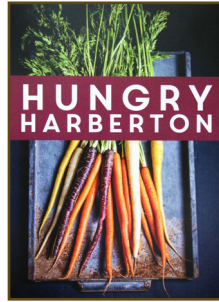


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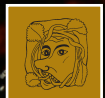
It's not too late to buy Carole's beautiful 2022 Christmas cards. Available from Chancery Cottage (01803 864654). £6 for five.

Jonathan's exquisite hand-drawn cards (for sale at the back of the church, for £1.50 each with envelope) or the fabulous Hungry Harberton cookbook would make excellent presents!

Cookbook £15. Email harbertonccf@gmail.com to pick up or order copies. Or call Annie (862994), Carole (864654) or Sue (866554).

2023 will see the return of some of our popular events and the introduction of new ones.

WATCH THIS SPACE!



Autumn 2022 update from the
Harberton Church Community Fund

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HELPING OUR HERITAGE IN THE HISTORIC HEART OF HARBERTON

The big **Switch-On of Christmas lights** around the village is on **FRIDAY 9th DECEMBER**. There will be roving Carol Singers too.



Our much loved **Christmas Tree Festival** opens on **THURSDAY 15th DECEMBER** with a **Grand Opening for villagers**. It continues on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11 to 5, with food and drink served throughout. The Carol Service follows at 6 pm on Sunday 19th.

The Big Breakfast and the Safari Supper reminded us of the joy of sharing food and good company. Between the two events, the PCC and HCCF raised over £1000. Look out for an encore!



What's been happening in the Church?

Harvest Thanksgiving

We had a joyous service in a beautifully decorated church, with refreshments afterwards on 16th October. Three huge bags of food and a large cash donation were made to the Totnes Food Bank due to the generosity of the congregation and Harberton community. Thank you all who gave in any way.



St. Andrew

Harberton church is dedicated to St. Andrew, the patron saint of fishermen, singers, Scotland, Romania, Russia, Ukraine, and Patros in Greece. We will celebrate St. Andrew on 27th November.

New Altar Frontal to be given on St Andrew's Day

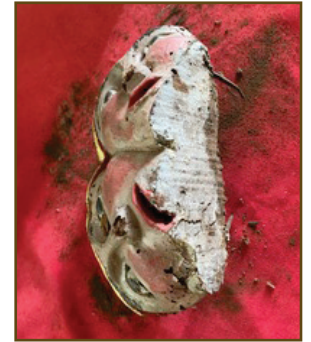
Some of the treasures of our church are the beautiful Altar Frontals which have been generously gifted to St Andrew's over the years. There are different colours for the church seasons. The purple one we have for Lent (coming up to Easter), and Advent (coming up to Christmas) is unfortunately now in poor condition. So members of the congregation have decided to gift a new one which will be used for the first time and blessed on the nearest Sunday to St Andrew's Day, 30th November. It is given in particular recognition of the long reign and service of Queen Elizabeth II and her example in upholding the Christian faith. Members of the whole community are invited to come along to see the new frontal on Sunday 27th November and enjoy tea, coffee and cake after the 9.30am service. The photo shows 'the work in progress' on the passion flower design for the Altar cloth.



For more information and pictures about the church and our activities, go to our website - www.harbertonccf.org.uk

Roof boss

While the photographic exhibition was in the church (featuring Jonathan's amazing photos of the Rood Screen, medieval graffiti, and the characterful roof bosses), half of one of the bosses detached from the roof and was discovered on the floor. Netting has been stretched between the pillars so the centre aisle can be used safely, while we consider the logistics of repair.



STOP PRESS: In case you missed it, the fascinating exhibition is now redisplayed in folders at the back of the church!

Vault repair

The last resting place of members of the Whiteway and Bastard (yes really!) families has now been restored, and the vault made safe for visitors to the churchyard. The photo below shows the steps down to the vault, which has been covered with concrete lintels and the old slate covering repositioned.



Urgent roof repair

The northeast corner of the church roof was found to have a serious problem with the lead lined gutter, which has dropped. It holds water instead of draining it away. The architect didn't mince his words - "The leadwork is among the worst I have seen". The urgent repairs will cost more than £8000. The HCCF have agreed to fund some of the cost. With fingers crossed, we have applied to the National Churches Trust for a grant. We are determined to keep this stunning grade 1 listed building in good order for future generations.