

Pews News & Notices for Harbury, Ladbroke & Ufton

27th December 2020 : Fifth Sunday of Advent

Websites: All Saints', Harbury - allsaintsharbury.org

All Saints', Ladbroke - ladbrokechurch.org.uk

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HARBURY, LADBROKE & UFTON SERVICES

Date	Service	Harbury	Ladbroke	Ufton
27th Dec	Holy Communion	10.30am Village Hall	9.00am	-
JANUARY 2021				
3rd	Holy Communion Epiphany	9.00am Village Hall	10.30am Family service	-
10th	Holy Communion Baptism of Christ	10.30am Village Hall	9.00am	-
17th	Family Service Second Sunday of Epiphany	10.30am Village Hall	9.00am Holy Communion	-
24th	Holy Communion Third Sunday of Epiphany	10.30am Village Hall	9.00am	-
31st	Holy Communion Presentation of Christ in the Temple	10.30am Village Hall	9.00am	11.00am

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.

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

A MESSAGE FROM REV ANDY

One of the things I missed most about living on an island for the last 7 years was the lack of extreme weather. Our local climate was moderated by the sea, and so in the winter we were generally a few degrees warmer than other places, and in the summer a few degrees cooler. I love tropical days and balmy nights, just as I love thunderstorms and winter snowfall, and they were few and far between, although we had more than our fair share of rain and wind!

Climatologists tell us that we are heading for a time when lying snow will more or less disappear across the UK due to global warming, and indeed, snowfall, particularly at Christmas, has been very much a rarity in recent years.

But this year it seems may be different – forecasters are predicting we may experience a cold snap around and after Christmas, with a distinct possibility of snow.

It seems that Philip North, the Bishop of Burnley shares my love of the white stuff as he recently tweeted how a white Christmas would help to cheer people after this trying year we have all experienced.

A covering of snow can transform the environment around us, renew our sense of wonder in the beauty of creation, and bring us joy as we see and hear the excitement of children indulging in snowball fights, building snowmen, or sledging.

It's a simple but profound delight.

And really, even though so many plans and arrangements have had to be cancelled or postponed this year, even though reunions and parties have been frustrated, the simple message of Christmas can still bring us unexpected joy and warm our hearts even in the most difficult of days.

In Jesus God came to us, lived with us, experienced everything that being human brings, and promised to never leave us. Through his spirit we experience the presence of the creator each day, and no matter what we face we can be assured he is right there with us.

So may you and those you love experience that simple but life changing encounter anew this Christmas and discover all the blessings God has in store for you.

Rev Andy

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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:-

Jane Rutherford

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:-***

*Truey Fisher, Molly Russell, Margaret Brown, Bryan Harrison,
Tom Barnett, Oswald Hunt, Margaret Tidmarsh, Derek Lowe,
Gerald Sheasby, John Barnes, Peter Hunt, Peter Towell
& Georgina McVennon*

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.saintandrewsshottery.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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HrburyOpenTheBookChristmasMessage2020)

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.

*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*