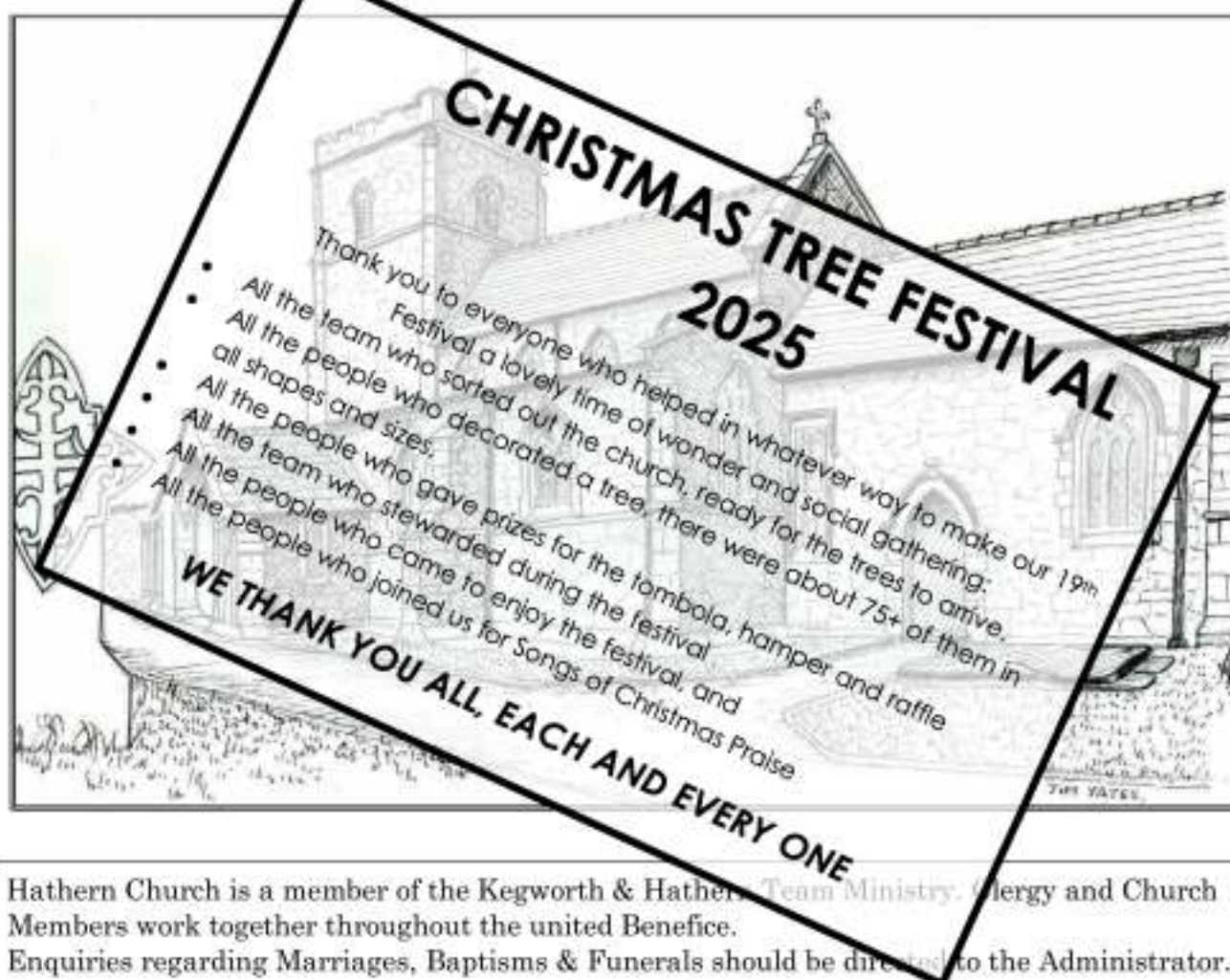


# SS PETER & PAUL, HATHERN

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## LETTER FROM THE CLERGY TEAM

**T**HIS MUST BE A NEW YEAR EDITION. Ogden Nash wrote this little poem

Come, children, gather round my knee:  
Something is about to be.  
Tonight's December thirty first,  
Something is about to burst.  
The clock is crouching, dark and small,  
Like a time bomb in the hall.  
Hark! It's midnight, children dear.  
Duck! Here comes another year.

I don't know how you feel about another year? Hopeful? Fearful? Resigned to the passing of time? One aspect of 2026 is the new Minster Community will start, where we join a larger group of local Anglican Churches and have a closer, collaborative relationship. At the commissioning service for our Minster Community in November the Bishop addressed anxiety about change but encouraged us to be positive and recognise our "gifts" as individuals and churches, because when we use them together everyone is enriched.

I hope you have a good 2026, that you are positive about addressing whatever it may bring, and that you have the opportunity to make your own special contribution to family, friends and church.

