

Notices

Harbury Advent Trail the trail continues until 6th January 2022.

Meeting Point begins on 4th January 2021 at The Crown, Harbury. More information from Fliss 567128 or Gemma 614193

Harbury Mother's Union meets on 5th January 2pm Tom Hauley Room.



Coffee Morning Saturday January 8th in aid of the flower fund, (restrictions permitting). Offers of cakes, bric a brac and raffle

prizes will be gratefully accepted.

We shall be asking everyone to wear masks, to help to protect each other. Thank you Gillian 614809

Messy Church Sunday 9th January 3-5pm in the Tom Hauley Room. Our theme this month is Epiphany.

Bumps & Bundles returns on Tuesday 11th January from 10.30am-12.00 in the Tom Hauley Room.

Pleasant Pastimes starts back on Wednesday 12th January in the Tom Hauley Room (restrictions permitting).



Harbury Women's Institute 13th January 13th 8.45pm Tom Hauley Room

8.00am Communion (to be held monthly on the third Sunday) starts on Sunday 16th January at Harbury.

Youth Club returns on Sunday 16th January 7.00pm to 8.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room.

Worship Band can you play an instrument or sing, and would be interested in being part of a worship band? Please let Rev Andy know. Rev/andyb@gmail.com/483439.



Retirement Celebration

Evensong Evensong Service at Ladbroke Church on 30th January at 6.30pm for Gemma and Peter Took who are retiring as Readers.

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FROM REVD ANN:

So Christmas Day is over and we move forward into 2022 wondering what it will bring. The run up to Christmas for me this year was both light and shadow. There was happiness in being with much loved family and friends and church family but the deaths of Anthony Nockley and Keith Dormer, whose funerals I took and also the deaths before Christmas of two separate very longstanding friends cast shadows. I felt for the pain and grief of their wives and families and the bleak emptiness of their waking up on Christmas morning without their beloved and of facing the coming year without them. And of course there'll be many, many others whose Christmas wasn't lit with shared fun, laughter and celebration but shadowed by illness, worry, pain, loneliness and sadness. Someone wrote Christmas is cancelled this year.

Yet all that brings out into even sharper focus that Christmas is far, far more the warm, happy, fun filled temporary escape from the sometimes harshness of life that we often try to make it - a happy bubble that bursts when it meets a painful reality. Christmas can never be cancelled because what we celebrate is the lasting, ongoing, concrete reality of God's great love, forgiveness, new beginnings, help, hope, light and life that burst into our everyday world, our daily lives with all their ups and downs, through Jesus Christ, born as a baby, not in a warm cosy family home but in an animal shed. Jesus, a real baby, born in a real time in history, in a town we can still visit, who made, and still makes, such an impact on the world that his birth is worth celebrating in style today.

The lasting joy and strength of Christmas is that Jesus was born in God's love to be with us always in life, and in death and in that glorious new life beyond death that he died to give us. In the words of Hark the Herald Angels "Light and life to all he brings .. born that we no more may die ... born to give us second birth."

Revd Ann Mulley

HARBURY, LADBROKE & UFTON CHURCHES



Notice Sheet Sunday 2nd January 2022

COLLECT (SPECIAL PRAYER)

God our Father,
in love you sent your Son
that the world may have life:
lead us to seek him among the outcast
and to find him in those in need,
for Jesus Christ's sake.

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THIS WEEK

Monday 3rd January (Bank Holiday)

8.00pm Bellringing Practice
(Beginners) Harbury

Tuesday 4th January (Vicar's Day Off)

12.00noon Meeting Point The Crown

Wednesday 5th January

2.00pm Mother's Union THR

Thursday 6th January

10.00am Communion Harbury

Friday 7th January

8.00pm Bellringing Practice Harbury

Saturday 8th January

10.00am Coffee Morning THR

Sunday 9th January

9.00am Holy Communion Ladbroke
10.30am Holy Communion Harbury
3.00pm Messy Church THR

Safeguarding Lead: Amy Pedvin-Lewis

Churchwardens:

Harbury: Elizabeth McBride
Michael Vincent

Ladbroke: Peter Rigby
Sue Moore

Morning Prayer Zoom

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Jeff, Chris, Caroline, Lee, Tom, Karen,
Nora, John, Jean, Jacqui, Peter, Emma,
Colin, Eveline, Tom, John, Audrey, Teresa
Lisa & Samuel

All those who have lost a loved one.

BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6

60 Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

2 For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

3 Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

4 Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their
nurses' arms.

5 Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be
brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

6 A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Matthew 2.1-12

2 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was
born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from
the East came to Jerusalem, 2 asking, 'Where
is the child who has been born king of the
Jews?

For we observed his star at its rising, and have
come to pay him homage.' 3 When King Herod
heard this, he was frightened, and all
Jerusalem with him; 4 and calling together all
the chief priests and scribes of the people, he
inquired of them where the Messiah was to be
born. 5 They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea;
for so it has been written by the prophet:
6 "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of
Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men
and learned from them the exact time when
the star had appeared. 8 Then he sent them to
Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently
for the child; and when you have found him,
bring me word so that I may also go and pay
him homage.' 9 When they had heard the king,
they set out; and there, ahead of them, went
the star that they had seen at its rising, until it
stopped over the place where the child
was. 10 When they saw that the star had
stopped, they were overwhelmed with
joy. 11 On entering the house, they saw the
child with Mary his mother; and they knelt
down and paid him homage. Then, opening
their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of
gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And having
been warned in a dream not to return to
Herod, they left for their own country by
another road.

If you, or someone you know needs additional support, or would appreciate home communion
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