

Pews News & Notices for Harbury, Ladbroke & Ufton

22nd November 2020 : The Sunday next before Advent / Christ the King

Websites: All Saints', Harbury - allsaintsharbury.org

All Saints', Ladbroke - ladbrokechurch.org.uk

WORSHIPPING GOD - GROWING IN FAITH - WORKING IN COMMUNITY

HARBURY, LADBROKE & UFTON SUNDAY SERVICE

Until we can meet again in our churches, our Sunday service will be recorded and will be available on Youtube for you to watch at your leisure. The link will be sent to you on a weekly basis.

A MESSAGE FROM REV ANDY

If you have walked past the rectory recently you will have seen a gradual transformation at the front as Julie has been working hard to reclaim some of the garden from the shrubs, weeds and trees that have gradually colonised it over the years. So by dint of chainsaw, hedge trimmer, rake, spade, and a local guy who removes tree stumps, its now almost ready for preparing and planting. Julie tells me that there will be daffodils, pansies, and something called ranunculous (which I had to look up) as well as some turf laid to extend the lawn. I feel I should point out that all this hard work has been down to Julie, who has a clear vision of what the end result should be.

So now it is a case of waiting and watering, along with trust that these seemingly dead and withered bulbs will spring to life next year. Gods gift of the natural world around us is something that we should never take for granted, and that is particularly true for us who live in a beautiful rural community.

This has reminded me of how we all face times when our lives and the future seem very uncertain, no more so than during the current pandemic, and at the end of the day we simply have to leave the situation with God, like those bulbs hidden under the soil, trusting that what is good will spring back to life again.

As I write this letter, we are uncertain of so many things which lie ahead of us, such as will lockdown really end at the beginning of December? When will the vaccines be ready? How will we be able to celebrate Christmas and who will we be able to share it with? When will life return to some kind of normality next year, and what will that look like anyway? For Harbury and Ladbroke there's that additional factor of the building and renovation projects that affect our worship in church buildings, even when we are allowed back in.

But in all of the hardship and challenges of this past 9 months, I hope all of us will recognise that God has never ceased to work around us. Seeds have been sown, new life has sprouted in some unexpected places, and he has provided and blessed even when we didn't expect it.

But the future is still very much an undiscovered country, and as his people, when the time is right, we will need to take time to pray, listen, and discern Gods new vision for our purpose and our mission in these changed times. He was, is, and always will be faithful, and, like the natural world around us there will still be growth and fruitfulness ahead, even if, like our garden, some pruning and restructuring is required!

PRAYER

God of Love, You are with us in every transition and change. As we enter into this new era with anxiety but also excitement we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love that never ceases.

We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us.

We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment.

We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. In Jesus name.

Amen

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, Lucy, Jean Reed & Aaron Smith.



We remember before God:-

Jeffrey Moore

Please remember in your prayers:-

the continued efforts of all our NHS & front line staff.

In our year's mind we remember and give thanks for the lives of:-

Charles Scattergood, Joseph Parnell, Alex Miller, Brenda Wood, Susan Robinson, Michael Bloxham, William Bland, Canon Anthony Rowe & Ross Andrew.

Priest-in-Charge: Rev Andy Batchelor : The Rectory, 2 Vicarage Lane, Harbury Tel: 714295 E: rev.andyb@gmail.com

Assistant Ministers: Rev Ann Mulley : 17 South Parade, Harbury. Tel: 613696 E: edannmulley62@gmail.com

Rev Bob Clucas: 4 Highfield Cottages, Station Road, Bishop's Itchington CV47 2SR Tel: 613739

Churchwardens: Harbury: Liz McBride 612421 & Michael Vincent 614806

Ladbroke : Peter Rigby 259985 & Sue Moore 07770 786981 Email: ladbrokechurch@gmail.com

Ufton: Andy & Adelle 711967 Email: Uftonchurch@gmail.com

Readers: Alison Abbott, Tel: 612939. E: alison@abt1.net Gemma Took & Peter Took. Tel: 614193. E: gemmatook@gmail.com, peter@took.net