*Peter Yorkstone*

*"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow."*

*Albert Einstein's New Year resolution*

### SERVICES IN HATHERN CHURCH (IN BOLD)

#### + OTHER BENEFICE SERVICES

(Sunday morning Communion at 10:30am are streamed on Facebook)

<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:30am FAMILY WORSHIP here</b> 9:30am Benefice Holy Communion @ Diseworth 9:30am Benefice Holy Communion @ Kegworth 6:15pm Evensong @ Kegworth
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:30am BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION here</b> 6:15pm Plough Sunday @ Belton
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	10:30am Benefice Holy Communion @ Long Whatton 5:30pm Evening Prayer @ Belton
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:30am CAFÉ CHURCH here</b> 9:30am Benefice Holy Communion @ Osgathorpe 10:30am Benefice Holy Communion @ Belton

### OTHER SERVICES IN HATHERN CHURCH

- ★ HATHERN CHURCH IS OPEN EVERY DAY, 10:00am to 4:00pm, FOR QUIET AND FOR PRIVATE PRAYER
- ★ SAID HOLY COMMUNION EVERY 4<sup>th</sup> WEDNESDAY, 9:30am to 10:00am (28<sup>th</sup> January)

In every age, the "good old days" were a myth.  
No one has ever thought that they were good at the time!  
For every age has consisted of crises that seemed intolerable at the time.

*Brooks Atkinson, Once around the sun (1951)*

## WEATHER REPORT FOR HATHERN

### OCTOBER

Rainfall : **88.7mm (3.5")**

Max temp : 17.4°C, Min temp : -7.1°C

It was a rather wet month with over one inch (26.9mm) of rain on 14<sup>th</sup> November

#### TOTAL TO DATE FOR 2025

Rainfall : **402.1mm (15.8")**

Max temp : 33.0°C, Min temp : -7.1°C

#### COMPARE TO SAME DATE FOR 2024

Rainfall : **713.2mm (28.1")**

Max temp : 29.9°C, Min temp : -7.0°C

*In a restaurant in Birmingham last night having a meal, the waiter came over and says, 'Curry OK?'  
I said, 'Go on then, just one song but then leave me alone'*

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## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS DEADLINE – TWELFTH NIGHT?

**N**O NEED TO PANIC- apparently we don't have to worry about rushing to take down our Christmas decorations by Twelfth Night! Indeed, we will not incur bad luck or attract bad spirits even if we leave them up until the beginning of February as, (according to English Heritage), it was just a rule brought in by the Victorians so that business wasn't affected by continuing celebrations. Mill owners were keen to get the workers back to the looms.

In Medieval times, it was even longer. The Christmas Season lasted 40 days until Candlemas on 2nd February, which was a Feast Day marking the presentation of Jesus at the Temple. Traditionally, this is the date that all the candles for use in church in the coming year were blessed by the priest. For Christians, these blessed candles serve as a symbol of Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

In the 16th century as a reminder of this, Christians put candles onto Christmas trees, although the risk of fire was considerable. Thankfully, by 1882 the first electrically lit Christmas tree was developed.

The February date also marks the ending of the darkest quarter of the year. It seems a good idea to me to leave a few festive lights up for a bit longer (until the eve of Candlemas) to keep my spirits up and dispel the gloom!

*Sally Churchus, ACE*

The Grim Reaper came for me but I beat him off with a vacuum cleaner. Talk about Dyson with death.

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## IS 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY BLUE MONDAY?

**T**HIS IS SUPPOSEDLY THE SADDEST DAY OF THE YEAR- but is it really? There is no actual scientific proof. The term was first coined in 2005 by a UK travel company's marketing department, as it is a time when the reality of the end of the Christmas season causes a dip financially, emotionally and psychologically. Colder weather, darker days maybe leading to Seasonal Affective Disorder and trouble sticking to New Year's resolutions also add to the burden.

However, it has now become a day to think and talk about mental health, which is a good thing. Suggested tips to counteract the feeling include:

- thinking of things to be grateful for
- setting small goals
- living in the moment
- going for a walk in nature (exposure to light is helpful)
- meeting or chatting to a friend or family member
- doing some form of exercise or something that you
- really enjoy such as reading a good book.

Be kind to yourself – sometimes it's ok not to be ok.

And there's always the happiest day of the year, (according to a press release from an ice cream company), which varies slightly from year to year but is towards the end of June, near Midsummer's Day, to look forward to!

*Sally Churchus. ACE*

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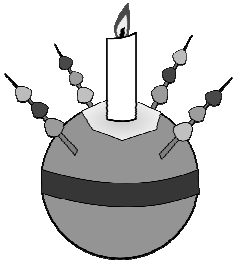
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Our Christingle Service raised £172.09 for The Children's Society which supports young people everywhere in the UK.

