

# Harbury, Ladbroke & Ufton : Pews News & Notices



All Saints', Harbury



All Saints', Ladbroke



St Michael & All Angels, Ufton

## **14th February, 2021 : Sunday next before Lent**

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

*Topic: Sunday Worship 14th February at 10.30am*

*Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/6540746080?pwd=K2M5aHIzcEgCb3BEeFhPOHlOM2hjdzo9>*

*Meeting ID: 654 074 6080      Passcode: worship*

## **MESSAGE FROM REV ANDY**

This week has been notable by the amount of confusion demonstrated by various government ministers as they have issued contradictory statements about the timescale for moving out of lockdown, and whether people should book holidays in the summer either in this country or abroad. As I listened to the various debates one of the arguments that stood out to me was the importance of people's need for hope. Hope of course that restrictions would ease, that we would be able to get together again with family and friends, and that the dark days of the last 12 months can be finally put behind us. And there are signs of hope all around us – even in these cold and frosty winter days we see the first stirrings of spring as the snowdrops and crocuses emerge in the gardens and verges, the bright sunshine and blue skies of a clear day remind us that warmer days are coming. The seasons change as they have always done and as the writer of Ecclesiastes reminds us, 'this too shall pass'. As Christians our hope isn't ultimately to be found in politicians, scientists or doctors, it rests with our creator and redeemer who promises that he is always with us, whatever the circumstances of our lives, that he is in control, that his love for us is unwavering and that the future is in his hands. So in the words of our communion service 'Lift up your hearts' because we can rely on God and his purposes for each one of us.

## **A BLESSING FOR HOPE**

May the Lord show you the greatness of his goodness, so that you overflow with thanks every day. May the Lord bless you abundantly with rest for the heart, power for virtue, wisdom for life, and patience in suffering. May the Lord bless you with joyful hope, and now and always with the inexpressible joys of eternal life. Amen

## **SUNDAY SERVICES \***

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

### **February**

14th	10.30am All Age Service Sunday next before Lent
*17th	7.30pm Ash Wednesday Service
21st	10.30am Service First Sunday of Lent
28th	10.30am Service Second Sunday of Lent

## **Please remember in your prayers this week:-**

Gerry Barratt, Keith Dormer, Jeff, Chris, Caroline, Karen, Nora Ellis, John, Emma Paine, Eveline Tennant, Melissa Smith, Jean Reed, Aaron Smith & Jacqui Eaves-Campbell.

## **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:-**

George Brown, Paddy Padbury, Gordon Cook, Alf Hancock, Sue Andrews, Susan Burr, Millie Jeacock, Cyril Ingram, Wendy Stubbs, Gertrude Brown, Noreen Swadling, Gladys Hutchins & Sam Stephenson.

## TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS

### FIRST READING : Isaiah 40:1-6

40:1 Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

40:2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

40:3 A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

40:4 Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

40:5 Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

40:6 A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

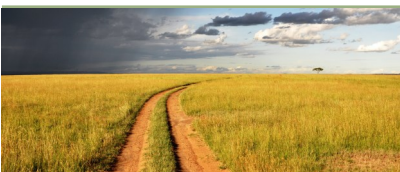
### SECOND READING : John 3: 22-end

#### John Testifies Again About Jesus

22 After this, Jesus and his disciples went out into the Judean countryside, where he spent some time with them, and baptized. 23 Now John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was plenty of water, and people were coming and being baptized. 24 (This was before John was put in prison.) 25 An argument developed between some of John's disciples and a certain Jew over the matter of ceremonial washing. 26 They came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, that man who was with you on the other side of the Jordan—the one you testified about—look, he is baptizing, and everyone is going to him."

27 To this John replied, "A person can receive only what is given them from heaven. 28 You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Messiah but am sent ahead of him.' 29 The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. 30 He must become greater; I must become less." [h]

31 The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all. 32 He testifies to what he has seen and heard, but no one accepts his testimony. 33 Whoever has accepted it has certified that God is truthful. 34 For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God[i] gives the Spirit without limit. 35 The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands. 36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them.



