

Pews News & Notices for Harbury, Ladbroke & Ufton

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WORSHIPPING GOD - GROWING IN FAITH - WORKING IN COMMUNITY

MESSAGE FROM REV'D ANN

Dear All

How was coming out of lockdown for you? It can be exciting as we finally get our hair cut, have a meal outside in a pub, visit family, friends and NT gardens, go into our church building at last - and for those in a social bubble whose family were too far away to visit in a day, have family to stay and the joy of hugging children and grandchildren. At the same time it can be disconcerting. We're not coming back to the old normal, but into a different way of life, hedged about by the necessary precautions. For many people it's a very uncertain time indeed as the furlough scheme ends, businesses still struggle, and firms shed workers as they struggle to keep afloat, or close down. I do pray for you all.

I've been reading the Old Testament and it struck me how when the people of Israel were locked down into slavery in Egypt and God answered their cries for help and led them through Moses into freedom, it wasn't simply going back to their old way of life as a people before slavery. God led them on a journey, on to a new way of life with its difficulties as well as its blessings. We too are on a journey - a journey with God and there will be new good things ahead, new blessings, as well as the difficult times, if we hold to him.

With love and prayer,
Ann

BLESSING

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
May the rains fall softly on your fields.
Until we meet again
may God hold you in the hollow of his hand.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be upon you and all those you love now and always
Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

A Celtic journeying prayer from David Adam

God ahead, God behind,
God be on the path I wind
God above, God below
God be everywhere I go
God in the steep,
God in the shade,
God me safe keep
Come to my aid.

ALL SAINTS', HARBURY

CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER TWICE A WEEK ON
SUNDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS FROM 1PM TO 7PM.

Anyone is welcome to come at these times but must read and follow the signs to keep all visitors as safe as possible.

- Keep 2m apart
- Sanitise your hands on entry and exit
- Sign the contact and trace form
- Follow all other guidance at church

Liz McBride & Michael Vincent, Churchwardens

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

The sovereignty of God over all the nations is one of the constant themes throughout the Bible. Consequently, God both looks for and expects cooperation from those who are his faithful servants and acknowledge his lordship over their lives.

Although many bad things happen that are neither of God's doing or desire he never loses absolute control, and he uses negative occurrences positively to serve his own purpose. Moreover, he ensures that '... in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.' Romans 12:28. God waits for the moment when individuals and nations become receptive to his word so he can advance his purpose further.

In relation to the churches at Harbury, Ladbroke and Ufton, some of 'all things' God is using to work for our good and his purpose, include the need for extensive building and heating renovations (with one church unusable for the long term and Harbury unusable for the second winter this year), our time without a minister (and one likely to come into disrupted church life) and continuing Covid 19 restrictions to everyday life.

These disruptions have three components. At the building level we are each attending to this ourselves. The vacancy level additionally involves the diocese who are influential, right up to the bishop's final say. At the virus level the necessary curtailing of our freedoms are taken by national government. A disruption at every level, and therefore fairly comprehensive and far reaching. This suggests that in all of this God intends to work out his purpose in equally all embracing and substantial ways.

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In Hebrews 12 we are told, 'Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. ... God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. ... It produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.' The Greek word for discipline means 'education,' as in the training of a child. We need to exercise responsive faith as we submit to God's training.

The past has gone. God sees the needs of tomorrow so creates the tests of today. He is the teacher we are the students. The Hebrew word for test means 'to take a keen look at, to choose.' We need to examine what God is saying to us now particularly. If we trust his training we will get through this, and all training and tests are temporary. Corrie Ten Boom wrote 'This is what the past is for! Every experience God gives us, every person he puts in our lives is the perfect preparation for the future that only he can see.'

We can't shorten the testing period, but we can lengthen it, if we become stubborn, resist or ignore what God wants to teach us. We have that choice. But the key to momentum is always having something to look forward to and believe God for. This is an exciting time. God seems poised to do something substantial for his purpose and our good.

Brian Jones

PRAYER

Sovereign Lord, we pray that we might remember the journey you have led us on so far and your faithfulness, for encouragement. That we would embrace present circumstances as your training for the next phase of the adventure. And that we would look forward with anticipation to the fulfilling of your purpose and our blessing. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Two years ago the Guides sowed poppy seeds in the memorial garden for the centennial commemoration of the Armistice. In the way of poppy seeds, they lay dormant in the earth whilst they considered the situation. This year they must have decided we needed cheering up and have put on a brilliant show. Thanks Girls!



NOTICES

POP UP MARKET RETURNS:- The PTA are hosting the pop up market on **Saturday 25th July 10-1** in Harbury school grounds. They are trying to sell raffle tickets and would welcome any support they can get.

Revd Martin Green has copies of a booklet 'Where is God in a Coronavirus World'. They are a free publication. Tel: 613466 or email: martin@revmccg.co.uk

LADBROKE : We will be having a Zoom 'Pause & Pray' fortnightly whilst the church is closed, on 1st and 3rd Mondays, 7.00 – 8.00 p.m. Please email ladbrokechurch@gmail.com if you would like an invitation.

