

Pews News & Notices for Harbury, Ladbroke & Ufton

20th December 2020 : Fourth Sunday of Advent

Websites: All Saints', Harbury - allsaintsharbury.org

All Saints', Ladbroke - ladbrokechurch.org.uk

WORSHIPPING GOD - GROWING IN FAITH - WORKING IN COMMUNITY

Rev Andy, Julie and family wish everyone a very happy, safe & peaceful Christmas.

HARBURY, LADBROKE & UFTON SERVICES

Date	Service	Harbury	Ladbroke	Ufton
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

Advance Notice: Rev Andy will be taking annual leave from 26th December 2020 - 7th January 2021. All services will be covered during this time.

A MESSAGE FROM REV ANDY

A NEW DAWN

Tomorrow the 21st December is the winter solstice – the shortest day of the year – or to put it another way, the longest night. That reminded me of an old proverb that dates back to the 17th century – 'its always darkest just before the dawn'. And how relevant is that saying to us as we approach the end of 2020, a pandemic year that seems to have been such a dark time in so many ways? But now we are perhaps seeing the light at the end of the tunnel as vaccines are approved and distributed and we look forward to being able to be together again with friends and loved ones. During this health and economic crisis, it has perhaps been the enforced isolation and loneliness that has been the cruellest factor. I spoke recently to a lady

who had lost her husband, and had not been able to be with him at the end. Now her own health is deteriorating and she is having to isolate herself while dealing with her grief and guilt. We need community, we were not made to be alone, and the support and care we offer to one another is a crucial part of being followers of Jesus – members of his church. At Christmas we celebrate the coming of the light that dispels the darkness of our world. The night is ending, a new day is dawning, and Jesus is born, – Emmanuel, God with us. He chooses to come to us, despite our failings, our inadequacies, our shortcomings, and if we welcome him into our lives then nothing can separate us from his love.

PRAYER

God, our dayspring and our dawn,
We turn to you when we fear the dark
And all around us weep.
We pray you greet us with your shining light
That we may spread your warm embrace
And kindle the hope of Christmas
In all whose lives remain in shadow.
Come and be our strength
O Lord, our hope and our salvation. 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:-

Diana Towell, Eric Baldry, Jim Whittles, Constance Smith,
Dorothy Bryan, Elsie Burden, Arthur Hughes, Lovice Thompson,
Flo Vincent & Gladys Green.

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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

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

OPEN THE BOOK : Naturally, the Open the Book team have been unable to go into school since March, due to Covid restrictions. However, we wanted to let the children know we're thinking of them and miss seeing them each fortnight. Use the link below to see our Christmas message to the children, which they saw this week in school. Each child was also given an accompanying book to take home, as a gift from the team.

[HarburyOpenTheBookChristmasMessage2020](#)

A Christmas message from the open the book team at Harbury www.youtube.com

The message uses the pattern of a typical Open the Book assembly and incorporates the animation A Nativity Rhyme for Christmastime, produced by the Bible Society this year. We are grateful to Lynne Cooke our musician, and her partner Dave, for their professional expertise in putting together the video, and to William for uploading it to YouTube and putting it on the church website. Also thanks to Harbury Folk Club Choir for the song from their Christmas CD. Enjoy!

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 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*