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WORSHIPPING GOD - GROWING IN FAITH - WORKING IN COMMUNITY

HARBURY & LADBROKE SERVICES

Date	Service	Harbury	Ladbroke
27th September	Holy Communion	10.30am	9.00am
4th October	Service of the Word / Morning Prayer	Zoom - 10:30am	
11th October	*Harvest Service	-	9.00am

- * There will be a service at Ufton Church on 27th September at 11am.
- * Harbury Harvest Service to be confirmed.
- * Communion - the congregation will be offered the Bread only.
- * Harbury: The toilets will be accessible for all services held in church.
- * Anyone is welcome but due to social distancing constraints we need to know who is planning to come so phone Liz on 612421 a day or so before the service to book your seat.

MESSAGE FROM REVD ANN

Dear All,
I hope you are keeping well and not too discouraged by the rise in virus cases and tightening of restrictions. It seems the road ahead may be long and sometimes difficult before we finally get through to other side of this – which we will. But, as always, we're not walking this road alone. God is with us and we are here for each other.

With love and prayer for you all.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Ed and I spent a few days in Bath last week. On Sunday I went to 8am Communion in Bath Abbey. The sermon, based on the gospel (Matthew 20 1-16, the labourers in the vineyard,) was mostly on stewardship. We're all called to labour for God - a good point.

However, the priest first spoke about the labourers in the story who'd worked all day and couldn't understand the landowner's generosity to those recruited late and felt it unfair. He said a dog often can't understand its owner and why he/she does the things they do, and yet the difference between us and a dog was far less than the difference between us and God.

That got me thinking. There's a lot about life I don't understand. Why does life seem so complicated, sometimes very unfair, in the world God's made? Why do some sail happily through life and others suffer all sorts of tragedies and disasters often not their fault. Why does God seem to answer some prayers immediately, and yet at other times leave us praying

day after day apparently unheard? Why does God ask us to do things that seem impracticable, even impossible? And so on.
To our dog Whitney, perhaps Ed seems all-powerful, he produces her food, turns on lights in darkness, opens doors and gates she can't, drives strange contraptions that take her to totally different places. Yet she often can't understand him – why does he utter cries of disgust and stops her eating delicious stuff on the playing fields or half rotten plums in the garden. (She can't associate the pleasure she gets then with the terrible tummy upset she gets later). Why does he get cross when she's on the nice comfortable sofa when he isn't even using it. Why can't she chase cats when it's such fun. What's the point of a constraining lead and strange exercises – sit, stay etc. Worst of all why does he go out with me and leave her behind alone, sometimes for hours – or even worse still, take her to the kennels and leave her not knowing when she'll see him again. Days? Weeks? Ever?

What Whitney does know is that Ed loves her and cares for her. He is her person. She loves and trusts him and is obviously happy when she is with him.

God is so much more incredibly great and wise and loving that we can be or imagine, yet this picture of Ed and his dog gives us a glimpse of God and us. There are times we can't understand God or rebel against what he wants of us. There may be times when our prayers seem unanswered, when we feel God is ignoring us or gone from us, that he's left us alone and we don't know why. But Ed hadn't ever really abandoned Whitney and God won't ever really abandon us. He loves us more than we can imagine and will never leave us. We can trust God and know that, whatever happens, in the end all will be well.

Reverend Ann Mulley

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God of surprises,
when I think you are not present in my life,
you reveal yourself in the love of friends and family
and nurture me in your never-ending affection.

God of surprises
when we think you are not present in our community,
you labour to make us of one heart
and cause us to share gladly and generously.

God of surprises
when people think you are not present in our world,
you bring hope out of despair
and create growth out of difficulty.

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God of surprises,
You are ever with us.
When the days go by and our vision fades,
keep surprising us.
When our hope dims and our patience wears thin,
Keep coming to us.
Teach us to keep our lamps lit
And to be prepared,
That we may see your loving presence among us.

By Francis Brienen in the the SPCK Book of Christian Prayer.