#### JOURNEY INTO PRAYER

We are recommending this Diocesan course for Lent.

Praying isn't always easy and so often we can get stuck in a rut with the ways we try to communicate with God. These evening sessions will hopefully give you some fresh ideas and ways of praying that will invigorate your spiritual journey. Join us for one or all of these sessions as we provide a space to explore and rest with God in a variety of ways over Lent.

Each session will be at 7.30pm starting on Wednesday, 24th February and will be held over Zoom. You only need to register once to come to as many or few sessions as you wish <https://www.coventry.anglican.org/leaning-into-lent-2021/be-nourished/journey-into-lent.php>

## NOTICES

**COFFEE MORNING:** with Rev Andy Batchelor at 11am on Wednesday, 17th February.

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 923 0985 5367      Passcode: 275069

### ASH WEDNESDAY REFLECTION : 17TH FEBRUARY 2017

Rev Andy Batchelor is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Ash Wednesday reflection

Time: Feb 17, 2021 07:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/6540746080?pwd=K2M5aHlzcE9Cb3BEdFhPOHIOM2hjdz09>

Meeting ID: 654 074 6080

Passcode: worship

If possible it would be good if you could have a small pot of soil or compost and a seed or plant which will be planted during the service. If you could have some dust or soil available in a small container that would be good too.

**THE WELL CHRISTIAN HEALING CENTRE** is holding two online events in February and March:

- A Listening to God conference on *Saturday morning 20th February* called "Pain and Suffering, God & the Bible: Where's the Truth?"

Further details at <https://www.wellhealing.org/events/wheres-the-truth/>

- A new Pathway event called "Pathway through Sleep", on *Saturday morning 13th March, repeated on Thursday morning 18th March.*

Further details at <https://www.wellhealing.org/events/pathway-through-sleep/>

These events normally cost £15 each, but Ladbroke Church has been offered a limited number of free places and is extending the offer to Harbury and Ufton parishes too. So if you would like a free place, please email [ladbrokechurch@gmail.com](mailto:ladbrokechurch@gmail.com) for details – first come first served!

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

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK** : We are in the process of reviewing and updating the list of names on the sick list of people we pray for each Sunday. These names are printed on the weekly pew sheet, and are read out during our on-line service each Sunday, which is, of course, visible to those who are not necessarily members of our congregations. If anyone would like to be included on this list (full name or just Christian name) please let Rev Andy (714295) or Fliss Harris (612395) know. If you are putting a name down on behalf of someone it is imperative that you have their consent to do so. Also, if anyone does feel uncomfortable about their name being read out during our on-line services, then do please let us know and we will remove the name.

**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](mailto:childrenschurch@allsaintsharbury.org) with the children's names, ages and an address to deliver to. We would love to include you! Thanks. Ann and Amy

**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 [harburye-wheels@gmail.com](mailto:harburye-wheels@gmail.com)

**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.

### SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT IN CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS : 19<sup>th</sup> June 2021 from 10am-4pm

Ruth Hassall will be leading training for us at All Saints Harbury (or on zoom if required). We plan to record the sessions for those unable to attend. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn about this topic and look at practical ways to put theory into practice. This training is open to all – you do not have to be involved in the children and young peoples' groups to come along. If you would like to attend, please let Ann Clucas know ([clucasann@hotmail.com](mailto:clucasann@hotmail.com)). Places are currently available for people from Harbury, Ladbroke and Ufton. After Easter, we will open up any remaining places to those from other areas and churches at the cost of £25 per delegate.

*Ruth Hassall is a speaker, trainer, author and coach with over 20 years' experience of working with individuals, churches, organisations and dioceses, committed to encouraging and equipping people to live out the good news of the Kingdom.*

## 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

## 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 or send your email address to the clergy of that church who can add it to their distribution list.

**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 regarding online services & the latest pewsheet, 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 - 4pm. 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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