

Notices

Joint Service we are delighted as three parishes to welcome Bishop Christopher to preach at our joint service today.

Advent Reflections 7.30pm Tuesdays during Advent in the Tom Hauley Room, all welcome to drop in.

Wanted - cardboard tubes/rolls. Jackie West and I would be very grateful for cardboard tubes/rolls from kitchen roll etc to make telescopes for our little astrologers from the East for our living crib at the Ladbroke Crib service. Please contact me 01926 613696 or Jackie 01926 810331.



Christingle Collection Boxes for the Children's Society are available at Harbury Church.

Christingle Constructors needed. Please come along to the Tom Hauley Room on Wednesday 22nd December 10am to help prepare Christingles. It should only take an hour of your time.

Harbury Advent Trail watch out in Harbury windows for a trail leading us through the Christmas story up until the 24th December. Maps available in church and the lychgate.

Service of Celebration for the Life of Keith Dormer 2.00pm Thursday 23rd December. All Welcome.

Please note there will be no church services on 26th December.

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FROM REVD ANDY:

This week we light the 4th of our Advent candles, as we continue the theme of celebrating Gods gifts to us through Jesus. Hope, Peace, Joy, and this week, Love. Its such an amorphous word, love. It can mean so many different things to different people. We might love chocolate, crisp starry nights, a holiday at the beach, our spouse and children, our church and our friends. Its so hard to define what love is, and of course in the Bible there are a selection of Greek words to choose from that we translate as love; Agape, Eros, Philia, Storge, all with different perspectives and emphases. God is love we say – but what do we mean by that? Love isn't just something God does, one of a range of activities that God might do, or emotions that God might feel. Love is what God is. That means that whenever we feel love – whether that is for something big or small - we are connecting with the nature of God himself. Jesus' birth shines as a flickering light, a delicate, vulnerable candle flame, in the darkness of a world that can so often seem loveless and cruel. God is love. God lives in you, in all that you love, and in loving, you live in him. But love is not a passive thing. Love is creative, passionate, courageous, risky. It inspires, motivates and shapes us. It's not hard to find people who need love. They are all around us. By completing the advent cycle, expressing the love that is so desperately sought by so many, we envelop the hurting world with the light and life that comes as we await the arrival of Christ just a little longer.

Lord help us to realise the depths of your love for your world, and for us. May we reflect a tiny part of your nature of love to our dark world. As we enter this last week of advent, let that awareness of your love, your very being, mold us, and motivate us to be a conduit for your transforming and healing love that your pour out through Jesus.

HARBURY, LADBROKE & UFTON CHURCHES



Notice Sheet



19 December

COLLECT (SPECIAL PRAYER)

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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THIS WEEK

Monday 20th December (Vicar's Day Off)

8.00pm Bellringing Practice
(Beginners) Harbury

Tuesday 21st December

7.30pm Advent Reflections THR

Wednesday 22nd December

10.00am Christingle Preparation THR

6.30pm Carol Service Ladbroke

Thursday 23rd December

10.00am Communion Harbury

2.00pm Celebration of
Keith Dormer's Life Harbury

Friday 24th December Christmas Eve

3.00pm Crib Service Ladbroke

4.00pm Christingle Service Harbury

11.15pm Midnight Communion Harbury

Saturday 25th December Christmas Day

9.00am Communion Ladbroke

10.00am Extended Communion Ufton

10.30am Communion Harbury

Sunday 26th December

No Services Today

Safeguarding Lead: Amy Pedvin-Lewis

Churchwardens:

Harbury: Elizabeth McBride

Michael Vincent

Ladbroke: Peter Rigby

Sue Moore

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Jeff, Chris, Caroline, Lee, Tom, Karen,
Nora, John, Jean, Jacqui, Peter, Emma
Paine, Colin Ingram, Eveline Tennant, Tom
Kelly, John Quinn, Audrey, Teresa Brignall
Lisa & Samuel Moore

BIBLE READINGS

Micah 5:2-5

2 But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me

one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

3 Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

4 And he shall stand and feed his flock in the
strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be
great to the ends of the earth;

5 and he shall be the one of peace.

If the Assyrians come into our land
and tread upon our soil,
we will raise against them seven shepherds
and eight installed as rulers.

Luke 1:39-55

39 In those days Mary set out and went with
haste to a Judean town in the hill
country, 40 where she entered the house of
Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When
Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt
in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the
Holy Spirit 42 and exclaimed with a loud cry,
'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is
the fruit of your womb.

43 And why has this happened to me, that the
mother of my Lord comes to me? 44 For as soon
as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in
my womb leapt for joy. 45 And blessed is she
who believed that there would be a fulfilment of
what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

46 And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord,
47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
48 for he has looked with favour on the
lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call
me blessed;
49 for the Mighty One has done great things for
me,

and holy is his name.

50 His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

51 He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of
their hearts.

52 He has brought down the powerful from their
thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;

53 he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

54 He has helped his
servant Israel,

in remembrance of his
mercy,

55 according to the
promise he made to our
ancestors,

to Abraham and to his
descendants for ever.'



**If you, or someone you know needs additional support, or would appreciate home communion
please contact Rev Andy: rev.andyb@gmail.com 01926 483439**