual in the Jubilee Hall, this year it is on **Saturday 16th May from 10- 11.30 am**. Please do bring friends and family along, it is always a fun occasion with a lively atmosphere.

There will be a special Christian Aid service the next day at Market Harborough Congregational Church at our usual service time of 10.30am led by Sharron & Rob Brannen with all welcome.

Breakfast will be a suggested payment of £6.50 and we will be able to take cash, or card payments or payments can be made on line at:

https://caw.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2026/churches-together-harborough-christian-aid

If you do pay on-line, please add **'Big Brekkie'** in the message of support box- then we can work out who has attended. Many thanks.

Sharron & Rob Brannen

Tuesday 19 May 10-12 in Lounge - Knit and natter.

Sunday 31 May 6-7.30 - Prayer and Praise night.

Knitted Bible Exhibition 14-24 June -

Market Harborough Congregational Church are hosting the Knitted Bible exhibition. This exhibition was created by members of St George's United Reformed Church in Hartlepool and brings over 36 iconic Bible stories to life through wool and whimsy. You are very welcome to come along and see the exhibition at the times identified on the poster or if you would like a specific slot for your Sunday school or Church group, please let us know. This exhibition has been touring the County for a number of years and is a charming and joyful way to share scenes from the Old and New Testament with the community. The exhibition is designed to be a family friendly gathering and there will be activities to allow visitors to get creative. Refreshments will be available. We would also welcome offers of help to steward or serve refreshments. Please email nikki.beacher@outlook.com if you would like any more information.

Torch Trust

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 **May 21st 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 **21st May.**

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 May 5th & 17th 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.

Finally, we are so grateful for the support that you all afford us and thank you for the way you continue to undergird the work, both financially and in prayer.

Every Blessing,
Cara and Loraine.

FAIRTRADE & HARBOROUGH ECO CHURCHES

Churches Count on Nature is an annual event where people explore their churchyards and record the plant and animal species there. This is an initiative promoted by several organisations, and it's open to churches of any denomination. This year it runs from June 6th to 14th. Details from https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/

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/

Advance notice of a date for your diaries: on **Wednesday September 9th** there will be a coffee morning at St Nicholas Church, Little Bowden, and an evening illustrated talk in the Octagonal Hall at the Catholic Church. The speaker at both events will be Jessie Akambadi on the subject of **Climate Justice: Scenes from Malawi.** More details follow next month.

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.

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Harborough Climate Action.

Our next Harborough Climate Action event is on **Wednesday13th May, 7 for 7.30 pm. "What do you think about your food?**
Gavin Fletcher, Sustainable Food Partnership Co-ordinator, is helping us think about the National Food Conversation. Share your views about the problems and challenges we face and how our food can deliver more for health, nature and climate.
Please share the poster if you can and if you eat at an independent food provider like 2 Old Goats or Aldwinkles, please would you invite them along too.
Thank you, Julie,
Harborough Climate Action.

Plus see Report slides by eminent chemist Dr Robert Gibbison General Manager, Specialty Additives Europe division, Ashland, given 8th April 2026 about lithium-ion batteries, with many thanks to him.

Jubilee Foodbank Market Harborough

Thank you all for your donations! After a relatively quiet beginning of the year, April is really busy again with a sharp increase in demand. We appreciate all of the food donations you can give. We are often short on tinned fruit, vegetables, meals, meats, tinned or powdered potatoes. We do give out hygiene items when possible but prioritise food. These items could be shower gel, deodorant, and toothpaste. The people we help are people with low wages, zero hours, benefits, homeless people and people in family crisis, including domestic abuse. I pray for proactive solutions to these problems as far as possible. We work with a variety of referral agencies who offer a range of support. Thank you for your continued support and prayers and to everyone who refers too.

Liz Mills, Chair.

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 June Please send any inforation 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.



Pledge to Donate to Your Local Food Bank

Fairtrade is joining *A Million Acts of Hope*, to celebrate everyday acts of kindness. From 13-20 May, we're highlighting the hope-makers within our Fairtrade community, like us. We're asking you to join by donating a single Fairtrade item to your local food bank, supporting the people who grow our food, and the people in the UK who need it most.

3Cs

Present a Concert in aid of the Organ Fund



Featuring 3Cs Music Group



SATURDAY 9th MAY

St Nicholas Church, Little Bowden

Concert 3-4pm

Refreshments from 2pm
and cream teas after the concert.

Retiring Collection ***Craft Stall***



The Parish of the Transfiguration

Parish Church of St Hugh

Find us on the corner of Northampton Road and Granville Street LE16 9HF



Organ Recital

by

Simon Headley

Saturday 16th May 7.00 pm

St Hugh's Church

Simon Headley is Director of Music at All Saints with Holy Trinity, Loughborough. He is also organist to the University of Leicester, playing for their graduation ceremonies and accompanies the Leicester Church Music Consort on their cathedral residential visits to cities such as Durham, Canterbury and York.

Tickets £10 available from:

transfig@harborough-anglican.org.uk

or Kate: 07817 735784



Big Brekkie

Saturday 16th May 2026

10.00 – 11.30am.

Market Harborough Congregational Church is once again holding **The Big Brekkie** as our main event to raise money for Christian Aid.

Want to change the world over breakfast? Then come and tuck in at our Big Brekkie! We'll be serving a delicious morning meal, while raising money to fight poverty and injustice worldwide.

All Welcome…Why not bring a friend?



Find us in the Jubilee Hall… entrance on Bowden Lane