



All Saints', Harbury



All Saints', Ladbroke



St Michael & All Angels, Ufton

17th January, 2021 : Second Sunday of Epiphany

Harbury, Ladbroke & Ufton Pews News & Notices

MESSAGE FROM REV ANDY

I wonder if you have made any new year resolutions? Apparently losing weight is top of the list and particularly this year as so many of us have been confined inside so much more, and have found the pounds piling on. I have determined to lose those extra pounds this year, although not exactly a resolution, and I have joined Slimming World to help me on that journey. But maybe we might decide to make spiritual resolutions too as we journey together with God, maybe to pray more, read our Bible more, step out in faith when he calls us to. In Psalm 119 we read, 'Everything you speak to me is like joyous treasure, filling my life with gladness. I have determined in my heart to obey whatever you say, fully and forever.' But like all resolutions, there's always other stuff that seems to get in the way of our good intentions. That gym membership card often gets left on the shelf. But fortunately for us, God's patience and compassion for us is never ending, he knows our weaknesses and failings, and he's always there to lift us up if we stumble. If like me you are seeking to lose weight you will find there will be good weeks and bad weeks, but the important thing is to stay the course, to put disappointments behind us, and to focus on our where we want to be. That's also true in our Christian lives as we follow Jesus as best we can, keeping our eyes on him, and where he is leading us to be.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you have blessed us with in the past year, how the difficulties we might have faced remind us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day.

We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that you will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to you above all else. We ask that you will open doors that need to be opened and close the ones needing to be shut. Thank you that you know our frailty, and help us to be open to your transforming power in our lives this coming year. Amen

SUNDAY SERVICES THIS MONTH

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

17th	10.30am Family Service 2nd Sunday of Epiphany
24th	10.30am Holy Communion 3rd Sunday of Epiphany
31st	10.30am Holy Communion Presentation of Christ in the Temple

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.

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:-

Alfred Wren, Steve Checkley, Samuel Cockran, Joe Stockwell, Angela Richardson, Ernest Tyler, Hannah Lowe, John Howard, Mike Grimes & Father Roy.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

FIRST READING : John 1: 43-end

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote-Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit." ⁴⁸"How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel." ⁵⁰Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." ⁵¹He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."

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.

ALL SAINTS' LADBROKE

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.

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.uk>
- St Mary Magdalene, Lillington <https://lillingtonparishchurch.org> click on streaming and all their services
- St Andrew's Shottery, Stratford-upon-Avon <https://www.saintandrewsshotttery.org> (Sunday service via Zoom - click on Service)

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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH : Whilst we have been unable to meet in person, Children's Church has been sending out packs each week with a story, craft and prayer idea to do at home. We have 2 groups: the under 8's and the over 8's. If you or someone you know would like one of these packs (usually delivered on a Saturday), please email childrenschurch@allsaintsharbury.org with the children's names, ages and an address to deliver to. We would love to include you! Ann & Amy

COFFEE MORNINGS : Here is the link for coffee mornings through to February 17th 2021. Rev Andy Batchelor is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: Coffee. All at 11am on 20th, 27th January; 3rd, 10th & 17th February. Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/92309855367?pwd=b1pTMVluVDNqclJ5Y1FFZ2FkOHA4QT09> Meeting ID: 923 0985 5367 Passcode: 275069

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.

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.

Every Blessing

Rev. Andy

PRAYER

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.

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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