

Events Round-Up – What's Coming up this year!

1. Return of the Christmas Trees, Festival of Lights and roving carol singers!

This year, we are planning to do all this again – with your help please!

- ☀️ **Lights** in your garden and / or windows – whatever can be seen by people walking by
- ❄️ **Christmas Tree Festival** in the churchyard – please contact Annie on 01803 862994 if you would like a tree to decorate... on a personal or group theme
- 🌟 **Carol singing** – a small group of singers will go round the village on **Sunday, 5 December**
- ★ Yummy home-made **food and drink** – **Sunday, 5 December**

OPENING NIGHT – Friday 3 December, 6pm running to **Sunday 5 December** for the **Christmas Tree Festival**, and to the start of 2022 for the **Festival of Lights** – making our December full of light and hope.

WE NEED MORE HELPERS! If you would like to help please do contact Sue Mahon on 01803 866554.

2. Cards, Coffee and Cake – Saturday 25 September 10.30 to 4.30 at Carole's Studio

Another chance to buy beautiful cards made by Carole Oldfield in her hidden art studio in Harberton. Come and join her for a treat of real coffee and homemade cake whilst viewing (and buying) from her range of unique hand-printed cards.



£8 – to include coffee, cake and choice of a card.

Follow the signs to Carole's studio in the cul-de-sac above the churchyard by Chancery Cottage.

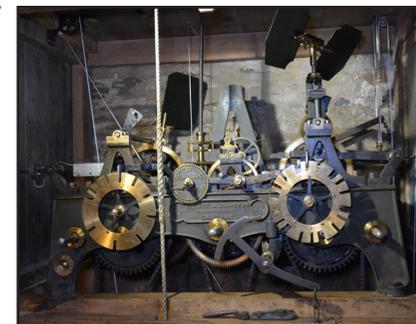
The next update will come out at the end of November, when we will be able to give information about plans for next year.



HELPING OUR HERITAGE IN THE HISTORIC HEART OF HARBERTON

Come and Celebrate our Church Clock Chiming!
Saturday 4 September 17.30-20.00 in Matt White's garden

Matt's father, David White, left a legacy for the clock which has allowed it to be repaired and improved... it's being going again since March and now everyone is invited to a late-summer, early evening celebration!



A complimentary drink (alcoholic or not) and canapes will be served from 5.30pm – please be there by 6.00pm

when some short thanks will be given. Additional drinks can be bought, raffle tickets purchased* and donations made. Please bring cash! All funds raised will be shared equally between the Church Council, for church running costs, and the Harberton Church Community Fund.

We hope you'll come along – whether you've lived in the village for decades or a few weeks. It will be a great opportunity to see each other, meet new people, and enjoy Matt's lovely garden. The added bonus is that we can all see the church clock from there too!

*Two big raffle prizes – six bottles of wine and a pizza meal for four at Pizza Café, Newton Abbot. If you can't come to Matt's garden but would like to buy raffle tickets (£3 each or £10 for five) please call Annie on 01803 862994.

Directions to Matt's: from the bus stop walk 200 metres up the hill to the west, turn left on the signed road to the cricket field – Matt's house is 50 metres uphill on the right.

Autumn 2021 update from the Harberton Church Community Fund



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An update from our churchwardens, Edwina Hookway and Alicia Stolliday

The best news is that St. Andrew's is now open every day, providing a beautiful, quiet space for reflection.

While access was limited, we worked hard to maintain our many fine and useful artefacts, such as the wonderful kneelers that we all treasure, crafted by people in the community. As colourful as the gorgeous stained glass, they are well worth a look. Thanks to Annie, Sue, Edwina and Alex for their help with getting the church back into shape for reopening.

The first stage of work in the tower is complete – the functioning clock and safe clock chamber floor. There is more to do, but happily we are making progress at last.

The church architect is about to make his 'quinquennial inspection' – a five-yearly survey of the building, churchyard, and contents. His conclusions will help us plan work for the next five years. We hope the inspection of the roof and ceiling will be completed soon too, pointing the way for necessary repairs.

The churchyard is looking beautiful, an appropriate setting for relatives and friends to remember the departed.

The churchyard – a place of beauty and contemplation

Everyone loves to wander in a churchyard, to enjoy the peace, sit and look at the view, explore the headstones and wonder at the stories of those commemorated. But a churchyard has to look good to deliver that. So, to clear ivy, brambles and weeds from around the yew trees, tombs, headstones and churchyard wall, and check the church itself, Alex Williams has organised working parties over the past year. This compliments the impressive work carried out regularly by Ed Blight, Jim Hoddinott and Peter Patrick.

We thank you all!



Find out more about our magnificent church at: www.harbertonccf.org.uk

Keeping On Keeping On

While we have all been locked down and closed in, HCCF has carried on planning, raising funds and doing whatever we can to support our lovely church. Whether it's keeping the church grounds looking beautiful, stopping you falling into a sunken grave, opening up gardens and giving you cream tea and local crafts, helping to raise grant income, or planning events for the future... every one of these activities makes a difference. Not only to the church but to each of us. For that is what a vibrant church should be – a place of welcome for the whole community, whether you are a church goer or not.

The HCCF 'committee' is a tiny group of people. We know it would benefit from new faces and hands and ideas. If you think you would enjoy helping in any way please do contact Celia Atherton on 07967 561921.

Open Gardens and Craft Fair 2021 – Wow!

Wow – what a treat to get out again, enjoy the company of others in the great outdoors, admire (and buy) wonderful crafts made by our super-talented neighbours, and indulge ourselves in fourteen uniquely beguiling gardens. There was more variety in and between the gardens than ever before – as our village gradually becomes a safer haven for wildlife, which also brings us so much pleasure. We value the emphasis on this that Sustainable Harborne Valley encouraged this year.

Over **£3,000** was raised in total for church improvements and running costs.

Massive thanks to everyone involved!

We couldn't have a Christmas Tree festival last year. Instead we had a truly magical Festival of Lights around the village, and some carol singing too. Just what we all needed – light around the village, 'promenading' and chatting, listening to a carol or two.

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