

Pews News & Notices for Harbury, Ladbroke & Ufton

3rd January 2021 : Epiphany

Websites: All Saints', Harbury - allsaintsharbury.org

All Saints', Ladbroke - ladbrokechurch.org.uk

WORSHIPPING GOD - GROWING IN FAITH - WORKING IN COMMUNITY

To all members of Harbury, Ladbroke and Ufton Churches.

A number of folk are concerned about continuing to meet physically in the current situation and regulations in Tier 4. The churchwardens and clergy have reached a consensus to suspend worshipping together in person until there is more clarity. Andy has been consulted while off duty and it has fallen to me to help us muddle through this first Sunday of the New Year. We will "Zoom" this Sunday and after that we may have a mixture of recorded YouTube and Zoom for a few weeks.

So, Bob Clucas is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting on the Rev Andy Batchelor's account.

Topic: Church Service for Harbury, Ladbroke and Ufton
Time: Jan 3, 2021 10:30 AM
Join Zoom Meeting
[https://zoom.us/j/6540746080?](https://zoom.us/j/6540746080)
pwd=MGFIRWNvdUFwWUNGYjVEMHNhdVY2QT09
Meeting ID: 654 074 6080
Passcode: Christmas

We will start the meeting for setup at about 10.00am but you won't be let in until about 10.15am. The service will be led by Gemma Took and Bob. We will have some liturgy on screen, some hymns to sing, think or pray along with, and a talk by Bob on John's Gospel. We will try to record the service and publish it on YouTube for those who miss it for any reason. This has been prone to technical difficulties lately, especially those from the church building. Hopefully it will work ok when based in our home and it should be up by lunchtime.

Please keep praying and stay safe. Blessings.
Bob Clucas

HARBURY, LADBROKE & UFTON SERVICES

Date	Service	Harbury	Ladbroke	Ufton
JANUARY 2021				
3rd	Holy Communion Epiphany	Service via Zoom		
10th	Holy Communion Baptism of Christ	Service via Zoom/YouTube tbc		
17th	Family Service Second Sunday of Epiphany		TBC	
24th	Holy Communion Third Sunday of Epiphany		TBC	
31st	Holy Communion Presentation of Christ in the Temple		TBC	

A MESSAGE FROM REV ANN

Dear All

I hope you have managed to have a Happy Christmas inspite of Covid. It was very different this year but the joy and light and hope of Christ's birth shone through just as brightly in our church and online services. Even the stars came out for us at midnight on Christmas Eve! Many, many thanks to all who decorated the churches and put up the candles.

The new infectious variant means cases are now rising very rapidly and we are in virtual lockdown in tier 4 but we can hold onto the fact that as Oxford vaccine has now been approved, the vaccination programme can roll out faster bringing an end to the pandemic at last. I feel its symbolic that as we are past the shortest day and each new day brings lengthening light, so each day of the vaccination programme will bring us nearer to shortening the shadow of Covid.

Happy New Year.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - Ann Mulley

New Year is a time when we traditionally look back over the past year, the good and the bad. There was a lot of bad in 2020, whether it was the desperate grief at the death of someone we love, the ongoing heartache of being separated from family and friends, the burden of financial worry and stress of failing businesses or loss of jobs and income, the struggle to work from home while home schooling children, the depression of isolation and loneliness. Sadly we haven't reached the end and the sharp rise in cases casts a deep shadow ahead.

Yet, in among all the bad, there was a lot of good. People came together in sometimes amazing ways to support and help – there were a lot of heroes in 2020 - and the feeling of friendship and community seemed especially strong in these churches and villages. We had a beautiful spring and early summer - the flowers seemed more beautiful than usual - or was it because I stopped to look at and appreciate them? Less activity meant we had time to think and several people told me that brought out what was really important, helped them to focus on what actually mattered in their lives. It made them appreciate more deeply the things they had taken for granted – including being able to worship together in church. Someone said that the first communion service after lockdown gave her a real high that lasted all day. Some people said that time to think had led to spending more time with God in private prayer and reflection and growing closer to him.

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For me personally the year re-emphasized the overriding importance of two things. One is people and reaching out to them in love. People matter much more than all the other things that take up our lives – and we can lose track of that. The other, which is closely intertwined, is my faith in Jesus Christ and my relationship with him. Knowing he loves me and is with me and holding onto him has made all the difference.

We think of a new year as a new beginning and the vaccine means that this new year, even under the cloud of increased cases, is the beginning of the end of the pandemic. We can look forward with greater hope to the start of brighter times for the world. But as we move forward into 2021 let's take with us the good from 2020. Let's keep supporting and helping others, and reaching out in love, let's spend time to look at and appreciate the things we often take for granted. Let's spend more time with God in Jesus Christ and come to love him more and know we are loved by him. Let's walk with him into the future, knowing he is with us, his hand is stretched to hold us, and his light shines on our path ahead.

May Christ, who out of defeat
brings new hope and a new future,
fill you with his new life.
And may the blessing of Almighty God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be with you and all those whom you love
this day and evermore, Amen

PRAYER BY ST COLUMBA

Dear Lord
Be Thou a bright flame before me
Be Thou a guiding star above me,
Be thou a smooth path below me,
Be thou a kindly shepherd behind me,
Today – tonight - and forever. 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 and pray for the families of:-

Jane Rutherford, David Howell & Lillian Coast.

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:-

*Pat Williams, Yvonne Brown, Tink Washbrooke,
Muriel Stephenson, John Burton, Cecil Algar, Mabel Winter,
Muriel Megginson & Sylvia Paine.*

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 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)

NOTICES

Rev Andy is on annual leave from 26th December 2020 - 7th January 2021.

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.

*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