Communications Co-ordinator : Elaine Barnden 813654 E: communication@allsaintsharbury.org

Parish Administrator: Sally Sleath E: sallysleath.office@gmail.com

Safeguarding Officers (incl. Child Protection) :

Harbury: Amy Pedvin-Lewis 07894 516081 01926 716520 E: safeguarding@allsaintsharbury.org **Ladbroke:** - Margaret Bosworth 01926 817312

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 <https://lillingtonparishchurch.org> click on streaming and all their services
- * St Andrew's Shottery, Stratford-upon-Avon <https://www.saintandrewshottery.org> (Sunday service via Zoom - click on Services which will take you to 'current month' link where you can access Zoom details)

NOTICES



Making Space

Gathering, equipping and encouraging those leading prayer spaces & quiet days

Making Space gatherings are an opportunity to meet with others who share a passion for enabling others to encounter God through prayer spaces and quiet days. They are a place to be encouraged, refreshed and equipped, developing your skills in this area. They are a place to meet and learn from others. They are a place to encounter God together. Our heart for these gatherings is to support you in this valuable ministry.

These events are for anyone interested in this area of ministry, whether you are just beginning to explore it, or have years of experience - you are all welcome. The events you run might be anything from a simple prayer station in your church for visitors to access, to a full day retreat. Bring your enthusiasm and we'll all share our knowledge and creativity and go away encouraged and inspired.

Each gathering will include prayer and reflection, teaching input and time for conversation and sharing ideas to use within your own context. Gatherings will initially take place via Zoom, but we hope to gather in person when it is possible.

Next Making Space gathering:

23 November 2020, 7-8:30pm, on Zoom
Hosted by Jen Stewart and Rev Craig Grocock

Book your place here: <https://coventrydtp.typeform.com/to/gCCKoAU>
For further details please contact Jen Stewart jen.stewart@coventry.anglican.org

SUPPORT : If you know of any individuals who need additional support please do let myself or the wardens know. As the Archbishops have encouraged us to use this lockdown to focus on prayer, I am pleased that Alison is offering an on-line morning prayer from next week. Do join in if you can. I am also posting on Facebook the daily focus for prayer for the nation which we are encouraged to use at 6pm each day.

Rev Andy

MORNING PRAYER : Before the first lockdown a small group met in church on weekday mornings to say morning prayer. It occurred to me recently that we could continue to do this via zoom. I am hoping to do this on Mondays through to Thursdays, and anyone is welcome. You do not have to live in the parish or be familiar with morning prayer; you are welcome even if you have not been before. If you are interested send me an email (alison@abt1.net) and I will reply with the Zoom invitation which will enable you to join.
Alison Abbott

PRAYER FOR THE NATION : The Archbishops of Canterbury and York and senior church leaders have called a month of Prayer for the Nation during the second lockdown. The suggestion is that as many of us as possible unite to do this at 6pm each day. More details and prayer booklet available at <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/stories/prayerforthenation>

ALL SAINTS' HARBURY WEBSITE <https://allsaintsharbury.org/>
You will find information such as opening the church for prayer, online services and the latest pew sheet, together with our Heat Light Stone Appeal. We also have a donation button on the website to receive "collection"

ALL SAINTS', HARBURY : Church is open for private prayer on Sundays and WednesdayS from 1pm to 4pm. Anyone is welcome to come at these times but must read and follow the signs to keep all visitors as safe as possible.

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.

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

ON LINE RETREAT FOR ADVENT

The Diocese of Coventry are advertising an online Advent Quiet Day with the Bishop of Warwick (choice of 2 dates 28 November or 2 December) Both days will be identical. The day is free but you do need to register at <http://www.coventry.anglican.org/news/online-retreat-for-advent.php>
Bishop John says:

"These short retreats will run from 10am to 3pm. There will be three reflections offered at 10 am, at 12 noon and 2 pm and a closing prayer at 2.55.

