

# Harbury Notices

**Deanery cover**—Andy will be in conducting a Baptism service at Napton.

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

**Grass cutting In the week of 14th August**

We will be cutting the long grass in the churchyard. It has to lie for a few days to drop its seed but after that I will need a posse to help rake and stack it. Please keep an eye open for an announcement of when this will happen and do please join me. I can't do it on my own! - Bob Sherman



Coffee

Morning

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

I am sure that, by now, you know that the 'Church' will be hosting the Saturday coffee mornings in the THR for the next 4 weeks. How can you help support HLS ?

1) making a cake/cakes to sell - please bring them to the THR before 10 am.

2) donate a raffle prize

THEN

a) come along for a cup of coffee/tea with your friends

b) come along and buy raffle tickets!!

We look forward to seeing you.

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## REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTORY

*This weeks gospel reading continues Jesus theme of teaching about the Kingdom of Heaven. But to be honest, like those first disciples we probably all find it hard to get our heads round the concept of Gods Kingdom and its impact on the world. We say those familiar words each week in the Lords prayer 'Thy Kingdom come', but are we really prepared for what that would actually mean? All too often we want our faith to be about a beautiful and historic place of worship, beautiful, familiar hymns and liturgy, a cosy routine. But if we are to grow as Jesus intends, sometimes we have to put to one side those things that give us that warm glow, that we are so familiar with. Sometimes we have to go to uncomfortable places, to offer ourselves unconditionally, to listen and obey. The Kingdom of God sometimes requires sacrifice. Like the merchant who found something so precious he sold everything he had to possess it, how much is our faith worth to us. A bit of time, a few quid, or are we really committed to putting God first in our lives, and not just tossing him a few scraps when we feel like it. The church can be a place where people who haven't a clue about the Kingdom of God or even about God himself can suddenly find themselves overwhelmed by his love, touched by his Spirit. And it is in the community that we create together that beauty will be found. Because, as Jesus told us in the parable, it takes a lot of searching to find that treasure. But once it is found, the search will have been worth it.*

**Prayer**

*The kingdom of heaven comes to change and transform us, to reshape the world according to God's reconciling will. May we go to bear witness to this community of love. May the living presence of Christ be with us, the life-giving power of God sustain us, and the perfect light of the Holy Spirit shine within us, now and always.*

## HARBURY, LADBROKE & UFTON CHURCHES



## Notice Sheet Sunday 30th July 2023 Trinity 8

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEKS SERVICES:

9:00am Holy Communion Ladbrooke

10:30am Holy Communion Harbury

## THIS WEEK

**Monday 31st July (Vicar's day off)**

**Tuesday 1st August (Vicar away)**

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury

**Wednesday 2nd August (Vicar away)**

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury

2:00pm Mothers' Union THR

**Thursday 3rd August (Vicar away)**

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury

10:00am Holy Communion THR

**Friday 4th August (Vicar away)**

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury

12:30pm Meeting Point The Crown

8:00pm Bellringing Practice Harbury

**Saturday 5th August**

10:00am Coffee morning THR

HLS appeal

**Sunday 6th August**

9:00am Holy Communion Harbury

10:30am Holy Communion Ladbroke

**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:

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

## BIBLE READINGS

**Genesis 29.15-28**

**Jacob Marries Laban's Daughters**

<sup>15</sup> Then Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' <sup>16</sup> Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. <sup>17</sup> Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. <sup>18</sup> Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' <sup>19</sup> Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' <sup>20</sup> So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. <sup>21</sup> Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.' <sup>22</sup> So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. <sup>23</sup> But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. <sup>24</sup> (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) <sup>25</sup> When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?' <sup>26</sup> Laban said, 'This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. <sup>27</sup> Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.' <sup>28</sup> Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

**Matthew 13.31-33,44-52**

**The Parable of the Mustard Seed**

<sup>31</sup> He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup> it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

<sup>33</sup> He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

<sup>44</sup> 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup> 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup> on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup> 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup> when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup> 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' <sup>52</sup> And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

**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**