MAGAZINE ITEMS for **FEBRUARY** to  
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You can send details as an attachment by  
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## HATHERN OLD CRICKET CLUB 200 CLUB

**December 2025 Draw**

**£20 - Nr 25 - Brenda Pearse**

**£5 - Nr 12 - Leslie Fear**

**COFFEE MORNINGS RETURN**  
**Every Wednesday from 7<sup>th</sup> January**  
**First Saturdays from 3<sup>rd</sup> January**  
from 10:00am until 12noon  
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Meet your friends over a cuppa!

# Our Best Exhibition Ever

**by Hathern Local History Society**

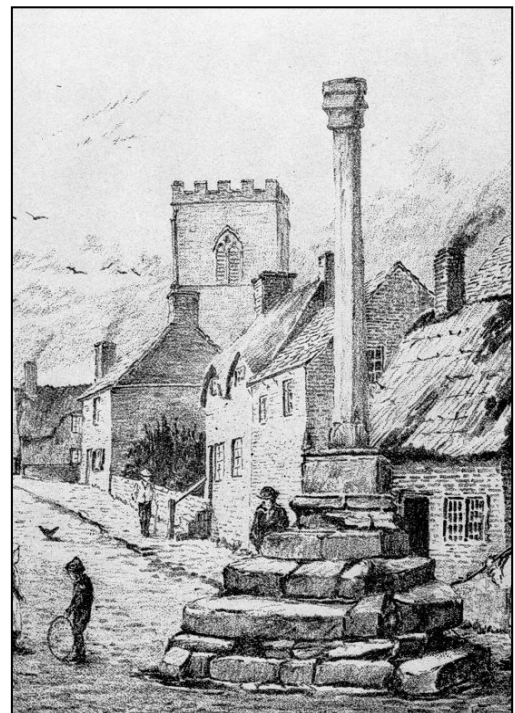
- \*Complete collection of local newspaper articles and photos about Hathern from 1970 to 2024.
- \*A day in the life of the school from 1988 in pictures.
- \*School log books, trips, past and recent school photos.
- \*Village events, clubs, societies. \*Hathern in wartime.

***Don't miss this –  
you are probably on these photos.***

\*Also, many items and photos connected with Hathern's past industries, businesses, families and leisure activities.

\*Framework knitting. \*Post-war housing development.

\*Farming. \*The river, old bridge and new bridge.



**Pasture Lane School Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January**  
**11.00am – 4.00pm - Admission free**  
**Refreshments will be available**

*"Why don't you play golf with Jim anymore?" said the wife.*

*"Well, would you play golf with somebody who moves his ball to a better position when no one is looking, who deliberately coughs half way through his opponent's swing and who lies about his handicap?"*

*"Well, no, I suppose I wouldn't" said the wife"*

*"Neither will Jim!!"*

## **SHEPSHED SPECIAL COMMUNITY BUS – SHOPPING SERVICES 2026**

### **DOOR TO DOOR SERVICE**

#### **Mondays – Coalville £5**

- Morrisons Fortnightly

#### **Fridays Shepshed £3.50**

- ALDI / B&M

#### **Thursdays Loughborough £5**

- Sainsbury's
- Tesco
- Town Centre

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### **FOSSE PARK TRIPS – 2026 DATES £10**

January 14th

February 11th

March 11th

April 8th

May 6th

June 3rd

July 1st

August 5th

September 9th

October 7th

November 4th

December 2nd

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### **EXTRA EVENTS – 2026 (subject to change)**

February 18th – Burton on Trent

March 4th – Sunnyside Garden Centre

May 27th – Giltbrook Retail Park

July 22nd – Gates Hinckley

August 12th – Castle Marina Retail Park

September 2nd – Trentham Gardens

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### **OTHER SHOPPING EVENTS – 2026 (subject to change)**

**January 30th – East Midlands Designer Outlet, Mansfield – £10**

Designer brands including Hugo Boss, Tommy Hilfiger, Joules, M&S, and Levi's—up to 60% off all year.

**February 27th – Cherry Lane, Bradmore – £10**

A value garden centre with affordable plants, homeware, and a welcoming café.

**March 27, 2026 – Heart of the Shires, Northamptonshire – £15**

Independent retailers and relaxed, stress-free shopping.

**April 24th – Nottcutts Garden & Home, Nottingham – £10**

Inspiring plant displays, homewares, furniture, and a family-friendly restaurant.

**May 29th – Chesterfield – £15**

Perfect for gifts, shopping, and a stroll to the picturesque Queen's Park.

**June 26th – Belvoir Retail Village, Grantham – £15**

Boutique shops, artisan foods, and local crafts in the historic Belvoir Castle grounds.

**July 31st – National Memorial Arboretum, Staffordshire – £15**

150 acres of beautiful landscape, 400+ memorials, restaurant, and gift shop.

**August 28th – Planter's Garden Centre, Bretby – £10**

A family-friendly garden centre with great garden/home choices and a lovely restaurant.

**September 25th – Ashbourne – £15**

Small, family-run shops offering fashion, food, gifts, and more.

**October 30th – East Bridgford Garden & Home – £15**

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**November 27th – Gates – £15**

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