DAILY HOPE is the FREE DAILY DIAL-IN WORSHIP PHONE LINE set up by the Archbishop of Canterbury offering music, prayers, reflections and full worship services 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044. It's been set up particularly for those unable to join online church services. Do dial up and do please pass this on - particularly to anyone you know who doesn't do online.

COVENTRY DIOCESE WEBSITE is now up and running <https://www.coventry.anglican.org> We are told that the the Equipping Disciples section has some great resources for prayer and wellbeing.

***Your prayers:-
are especially asked for Janice, Jo Horne's grand-daughter, who is very seriously ill
after an accident***

***We remember before God:-
Margaret Bleloch, Joyce Edwards
& Alan (Hart Cottage, Ladbroke)***
*We trust Margaret, Joyce & Alan into the safety of God's loving arms.
Please pray for their families and for all who love, knew & miss them.*

***Please remember in your prayers this week:-
Jeff, Mike, Chris, Caroline, John, Karen, Olivia,
Kate, Sue, Nora Ellis, Emma Paine, Janice
Eveline Tennant & Melissa Smith.***

***Please remember in your prayers:-
the continued efforts of all our NHS staff,
health carers etc***

NEW WEBSITE : <https://allsaintsharbury.org/>

We now have a colourful and informative website. You will find current information such as opening the church for prayer as well as the current pewsheet and the Thought for the Day. We also have a donation button on this website which is currently set up to receive "collection". The Church of England have paid for some of the costs of this scheme so every £10 donated via the website only costs us 20p. You can also gift aid which adds to the "collection"
Liz McBride

If you would like to contribute to the Thought for the Day on the website or social media pages, please email Ann Clucas at clucasann@hotmail.com.

ON-LINE WORSHIP

- **Coventry Cathedral** at 9:15 am on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/coventrycathedral>
- * **St Michael's Church, Bishop's Itchington**
www.stmichaelschurch.co.uk
- * **St Nicholas Church, Radford Semele**
www.stnicholasrestored.co.uk
- **St Mark's Coventry** at 10:30 am on YouTube - <https://www.stmarkscoventry.org/online>
- **St Paul's, Leamington** at 10:00 am <https://stpaulsleamingtonspa.churchsuite.co>.
- **St Mary Magdalene, Lillington** lillingtonparishchurch.org click on streaming and all their services
- * **St Andrew's Shottery, Stratford-upon-Avon**
<https://www.saintandrewshottery.org> (Sunday service via Zoom)

ANSWERS TO 12TH JULY 2020 QUIZ

1. Bangladesh
2. Mallorca
3. Sirocco
4. Munros
5. Bill Bryson
6. Normal People
7. THRUSH
8. Rossini
9. Russia
10. Henry Worsley
11. Douglas Bader
12. Commodore
13. Nod
14. London
15. Rainbow Warrior
16. Buttocks
17. Newcombe
18. Blackcurrants
19. Green
20. Painted Lady

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THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

1. Christopher Isherwood's 30's novel Goodbye to Berlin was turned into which musical by Kander and Ebb in the 60's (7)
2. What is the rain on Venus made of (9,4)
3. What is the name of the small island immediately south of Ibiza (10)
4. Coral reef in the Marshall Islands used as the site of US nuclear tests between 1946 & 1958 (6,5)
5. 1988 Charles Crichton film starring John Cleese, Jamie Lee Curtis, Kevin Kline & Michael Palin (1,4,6,5)
6. General who was commander-in-chief of the Confederate armies in the American Civil War (6,1,3)
7. TV drama series based on a series of novels by Diana Gabaldon (9)
8. Author born Mary Ann Evans in 1819 (6,5)
9. Surname of The Saint in books by Leslie Charteris (7)
10. Italian painter noted for his paintings of Venice (9)
11. A commoner who holds the lowest hereditary title of honour (7)
12. Scottish heroine who helped the Young Pretender to escape to Skye in 1746 (5,9)
13. Costa Rica's currency is named after which famous explorer (11,8)
14. The world's oldest commercial bank was founded in which country (7)
15. What was the ship that carried Captain Scott and his team on their ill-fated 1910-1912 expedition to Antarctica (5,4)
16. Which county cricket club play their home matches at The Oval (6)
17. A high quality black tea grown in the Himalayas (10)
18. Small groups of endocrine cells in the pancreas that secrete insulin & glucagon (6,2,10)
19. Fruit of a shrub of the genus Sambucus used for making wines, jellies etc (10)
20. Which general knowledge board game invented by Canadians Chris Haney & Scott Abbott was launched in 1981 (7,7)

In order to ensure we keep you connected & informed during this time we have adapted Pews News accordingly. If you would like us to include more information, please let Sally know. In the first instance this will be circulated electronically.

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