

## Harbury Notices

**Deanery cover** This Sunday Rev Andy will be covering the 10:30 service at Napton.

**Morning Prayer** meeting in the Tom Hauley Room at 8.30am Tue-Fri. All welcome.

**The Collective, 7:30pm The Shakespeare Inn**  
The month's topic will be "Beauty in Brokenness"

**Bible Study at 17, Farm Street, Harbury.** PLEASE NOTE change of time is now 3.30 to 5pm prompt. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. The next meetings are on Thursdays 13th and 27th July. Please ring Jen Ingram for more information on 612414.

**THR Saturday coffee mornings: Heat Light Stone Appeal.**

Four dates over the Summer are being dedicated to raising funds for the Heat Light Stone Appeal - 29th July, 12th August, 19th August & 26th August.

We would welcome donations of raffle prizes and cakes (please get in touch with Sarah 07889 108947 or Liz McB). Thank you.

[administrator@allsaintsharbury.org](mailto:administrator@allsaintsharbury.org) to include messages in the pew sheet

## REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTORY

*The church is often called 'The body of Christ' and the apostle Paul tells us that each one of us, like different body parts, have a particular role to play in order that the body remains healthy and active. He reminds us that we are all given gifts from God, and that we should use these gifts in his service. I write this as many churches, including our own, are facing real difficulties in finding the people who willing to take on roles or responsibilities in church life, particularly following the disruption of Covid. We recently asked for someone to take over the reading rota at Harbury from Gillian and sadly there was no response. We need sacristans, sidespersons, people who are willing to take part in the reading and intercessions rota, perhaps to consider joining the pastoral team, messy church team, or social committee. We are becoming dependant on a diminishing number of faithful people who are rapidly becoming overloaded. I am grateful to those who have stepped forward, including the Collective team, and Kathryn becoming PCC secretary at Ladbroke, but this is a heartfelt appeal to all of us to take seriously the needs we have as the family of God and to prayerfully consider where he may be calling each of us to serve. We cannot simply be consumers – we are all needed to play an active role as disciples of Jesus, obedient to his call on our lives. Please contact me or any if the clergy and wardens to talk more about how you can help.*

### Prayer

*Our walk with God is never a lonely walk, it is a joyful experience as along the path others join us, attracted by the company of God's children, singing the same songs of praise that angels sing, following a path worn down by tears and joy and sacrifice. Our walk with God is never a lonely walk, for he walks with us, on a road that leads to a glorious destination.*

## HARBURY, LADBROKE & UFTON CHURCHES



## Notice Sheet Sunday 16th July 2023 Trinity 6

Creator God,  
you made us all in your image:  
may we discern you in all that we see,  
and serve you in all that we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### THIS WEEKS SERVICES:

8:00am	Holy Communion	Harbury
9:00am	Holy Communion	Ladbroke
10:30am	All Age service	Harbury

## THIS WEEK

**Monday 17th July (Vicar's day off)**

**Tuesday 18th July**

8:30am	Morning prayer	Harbury
10:00am	Bumps & Bundles	THR
7:30pm	The Collective	Shakespeare Inn
7:45pm	Harbury PCC	THR

**Wednesday 19th July**

8:30am	Morning prayer	Harbury
2:00pm	Connections cafe	THR

**Thursday 20th July**

8:30am	Morning prayer	Harbury
10.00am	Holy Communion	THR

**Friday 21st July**

8:30am	Morning prayer	Harbury
8.00pm	Bellinging Practice	Harbury

**Saturday 22nd July**

10:00am	Coffee morning	THR
	Childrens Air Ambulance	

**Sunday 23rd July**

9:00am	Holy Communion	Ladbroke
10:30am	Holy Communion	Harbury
7:00pm	ICON youth club	THR

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

**Churchwardens:**

**Harbury:** Elizabeth McBride  
Andy Dean

**Ladbroke:** Peter Rigby  
Sue Moore

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

## BIBLE READINGS

**Genesis 25.19-34**

**The Birth and Youth of Esau and Jacob**

<sup>19</sup>These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, <sup>20</sup>and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. <sup>21</sup>Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. <sup>22</sup>The children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the LORD. <sup>23</sup>And the LORD said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.'<sup>24</sup> When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. <sup>25</sup>The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. <sup>26</sup>Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. <sup>27</sup>When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. <sup>28</sup>Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

**Esau Sells His Birthright**

<sup>29</sup>Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. <sup>30</sup>Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he

was called Edom.)<sup>31</sup> Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.'<sup>32</sup> Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?'<sup>33</sup> Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. <sup>34</sup>Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

**Matthew 13.1-9,18-23**



**13** That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the

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

thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup> Let anyone with ears listen!

### **The Parable of the Sower Explained**

<sup>18</sup> 'Hear then the parable of the sower.

<sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup> As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup> yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup> As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup> But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'