

Harbury Notices

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

Thank you to all who supported the coffee morning for Zoes Place hospice. It raised £162.

Bible society interactive reflective spaces these have been prepared as suggestions for schools to mark Advent. Some will be in Church from Monday 3rd and you are welcome to come and use them.

Quiet Space Wed 13th December 10am for 10.30am THR At 10am onwards refreshments will be available for anyone who may like to meet other people coming for 'quiet space'. At 10.30am following a brief reading from a leader there will be 20minutes of quiet silence. If you prefer just to come to the 10.30 quiet space that is fine. Just turn up your be very welcome. For more detailed info see H& L News or contact Jill Winter 612585 07941872383 or Gill Guilford 07856 764814

Pleasant Pastimes 13th Dec—this will be the last meeting of the year. We will resume on 10th Jan 2024

Coffee morning in aid of Open the Book - Saturday December 16th in the THR. Our OTB team goes into Harbury School regularly to present Bible stories to the children. Contributions of raffle prizes & baked goods would be very much appreciated. Lesley 613207.

“Dress Up Nativity” at 3pm on Christmas Eve. Come and join our short, family friendly service – dress up as your favourite character from the Nativity Story (adults are welcome to join in). Kings, Marys, Sheep, Stars, Angels – you name it, there is a role for everyone. We have some costumes available.

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

REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTORY

On the second Sunday of Advent we reflect on another of the gifts God brings us at Christmas and this week it is peace. That of course seems to resonate so strongly with all of us this year as we continue to be bombarded with the images of destruction and horror from Gaza and Ukraine. Peace is something we all long for, both in our lives and in our world, but all too often it seems to be something that is out of our reach. But what is the peace we long for? The Hebrew word ‘Shalom’ which is usually translated as peace – encompasses so much more; healing, wholeness, redemption, forgiveness. Shalom is the kind of peace God wants for the world, the kind of peace the psalmist prays for, the kind of peace we are called to make a reality. We are waiting for God to come and bring peace, but sometimes we forget that God has already come, has already sent us the Holy Spirit in order that WE may be the Body of Christ in the world—that we may not just wait for peace, not even just make peace or work for it, but that we may BE the peace of Christ in our families, churches, communities, and nation. In many ways the world lives in Advent, though we don’t often recognize it. We are waiting for something...for someone to do something, for the world to get better, for God to break in and fulfil the promise of his kingdom, for a light to shine in the darkness. Yet we are the body of Christ, called, equipped, and empowered to BE peace in and for the world. May that be part of our Advent journey this year.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, come and fill this world with your peace. May there be an end to hatred and division among all people. Bring an end to the destruction and violence of war. Heal all within us that prevents us from being at peace. In this season of Advent, prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus, our Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

HARBURY, LADBROKE & UFTON CHURCHES



Notice Sheet Sunday 10th December 2023 Advent 2

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes
again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

THIS WEEKS SERVICES:

9:00am	Holy Communion	Ladbroke
10:30am	Holy Communion	Harbury
3:00pm	Messy Church	Harbury

THIS WEEK

Monday 11th December (Vicar's day off)

Tuesday 12th December

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury

Wednesday 13th December

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury

10:00am Quiet Space Harbury

2:00pm Pleasant Pastimes Harbury

Thursday 14th December

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury

10.00am Holy Communion THR

7:30pm WI THR

Friday 15th December

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury

8.00pm Bellringing Practice Harbury

Saturday 16th December

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury

10:00am Coffee morning
Open the book THR

Sunday 17th December

8:00am Holy Communion Harbury

9:00am Holy Communion Ladbroke

10:30am All Age service Harbury

**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:

Kate, Margaret, Christina, Tony, Judy, Carol,
Charles, Bryan, David, Pippa, Ian, Sam, Joy,
Chris, Caroline, Lee, Karen, Nora, John,
Jacqui, Eveline.

All those who have lost a loved one.

BIBLE READINGS

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Samuel's Calling and Prophetic Activity

3 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

2 At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; **3** the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. **4** Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' **5** and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. **6** The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' **7** Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. **8** The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. **9** Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. **10** Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

John 10:1-5

Jesus the Good Shepherd

10 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. **2** The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. **3** The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. **4** When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. **5** They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.'

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