

More events to enjoy:

A real appetite for interesting illustrated talks has emerged and we intend to meet that, starting with two very different ones in the new year.

Rory Valentine (a Dartington resident) will talk about the painter 'Raphael and the Eternal Feminine' on **Thursday 21 February** – it'll be in the Parish Hall in the evening. Give it a try. Learn something new!
[A date for your diaries!](#)

Our own **Jonathan Bean** goes off on his annual African travels again in December and will return in March. In April he'll tell us stories from his many trips and explain his passion for Africa and Africans. 'Africa, the Friendly Continent'. **Thursday April 11th** – [A date for your diaries!](#)

Before that, do come to one of the biggest, most longstanding and festive events that St Andrew's holds – the Carols, Gifts and Crib Service on Sunday 23 December at 4pm. It is for everyone and the church is full of families – church-goers or not. Lots of carol singing, with support from our own village choir. This isn't a fundraiser but is a great way to enjoy being part of village life.



And do join in the informal 'Carols in the Square' on Christmas Eve at 6pm. Always a very enjoyable way to start Christmas!

Finally, don't forget to buy your **Christmas Cards** from Carole Oldfield's house (Chancery Cottage, behind the church) or the pub. She has generously created two beautiful new cards for this year, with all profits going to the Tick Tock Appeal. Just £5 for five.

Happy Christmas and a fulfilling 2019 to everyone!

For suggestions, information and offers of help more generally, please contact Celia at harbertonccf@gmail.com

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HELPING OUR HERITAGE IN THE HISTORIC HEART OF HARBERTON



St Andrew's Church is a wonderful treasure that needs our help!
And it's beginning to get it – from us all. Thank you.

The **Tick** in our **Tock** is making great progress!

The **Tick Tock Appeal** set out to raise £50,000 – in hard cash of course, but also to show larger potential funders, like the Heritage Lottery Fund, that the desire to repair and improve our church has real support from its local community.

And this is exactly what we are demonstrating!



The **Launch Lunch** to kickstart our Capital Appeal was a joyous occasion, with so many people from our community coming together to share food and celebrate what we can achieve as one. Since that lovely August day many of you have given generously, with time and money, to great effect.

See over the page for how we are getting on and what the next steps are.

How much has the Tick Tock Appeal raised so far? In its first months just over £37,500 has been raised – this is a wonderful, amazing, 75% of our target of £50,000. This money has come from people making donations (including Gift Aid); attending events – and even buying our Harberton greetings cards (available at any time in the church). Church Council members have asked us to congratulate all concerned on the fantastic total raised so far and to thank the organisers and all in the local community for their contributions towards the tower and window repairs.

Is this all that is needed to repair our tower and windows?

The Church Council has calculated that £80,000 is needed for these works. With the funds raised and a small grant from the National Churches Trust, they are now booking in the window repairs. And the Heritage Lottery Fund have advised us that, while the works are eligible for a grant, we would have a much greater chance of receiving one if about 50% of the funds had already been secured, and if community support could be demonstrated. Your involvement, your generosity and your interest have put the Church Council in a great position to submit a compelling funding application.

So, are we stopping fundraising? No! As we said when we launched the appeal, there is lots to do. First, we want to reach our £50,000 target for the Tick Tock Appeal. Then we want to hear from the Church Council and our community to see what repairs and improvements to do next.

What will we see for our money, once the Tick Tock works have been done? The key ambition is for our clock to be back in place, in good health, telling us the time again. And never to see buckets again at the bottom of the tower collecting internal dripping water. And to stop worrying about our lovely windows crashing down around our ears. And to know that our bells are in good condition and can ring well and safely for many years.



Some emergency repairs were recently needed on the tower.



Several windows are in trouble...

You can find out about events past and future, about the fundraising, about the history of the church, and much more on our website at www.harbertonccf.org.uk – we know how important good communication is so please tell us about any improvements we can make.

Brilliant events in a brilliant community!

Events can only be a success if people like them. And so many of you do. Of course, 'liking' comes in many guises – helping to organise, to publicise, to provide food for, to help at the event itself, to clear up, to buy tickets, to put money in the jar, to enjoy the event and to encourage all your friends to join in too. You do that in spades – huge thanks!

Since our last update almost 100 people came to the fascinating illustrated talk by Chris Marsham on Secret India. This raised, after expenses, £850 (25% more than his first talk in the spring). Huge appreciation to Geoff Cox for organising this second appearance by Chris.



Our 2nd Christmas Tree Festival has just taken place and was even better than last year's – a treasure trove of delights for every age. Starting with the Sheep Trail, to the lights going up on 36 trees decorated by primary schools, choirs, Women's Institutes, reading groups, walking groups and more – such imagination, such cleverness, such grace and

humour. And with daily homemade soup and bread, and tea and cakes. With a very cheerful Belshazzar's Feast concert and finishing off with community carol singing. We hope you were able to enjoy this as a glorious start to the winter festive season. To read more about events, see the village email. If you aren't on that list but would like to be, do contact John Culf at:

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Please do think about making a donation! You can do that on the website: www.harbertonccf.org.uk