Churches Together in Harborough

Newsletter November 2026

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

Congregational church

If you or someone you know is living with the loss of a loved one, **The Bereavement Journey** offers a gentle and supportive space to reflect and find support alongside others who understand grief.

Hosted at the Congregational Church, this seven-session course is open to anyone who has experienced bereavement, whether recently or many years ago. Each session includes short films and guided discussion exploring themes such as understanding loss, the pain of grief, coping with change and finding ways to move forward. A final optional session explores questions of faith.

While the course cannot remove the pain of grief, it provides a compassionate environment to help people make sense of their experience and discover helpful ways of coping.
Wednesday 28th October to 9th December at 10.30am
Location: Congregational Church lounge, entrance Bowden Lane
There is no charge for the course, but a donation of £5 towards the course handbook would be appreciated.

Contact: **mhccroo@gmail.com** or reserve a place through our **Eventbrite listing**

Bower House

House Prayer

Monthly prayer meetings in the house. Our next house prayer will be on Tuesday 3rd November 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.

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 November 19th 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!

Baptist Church

Market Harborough Baptist Church are holding an Autumn Fayre on **Saturday, 21st November. 10am -2pm.** Entrance via Manor Walk to raise money for building renovations that are needed, everyone is invited.

There will be lots of stalls for you to browse.
Books and jigsaws, games and toys, bric a brac, tombola, cakes and homemade crafts.

We will also be be serving bacon butties and hot chocolate.
All money raised will go towards our church hall refurbishment fund. Free entry.

St Nicholas Church Little Bowden.

Christmas Special. Saturday 21st November 10am - 12.30pm. Stockings loaded with gifts and stocking fillers. The music group playing festive tunes. Tea, coffee and cake . All welcome. Please see attached poster.

Bower House Christmas Fayre
The Annual Christmas Fayre will take place on **Saturday 28th November at the Harborough Theatre from 9.30 a.m.** and plans are underway for a great morning.

Further details will follow, but at this stage, the Bower House Fundraising Group would like to invite interested parties to have a stall at the Fayre, in addition to a number of stalls already planned.

If interested, please contact Jane on 07708376524 or email
fundraising@bowerhousecounselling.org
We look forward to hearing from you.
Bower House Fun raising group.

Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church. **Octagonal Hall.**

Christmas Bazaar Saturday 28th November 9.30am to 3pm. A great family fun day for all the family.

HARBOROUGH ECO CHURCHES

If your church doesn't have an eco group looking at the sustainability of its building and land, its programmes, and the lifestyles of its membership, the Harborough Eco Churches group will gladly help you set one up. Ideally you need 2 or 3 people willing to look at what's involved. They can contact Anita Beer from the Methodist Church (asbeer@hotmail.com) or Lin Ball from the Transfiguration Churches (linb@creativepages.co.uk) for support.

Leicestershire Church Mapping

Gather Movement have recently been commissioned by the Leicestershire County Council Family Hubs team to conduct a mapping project of the social support of the faith sector in Leicestershire. We are looking at support provided for: Children & Families, Mental Health, Food Poverty and Housing & Homelessness. If you have any resources or connections that might benefit this mapping, across all faiths and boroughs, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

We would be very grateful that as you hear from our local mappers, you engage with them and find time for a short phone call to go through the questions together. This project will be most effective the more churches get behind and support it! Going forward then from the project, we look to work closely with CTH to seek the social, cultural and spiritual rejuvenation of Harborough and Leicestershire.

Thank you all and God Bless,

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Jubilee Foodbank Market Harborough

We had some challenges around collecting donations due to some illness of volunteers and the huge generosity shown during Harvest. Please can you consider when you would like a collection for any Christmas food collections?

If you can do this in advance, we would greatly appreciate it as it will help us to organise collections. Also, please bear in mind that we can't collect at the last minute. The earlier we collect any Christmas food items, the more likely we are able to give these out before Christmas. It may be that we have to ask to collect on a future date when we have volunteers and vehicles available. Having a rough idea of the number of bags or trays to collect is also helpful so that we know if we need a van, a large car, or can use a small car. Thank you for your help with this.
We love chocolate coins, lollipops and santas. However, we always need the standard food items too.
Please email jubileefoodbankmh@gmail.com for more information or to arrange a collection.
Thank you for all your support to help us keep supporting others,

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www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk
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 December. 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.

Grief is hard.

Death can impact all of life.

The Bereavement Journey®
a place to talk

7 Sessions of films and discussion

for *anyone* bereaved *anytime*

Topics include:

- Attachment, separation and loss
- The pain and responses of grief
- Anger and guilt
- Coping with others' reactions
- Delayed and suppressed grief
- Adjusting to change
- Moving forward healthily
- Faith questions – a Christian perspective (optional)

To find out more visit:
thebereavementjourney.org
mhcongregational.church

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Wednesdays in the Lounge
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28th Oct - 9th Dec 2026

Contact Roo:
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Saturday 21st November

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Christmas Special

St Nicholas Church, Little Bowden

Stalls laden with gifts
and stocking fillers

The Music Group will be playing
Festive Tunes

Alongside the usual
Tea, Coffee and Cake

Everyone welcome

Come and join us

The Parish of the Transfiguration
Part of the Harborough Anglican Team
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