BLESSING OF THE WEEK

Trust in God
Let nothing disturb you,
let nothing frighten you.
All things pass:
God never changes
He or she who has God
Find they lack nothing,
God along suffices.
And the blessing of Almighty God
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be upon you
and all those who love, care for and pray for
now and forever Amen

A blessing based on the bookmark of Teresa of Avila's
1515-82

HOME COMMUNION : I am allowed to bring Holy Communion (bread only) to any of you in your homes carefully following all the sanitising and social distancing procedures. If anyone would like to have Home Communion – or know anyone who would like Home Communion – or just want to know about the safety procedures, do please ring me on 613696.



Your prayers

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

Please pray for the soul of:-

Roberta (Bobbie) Newman who died on Saturday, 12th September.
May she find peace in the loving arms of God and please pray
for all who knew, loved and cared for Roberta.

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 & Carol.

Please remember in your prayers:-

the continued efforts of all our NHS staff, health carers etc

NOTICES

EMBRACE THE MIDDLE EAST. Gift and Card Catalogue (Autumn and Winter 2020), and September Magazine both now available. I am happy to deliver these in Harbury, or arrange collection/delivery, with others (Call 01926 614806). Magazine features its work in Lebanon, where there are huge additional needs following the massive port area explosions recently. Additionally, it looks unlikely we shall be able to run our usual, highly successful Coffee Morning and gift stall at this time. In the meantime, do read the magazine, buy generously through the catalogue, and remember in your prayers, all those who live and work in these areas covered by Embrace. Ann Vincent 01926 614806.

DAILY HOPE is the FREE 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.

ALL SAINTS' HARBURY

CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER 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.

Liz McBride & Michael Vincent, Churchwardens

ALL SAINTS' HARBURY WEBSITE

<https://allsaintsharbury.org/>

You will find current information such as opening the church for prayer as well as the current pew sheet and the Thought for the Day. We also have a donation button on this website which is currently set up to receive "collection".

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 20TH SEPTEMBER 2020 QUIZ

1. Manchester
2. Devizes
3. Seattle
4. Puglia
5. Vanessa Bell
6. D H Lawrence
7. Marco Polo
8. Olivia de Havilland
9. Caliban
10. Chris Mason
11. Roly
12. Irene Cara
13. Dowager
14. Oxford Movement
15. Everton
16. Manu Tuilagi
17. Richard II
18. Roy Hattersley
19. Starbucks
20. Femur

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1. Deputy Town Marshal of Tombstone, Arizona who took part in the Gunfight at the OK Corral (5,4)
2. The Berlin Wall was built with the approval of which Soviet leader (6,9)
3. A military campaign of attack (9)
4. Swedish prime minister assassinated in 1986 (4,5)
5. 1983 Lewis Gilbert film with a screenplay by Willy Russell based on his stage play (9,4)
6. How much does the birdseed cost in the Mary Poppins song "Feed the Birds" (8)
7. Which British artist whose work includes My Bed was brought up in Margate, Kent, with her twin brother Paul (6,4)
8. Which Italian artist is said to have drawn a perfect circle after the Pope asked for a sample of his work (6)
9. Bel ..., English journalist and broadcaster who was married to Jonathan Dimbleby (6)
10. 1977 Pink Floyd album whose cover features Battersea Power Station (7)
11. What make of car was named after the French explorer who founded Detroit in 1701 (8)
12. Which European capital is served by an airport named in honour of the composer Liszt (8)
13. A total of 19,009 inhabitants per square kilometre makes which country the most densely populated sovereign state in the world (6)
14. Devon town in a valley between Peak Hill and Salcombe Hill (Sidmouth)
15. In Greek mythology, who was the goddess of divine retribution and revenge (7)
16. Minor prophet in the Old Testament who had been a sheep herder and sycamore fig farmer (4)
17. Multinational financial services corporation founded in 1850 in Buffalo, New York (8,7)
18. Genus of climbing plants that includes traveller's joy (8)
19. One of the basic patterns of the human fingerprint, along with loop and whorl (4)
20. What green sauce is made from olive oil, parsley, capers and garlic (5,5)

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