



All Saints', Harbury



All Saints', Ladbroke



St Michael & All Angels, Ufton

24th January, 2021 : Third Sunday of Epiphany

# Harbury, Ladbroke & Ufton Pews News & Notices

## MESSAGE FROM REV ANDY

It's easy isn't it to jump to conclusions about other people. Perhaps we are influenced by the way they dress, their accent, their taste in music, or even their political or religious affiliation. As we see the start of the new administration in America, many are making assumptions about Joe Biden, what he will or will not do during his term of office. Today we near the end of the week of prayer for Christian Unity, but perhaps as we look at the huge diversity of different denominations and traditions in the world today, we wonder how unity can ever be achieved. Part of the problem are the assumptions we make about those of a different branch of the Christian church. Julie and I are from different branches of the Christian Church, and although Anglican services were new to her, she grew to love the liturgy, even the more traditional bits! The reality of course is, that while we may differ on some aspects of theology, each tradition brings something unique to our common mission and faith. We really are missing out on that breadth of understanding and inspiration if we simply dismiss others as misguided or misled. My previous parishes worked together with many different denominations within a Mission community, and that was a really positive initiative, and we learned so much from each other. You may know that there is computer operating system called Ubuntu, a word that originated in South Africa among the Bantu people. It is a traditional African description of community. It is defined as 'I am who I am, because of who **we** are'. Ubuntu describes a people who are one, who have one purpose. Let's pray that as Gods people whatever our background may be, we can all share that vision and work towards the goal of unity, to be one as Jesus and the Father are one. Amen.

## A PRAYER FOR UNITY

Lord, you are the gardener who cares for us with love. You call on us to see the beauty of each branch united to the vine, the beauty of each person. And yet, too often the differences in others make us afraid. We withdraw into ourselves. Our trust in you is forsaken. Sadly even enmity develops between us. Come and direct our hearts toward you once again. Grant us to live from your forgiveness and grace so that we may together work for your kingdom and praise your name. Amen.

### SUNDAY SERVICES

(all services via Zoom/You Tube until further notice)

24th	10.30am Holy Communion 3rd Sunday of Epiphany
31st	10.30am Holy Communion Presentation of Christ in the Temple  February
7th	10.30am Holy Communion Second Sunday before Lent
14th	10.30am Holy Communion Sunday next before Lent

### 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 & pray for the family of:-

Ann Gillam

### 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:-

Frank Jones, Percy Appleton, Ann Watson, Archy Taylor, Sidney Enefer, Michael Guteridge, Polly Parker, Rene Newman-Smith, Frank Spreckley, George Woodward, Arthur Freeman, Beryl Griffin, Thomas Wicker, Muriel Armitage & Stephen Southam.

## TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS

### **FIRST READING** : Revelations 19:6-10

I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure" - for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are true words of God." Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

### **SECOND READING** : John 2:1-11

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

#### **ON-LINE WORSHIP**

At a recent Chapter meeting, we felt it was a good idea to share our worship service links around the deanery so that anyone can join in where they feel they'd like to. If there are services you want to receive links for at any of the churches within the Deanery, either email [rev.andyb@gmail.com](mailto:rev.andyb@gmail.com) or send your email address to the clergy of that church who can add it to their distribution list.

## NOTICES

**LADBROKE** : Behind the Scaffolding at Ladbroke Church. What has been happening over the last 6 months with the funds raised and grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund? Now is your chance to see for yourself without getting cold, wet or muddy! Join us on Zoom at 2pm on Thursday 28th January. It's free but you need to book ahead on Eventbrite (search for Ladbroke Church) to receive joining instructions. Jackie West.

**COFFEE MORNING** : Rev Andy Batchelor is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Coffee 11am 27 January

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/92309855367?](https://zoom.us/j/92309855367?pwd=b1pTMVluVDNqclJ5Y1FFZ2FkOHA4QT09)  
pwd=b1pTMVluVDNqclJ5Y1FFZ2FkOHA4QT09

Meeting ID: 923 0985 5367

Passcode: 275069

We will also meet on 3rd, 10th & 17th February.

**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](mailto:alison@abt1.net)) and I will reply with the Zoom invitation which will enable you to join. Alison Abbott.

**BIBLE READING** : I shall soon be ordering the New Daylight notes for the next 12 months. If anyone else would like to try this guide to a short daily reading please let me know. They cost £14.25 for the year, or you could may wish to try one issue, covering 4 months for £4 75.

There is also a new Lent book "Opening our Lives", with daily readings to help us to be aware of God's presence in all we do. This costs £8.99. Lent starts on February 17th so I shall need to get that fairly soon. I am on 614809 if you are interested in either (or both). And, on the subject of Lent, Rev Andy has asked me to add that he is working on a "virtual" course for us here.  
Gillian Hare.

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

## COVID VACCINE NOTICE

I have been asked to send out a message in regard to the COVID vaccination rollout. If you are in an elderly or vulnerable category you may have received, or are about to receive a letter inviting you to an appointment in Birmingham. Some people have expressed concern about having to travel that distance, so it is important to know that there will be a more local option in Southam, which should go live this week, serving the local GP practices, and so you will be able to use this more local facility. I have been informed that the contact number for those who need to organise a vaccination in Southam is 962719.

It is also important to be aware of a number of scams that are sadly prevalent at the moment. Some people are being called and asked to make a payment for the vaccine, or give details over the phone. Such calls are **never** made by genuine authorities, so please just end the call immediately. There is absolutely no charge being made by the NHS for the vaccine, and any suggestion to the contrary is simply criminal.

It is frustrating that not all areas have the vaccine available, but enormous efforts are being made in the rollout program, and we just need to be patient a little while longer. If anyone has particular concerns do feel free to contact me on 01926 714295, and I will do what I can to pursue them with the appropriate bodies.

Harbury e-Wheels is offering transport (following Covid precautions) for people invited to Southam for vaccination. There will be those without any means to get there. Any requests to Janny Freeman on 01926 612002 or email [harburyewheels@gmail.com](mailto:harburyewheels@gmail.com) Please pass this message on.

Every Blessing, Rev. Andy

**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.

## CHURCH WEBSITES & OPENING TIMES

**ALL SAINTS' HARBURY** <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".

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.

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**ALL SAINTS' LADBROKE** [ladbrokechurch.org.uk](http://ladbrokechurch.org.uk)

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.

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## PRAYER

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

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