

Notices

Morning Prayer

There will be no morning prayer this week. We will begin again on 4th Jan.

December coffee mornings

There will be one last coffee morning of 2022 in support of the Children's Society on 31st Dec.

Mothers' Union Party 4th Jan 2:30pm

Friends welcome to join our New Year Party in the Tom Hauley room.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Mothers' Union scheme for help for the school. The gifts were received with great delight, and, thanks to your generosity, we are able to continue this as an ongoing project.

Thursday Communion 5th January, 10am

Returning to the THR on Thursday mornings in the New Year.

Bumps & Bundles 10th January 10am

Returning with weekly meetings on Tuesday mornings in Tom Hauley Room the delayed Christmas party will be on 17th Jan.



administrator@allsaintsharbury.org to include messages in the pew sheet

REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTORY

Recently I was watching a Youtube channel made by a guy who lives full time on a narrowboat. He was reflecting on how society has changed since he first set out on the canals, how costs had shot up, and how narrowboaters now had to be much more aware of security and potential vandalism. It was quite a pensive video, and I guess it reflects many people's view of how so much around us seems to be deteriorating, and good news is in such short supply. 2022 seemed to lurch from one crisis to another, and as we look towards the new year there may not be much light visible at the end of the tunnel. However over advent we have reflected on the gifts that Jesus brings us through his birth, life, death and resurrection. Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. These are blessings that nothing and no-one can take from us, and that can well up within us even at the most unexpected times. Whatever awaits us in 2023 one constant we can rely on is God: his presence beside us, his love surrounding us, his spirit within us. So as we gather together at our Christmas services to sing the familiar carols, hear the familiar readings and remind ourselves once more of the glory of God with us, born as one of us, living among us; we can take strength and comfort in those words, 'The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it'.

Reflection for the New Year

When the carols have been stilled,
When the star-topped tree is taken down,
When family and friends have gone home,
When we are back to our routines
The work of Christmas begins:
To welcome the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To build bridges of trust, not walls of fear,
To share our gifts,
To seek justice and peace for all people,
To bring Christ's light to the world.

HARBURY, LADBROKE & UFTON CHURCHES



Notice Sheet Sunday 25th December 2022 Christmas Day

Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven
touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise
as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God.

THIS WEEKS SERVICES:

10:30am Family Communion Harbury

10:30am Holy Communion Ladbroke



THIS WEEK

Monday 26th Dec (Bank Holiday)

Vicar on holiday this week

Tuesday 27th Dec

Wednesday 28th Dec

Thursday 29th Dec

(No Holy Communion)

Friday 30th Dec

8.00pm Bellringing Practice Harbury

Saturday 31st Dec

10:00am Coffee Morning THR
Children's Society

Sunday 1st Jan

9:00am Holy Communion Harbury
10:30am Family Service Ladbroke

Safeguarding Lead: Amy Pedvin-Lewis

Churchwardens:

Harbury: Elizabeth McBride
Michael Vincent

Ladbroke: Peter Rigby
Sue Moore

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Sam, Joy, Jeff, Chris, Caroline, Lee, Karen,
Nora, John, Jacqui, Peter, Emma, Eveline,
Tom, John, Teresa, Samuel.

BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 52:7-10

7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'

8 Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion.

9 Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

10 The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

John 1:1-14

The Word Became Flesh

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one

thing came into being. What has come into being 4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 12 But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

If you, or someone you know needs additional support, or would appreciate home communion please contact Rev Andy: rev.andyb@gmail.com 01926 714295

Luke 2:1-14

The Birth of Jesus

2 In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

The Shepherds and the Angels

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you



good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were

amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Jesus Is Named

²¹ After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.