

Harbury Notices

Please note there is NO access to the church as this is now a building site. The Tom Hauley Room can only be accessed from the main hall entrance.

Morning Prayer meeting in the Tom Hauley Room at 8.30am on Weekdays. All welcome.

Lent Lunches in the Tom Hauley Room 12.30 to 1.30pm raising funds for the Earthquake appeal. Fridays 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st March

Cairn New Monastic Community Tue 14th Mar Following on from the Belong & Believe course last year on the Celtic way of life. A limited number of brochures available in the foyer describing the community in greater detail, contact John Eld on 01926 613340

Thursday March 16th; 1.45pm Bible study 18B Frances Road Luke 23 vv26-43 and Luke 23 vv50-56

The Collective 21st March Shakespeare 7.15 for 7.30pm explore what the Christian faith has to say about everyday issues. Come along and explore the topic Ukraine: A just War? All welcome. For more info please contact either Rev Andy or Gill Guilford 614206

Donations of small wrapped Easter Eggs gratefully received by Andy or Julie Batchelor for an Egg Hunt following the service on Easter Sunday.

MEETINGPOINT - 14th April, 12:30pm

As the next lunch would fall on Good Friday, we will be changing the date for April only, at the Crown as usual.

APCM 23rd April, 11:45am

Ladbroke Notices

Sat 18th March TOURS AND MORE, 10.30am - 4pm, see ladbrokeheritage.org.uk for details.

APCM 26th March, 10:15am

Ladbroke Lent Lunches 23rd, 28th Mar 12:00pm

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

REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTORY

Its all too easy to make assumptions about people. We are often not aware of the circumstances of anyone's life that leads them to become who they are. In this weeks gospel reading, we read about Jesus encounter with the Samaritan woman, a person that, as a Jew he should not even have been associating with. It is clear that the woman has developed a certain reputation, having had 5 husbands and is living with a man without being married to him. Of course the thing is, in that society she would more than likely have been the victim, as it was only men who could initiate a divorce, and women needed to rely on men as they had few rights of their own. Of course Jesus knows all that has led her to this point in her life, he knows who she really is, and what she really needs, which is a life-giving relationship with her creator. Have you sometimes felt the victim of unfair assumptions? Have people ever jumped to conclusions about you? I certainly have had those experiences. We can be assured that God knows all the circumstances of our lives, and never judges us unfairly. There are all sorts of experiences, traumas, and sorrows that can mould how we develop and mature, but Jesus can free us from their legacy, and the Holy Spirit can restore and remake us if we allow him to. God promises to break the chains that bind us, and free us to be who he created us to be. Remember that this Lent.

Prayer

In the dry wildernesses of our lives, you offer us living water. When we begin to doubt your presence, you offer us living water. When life's regrets and the bad choices we have made leave us feeling excluded and unworthy, you offer us living water. When circumstances, or the inhumanity of others, have left us alone and wounded, you offer us living water. We thank you and praise you, O God. So we drink deep of the living water and, as we draw from your wells, we seek to pass the cup to others who, like us, are thirsty for your grace.

HARBURY, LADBROKE & UFTON CHURCHES



Notice Sheet Sunday 12th March 2023 Lent 3

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEKS SERVICES:

- 9:00am Holy Communion Ladbroke
- 10:30am Holy Communion THR
- 3:00 pm Messy Church THR
- 7:00pm ICON youth club THR

THIS WEEK

Monday 13th March (Vicar's day off)

8.30am Morning Prayer THR

Tuesday 14th March

8.30am Morning Prayer THR

10:00am Bumps & Bundles THR

Wednesday 15th March

8.30am Morning Prayer THR

2:00pm Connections cafe THR

Thursday 16th March

8.30am Morning Prayer THR

10:00am Holy Communion THR

Friday 17th March

8.30am Morning Prayer THR

12:30pm Lent Lunch THR

8.00pm Bellingring Practice Harbury

Saturday 18th March

10:00am Coffee Morning THR
L/Spa RNLI

Sunday 19th March

9:00am Holy Communion Ladbroke

10:30am All Age service THR

**Any safeguarding concerns please contact
safeguarding lead Amy Pedvin-Lewis or Rev Andy .
Churchwardens:**

Harbury: Elizabeth McBride
Michael Vincent

Ladbroke: Peter Rigby
Sue Moore

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Bud, Ian, Sam, Joy, Jeff, Chris, Caroline,
Lee, Karen, Nora, John, Jacqui, Peter,
Emma, Eveline, John, Teresa,
All those who have lost a loved one.

BIBLE READINGS

Exodus 17.1-7



From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2 The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' 3 But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' 4 So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' 5 The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6 I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 He

called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

John 4.5-42

5 So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

7 A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. 8 (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' 11 The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' 13 Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' 15 The woman said to him, 'Sir, give

**If you, or someone you know needs additional support, or would appreciate home communion
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me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.’
16 Jesus said to her, ‘Go, call your husband, and come back.’ 17 The woman answered him, ‘I have no husband.’ Jesus said to her, ‘You are right in saying, “I have no husband”; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!’ 19 The woman said to him, ‘Sir, I see that you are a prophet. 20 Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.’ 21 Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.’ 25 The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming’ (who is called Christ). ‘When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.’ 26 Jesus said to her, ‘I am he, the one who is speaking to you.’
27 Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, ‘What do you want?’ or, ‘Why are you speaking with her?’ 28 Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 29 ‘Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?’ 30 They left the city and were on their way to him.
31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, ‘Rabbi, eat something.’ 32 But he said to them, ‘I

have food to eat that you do not know about.’ 33 So the disciples said to one another, ‘Surely no one has brought him something to eat?’ 34 Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. 35 Do you not say, “Four months more, then comes the harvest”? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. 36 The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. 37 For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps.” 38 I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.’ 39 Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’ 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. 41 And many more believed because of his word. 42 They said to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.’

