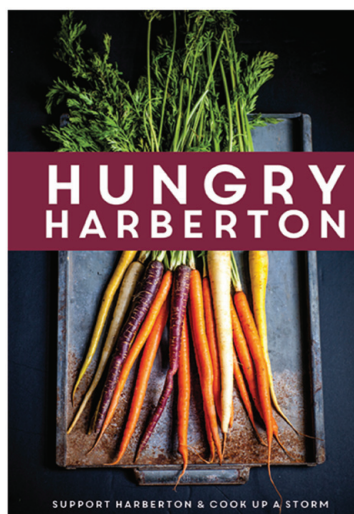


We have been working hard on **things for us all to look forward to and enjoy this autumn and winter** – to bring us, our community and your circle of family and friends pleasure in these restricted times:

The Hungry Harberton cookbook

Solve your Christmas present queries at a stroke with this just-published 194-page, full-colour cookbook packed with 139 recipes, 4 pages of Handy Hints and 68 stunning colour and black and white illustrations – all by local Harberton residents, families and friends. It is a revelation of local culinary and artistic talent. Each recipe is either handed down through families or is a uniquely adapted favourite, so you won't find them anywhere else. The 11 chapters cover breakfast, mains, bread and more, with special sections on catering for children and dogs!

You can buy your copy for just **£12.00** – all proceeds to HCCF. Come and buy your copy (copies!) on **Friday 16 October** in the marquee at the **Church House Inn** from 4.00 to 7.00pm. Or call Annie (862994), Carole (864654) or Sue (866554) or email harbertonccf@gmail.com to pick up or get us to post you copies.



Let there be light!

We are planning a **Festival of Light** starting on **19 December** to bring some **cheer** to us all in these difficult times. The **idea** is that as many **houses** as possible in the **village** put **lights** in your **windows**, with a **festival** theme (think **Christmas**, **Diwali**, **Hannukah**) or **decorate** a bush or **tree** in your **garden**! **Do join in, please!** If anyone needs to borrow a set of indoor lights, talk to Annie (862994).

The grand switch-on will take place on Saturday 19 December at 5.00pm with a (socially-distanced) gathering on the playing field. **Do join us for the start of this ray of light!** More details at the end of November through the village email.



HELPING OUR HERITAGE IN THE HISTORIC HEART OF HARBERTON

**St Andrew's Church is a wonderful treasure that needs our help!
And it's getting it - with support from us all.**

Hello everyone – our last update came round almost a year ago and what a lot has changed since then. Sadly, we have had to stop our fundraising activities. Sad, because we can't raise more funds at the moment but, just as important, we are all missing the opportunities we had to meet together, have fun, catch up, and enjoy the warmth and support of our community. No Antiques Roadshow, no Safari Supper, no Community Lunch in the churchyard, no Pop-Up Cafes, no Wedding Dress and Flower Festival, no Rounders on the playing field – and more. Nevertheless, this community has been alive with walking, making sure everyone is alright, and keeping fit, eating cake and much more!

Even though there are no events to report on there are other important things to tell you about – progress on church repairs, money in the bank to support other grant funding, the new **Hungry Harberton cookbook**, and our new **Festival of Light in December**.



Autumn 2020 update from the
Harberton Church Community
Fund. Reg. charity 1172549



First, some thanks are due

To **Helen Sands** for having the simple but truly important idea of creating a small flower display by the church porch. The flowers are placed there to provide a focus for reflection and prayer, especially remembering those all over the world who have died during the pandemic, those who grieve their loss, and the dedication of their carers. Currently, four of us take turns in renewing these flowers twice a week and we hope that many of you have enjoyed and had your hearts warmed a little as you walk through the churchyard.



We hope to continue this over the winter, and it would be lovely if you would like to join the rota. If you could do this, maybe once every two months, then please do call Helen on 867789.

Thanks also to **Simon Osborn** at ID&T (idat.co.uk) for the magnificent help he has given us in setting up the website and helping us maintain it. We paid a tiny amount for the original setup and he continues to donate our domain name annual fee. His generosity in time, especially as he doesn't live in our parish, is just lovely.



Illustrations from 'Hungry Harberton' by Jonathan Bean and Jan Culf

An update on church repair works from Edwina Hookway and Alicia Stolliday (the Churchwardens)

Since January scaffolding has been in place in the tower to enable work on the clock chamber floor. The specialist building company has made progress on the beams supporting the floor. Consultations were required with the architect at each stage; sometimes these were delayed or halted by Coronavirus-19.

Recently a new oak beam has been inserted, supported by brackets, which had to be specially made by a steel fabricator. There is more work to be done on an adjacent beam, for which new oak has been ordered. Once this stage has been completed the clock will be reinstated along with a new auto-winding system (electrification).

The next stage is a detailed inspection of the roof and ceiling of the nave, the main part of the church. The inspection alone will cost in the region of £12,000. Once the necessary information is obtained the PCC will apply for grants, and it is hoped that the HCCF will be able to contribute towards the cost, as before.

Current finances

We have taken advantage of the extra time that lockdown, and semi-lockdown, have provided and got our annual report to the Charity Commission in record time! At the end of March 2020 (there has been no change since then) the Harberton Church Community Fund (HCCF) had £57,389 in the bank. Around £31,000 of this remains from the Tick Tock appeal for the church tower works, and around £5,000 is held for reserves and other commitments. Through other fundraising we have been able to double to value of every £1 donated to HCCF. The PCC will start grant-fundraising again as soon as they have agreed plans for current and future works.



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