

# Pews News & Notices for Harbury, Ladbroke & Ufton

13th December 2020 : Third Sunday of Advent

Websites: All Saints', Harbury - [allsaintsharbury.org](http://allsaintsharbury.org)

All Saints', Ladbroke - [ladbrokechurch.org.uk](http://ladbrokechurch.org.uk)

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## HARBURY, LADBROKE & UFTON SERVICES

Date	Service	Harbury	Ladbroke	Ufton
13th Dec	Holy Communion	10.30am Village Hall	9.00am	-
20th Dec	Holy Communion	10.30am Village Hall	6.00pm Carol Service	-
24th Dec	Carol / Nativity Service	5.30pm On-line	-	-
	Midnight Mass	11.15pm Church	-	-
25th Dec	Holy Communion	9.00am Church	10.30am	10.00am
27th Dec	Holy Communion	10.30am Village Hall	9.00am	-

**Harbury** : Due to social distancing constraints, we need to know who is planning to attend services, both in the Village Hall and/or Church, and you will need to let Liz McBride (612421) know a day or so before the service to book your seat. If you are attending services at Harbury church, please do remember to wrap up warm.

**Ladbroke**: You will need to book a place at both the Carol Service (6pm on 20th December) and Christmas Day service (10.30am). To make a booking, email [ladbrokechurch@gmail.com](mailto:ladbrokechurch@gmail.com)

## A MESSAGE FROM REV ANDY

One of the familiar Christmas songs we often hear this time of year is 'Gaudete' by Steeleye Span. Its another of those classics that date back to the 70's when there was lots of competition for the Christmas number one and many had that seasonal theme. Well this Sunday is known as Gaudete Sunday, a word that simply means 'rejoice' and is taken from Phillipians 4 where Paul writes, Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice, and our third advent candle symbolises the joy that Jesus brings. Advent can sometimes seem a bit sombre as we focus on preparation, repentance, waiting, but this Sunday we recognise the gift of joy. And that's something we sorely need particularly as we approach the end of a year that's been filled with so much uncertainty, worry, and pain. God gives us a joy through his spirit that isn't dependant on how we feel at any particular time. It can bubble up unexpectedly, but often when we come to worship or prayer. Its an authentic joy, not just superficial, but something that reaches down into the very heart of who we are as one of Gods much loved children. We don't have to wait for Christmas to rejoice. On this Gaudete Sunday we can recognise Jesus with us, in us, and among us, and be open to God enabling us to experience the joy of knowing him in new, deeper, and profound way. Joy is integral to being a follower of Jesus – may we all discover that anew this advent and this Christmas.

## PRAYER

God of all Creation, Fill our hearts this Advent season. May we know the greatest joy in the love you have for us and that we, in turn, hold for one another. Jesus, Lord and Saviour, You taught us to pray for all things in your name. May all of those who suffer from pain, loneliness, fear, and despair find joy in the promise of your light and life. Spirit of Hope, We take refuge in your wisdom and grace. May we become beacons of joy to all those around us, and in a world that aches for peace. 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 & Jane Rutherford.*

### **We remember before God:-**

*Christine Jones*

### **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:-**

*Halver Hansen, Nelly Gillett, Frances Moore, Peter Hagan, Anthony Walters, Beryl Bedford, David Bryan & George Orford.*

## 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](http://www.stmichaelschurch.co.uk)
- \* St Nicholas Church, Radford Semele [www.stnicholasrestored.co.uk](http://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 Shuttery, Stratford-upon-Avon <https://www.saintandrewsshuttery.org> (Sunday service via Zoom - click on Services which will take you to 'current month' link where you can access Zoom details)

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## NOTICES

**ZOOM COFFEE MORNING** : Wednesday, 16 December at 11am. Contact Ann Clucas (613739) for zoom invitation. All welcome.

**SUPPORT** : If you know of any individuals who need additional support please do let myself or the wardens know. Rev Andy

**MORNING PRAYER** : Each week day morning via Zoom and anyone is welcome. (Monday to Thursday - Alison, Friday - Rev Andy). 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

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

**ALL SAINTS', HARBURY** : Church is open for private prayer on Sundays & Wednesdays, 11am - 3pm. Anyone is welcome to come at these times but must read & follow the signs to keep all visitors as safe as possible.

**ALL SAINTS', LADBROKE**: We will open most Sundays from 2-4pm for private prayer but due to the repairs, which include the porch floor, this may not be possible every week so please check the services and events calendar before coming.

**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.

*Message from Rev Martin Green : This document has been issued to take people through Advent from Rev Elizabeth Clark - the Methodist Rural Church Adviser based at Stoneleigh*

### ADVENT : Advent Liturgy Year B

#### Week 3

*2 candles already lit. Third candle is lit.*

*This candle is for John the Baptist, sent by God to get things ready for the ministry of Jesus.*

*Reading: Isaiah 40 verse 3*

*A voice cries*

*Clear a road through the wilderness for the Lord,  
prepare a highway across the desert  
for our God.*

*Prayer*

*Compassionate God*

*We pray for those who prepare a place for others in our society.  
We remember those who work in the NHS and care home workers. People in the hospitality trade, those who work in hostels for the homeless, refugees and prisons  
We pray for ourselves that we may always be ready to welcome you in the stranger.*

#### Week 4

*3 candles already lit. Fourth candle is lit.  
This candle is for Mary who said yes to God even though she had no idea how difficult her life might be.*

*Reading: Luke 1 verse 38*

*'I am the Lord's servant,' said Mary; may it be as you have said.*

*Prayer*

*Calling God*

*We pray for all those like Mary who have said yes to you with an open heart not knowing where it might lead; those who have entered religious communities to give their lives to the work of prayer. People who have been called to serve you far from home in difficult circumstances.*

*We pray for ourselves that we may be prepared to answer yes to your call as generously as Mary did. Amen.*

#### Christmas Day

*4 candles already lit. Centre candle is lit.*

*We light this candle to remember Jesus' birthday, God come to us in a tiny baby.*

*Reading: Luke 2 verses 6 and 7*

*While they were there the time came for her to have her baby, and she gave birth to a son, her firstborn. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.*

*Prayer*

*Incarnate God,*

*We pray for all babies that will be born today. May they be loved and cared for, and have all the necessities of life.*

*We pray for ourselves that Jesus may shine in our hearts this Christmas day and always. Amen.*

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*May we who are merely inconvenienced  
remember those whose lives are at stake.*

*May we who have no risk factors  
remember the most vulnerable.*

*May we who have the luxury of working from home  
remember those who must choose between preserving  
their health or making ends meet.*

*May we who have the flexibility to care for our children  
when schools close*

*remember those who have no options.*

*May we who have to cancel our trips  
remember those who have no safe place to go.*

*May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of  
the economic market*

*remember those who have no margin at all.*

*May we who settle in for a quarantine at home  
remember those who have no home.*

*As fear grips our country,  
let us choose love.*

*During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms  
around each other*

*let us find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our  
neighbours. Amen*

#### ANSWERS TO 6th DECEMBER 2020 QUIZ

1. Macaroni
2. Spinach
3. Sommelier
4. Kenneth Grahame
5. Gallipoli
6. Pennymuir
7. Mercia
8. Mekong
9. Orkney
10. Menachem Begin
11. International Monetary Fund
12. Michael Spinks
13. Stadium MK
14. The Omen
15. Jimmy Ruffin
16. Shar-Pei
17. Elijah
18. Extensor
19. Caribou
20. Cloth-making

The quiz has now finished.