These timings were chosen to give you space to offer morning and evening prayer, if this is your practice, before and after the retreat. As it is a retreat, not a conference, it is hoped that you will be able to keep the times between the reflections just for you and God and free from emails, screens and work."

Pews News & Notices for Harbury, Ladbroke & Ufton

22nd November 2020 : The Sunday next before Advent / Christ the King

Websites: All Saints', Harbury - allsaintsharbury.org

All Saints', Ladbroke - ladbrokechurch.org.uk

WORSHIPPING GOD - GROWING IN FAITH - WORKING IN COMMUNITY

ANSWERS TO 15TH NOVEMBER 2020 QUIZ

1. Grayson Perry
2. Small Island
3. Richard Briers
4. Lionel Richie
5. Rhubarb
6. Mount Cook
7. Finland
8. Boulogne
9. Hergest Ridge
10. Fabian Society
11. Steiff
12. Muslin
13. Convection
14. Southern Cross
15. AC Cobra
16. Toucan
17. Pottery
18. Basking Shark
19. Dominic Thiem
20. Otology

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

1. The technical name for alcohol (7)
2. The main constituent of plant cell walls, used in making paper, rayon and film (9)
3. Which company first introduced tea bags into the British market (6)
4. What type of instrument is used for measuring the relative density of liquids (10)
5. Which department store chain has promised since 1925 that it is "never knowingly undersold" (4,5)
6. Which "rogue trader" bankrupted Barings, the UK's oldest merchant bank, 25 years ago (4,6)
7. What is the name of the list of share prices on the Tokyo Stock exchange (6,5)
8. The discovery of which large carved stone tablet helped experts to decipher Egyptian hieroglyphics (7,5)
9. In Christian theology, the greatest of the three virtues (7)
10. What publication is the leading British motor trades guide to used car prices (6,5)
11. Roberto ..., Italian fashion designer born in Florence in 1940 (7)
12. The baht is the official currency of which Asian country (8)
13. Arm of the Mediterranean between Greece and Turkey (6,3)
14. Port in Ukraine on the Black Sea (6)
15. River that joins the Tigris to form the Shatt-al-Arab (9)
16. Which children's television series centred around two rag dolls living aboard a narrowboat in the West Midlands (5,3,3)
17. Who wrote An Evil Cradling, an account of the four-and-a-half years he spent as a hostage in Beirut (5,6)
18. What was the name of Henry VIII's elder brother who died in 1502 and was the first husband of Catherine of Aragon (6)
19. What type of bean shares its name with flute like a recorder (9)
20. Nickname of Sheffield United FC (3,6)

Priest-in-Charge: Rev Andy Batchelor : The Rectory, 2 Vicarage Lane, Harbury Tel: 714295 E: rev.andyb@gmail.com

Assistant Ministers: Rev Ann Mulley : 17 South Parade, Harbury. Tel: 613696 E: edannmulley62@gmail.com

Rev Bob Clucas: 4 Highfield Cottages, Station Road, Bishop's Itchington CV47 2SR Tel: 613739

Churchwardens: Harbury: Liz McBride 612421 & Michael Vincent 614806

Ladbroke : Peter Rigby 259985 & Sue Moore 07770 786981 Email: ladbrokechurch@gmail.com

Ufton: Andy & Adelle 711967 Email: Uftonchurch@gmail.com

Readers: Alison Abbott, Tel: 612939. E: alison@abt1.net Gemma Took & Peter Took. Tel: 614193. E: gemmatook@gmail.com, peter@took.net

Communications Co-ordinator: Elaine Barnden 813654 E: communication@allsaintsharbury.org

Parish Administrator: Sally Sleath E: sallysleath.office@gmail.com

Safeguarding Officers (incl. Child Protection) :

Harbury: Amy Pedvin-Lewis 07894 516081 01926 716520 E: safeguarding@allsaintsharbury.org **Ladbroke:** - Margaret Bosworth 01926 817312