

Harbury Notices

Morning Prayer—there will be no meetings for the rest of December and January.

All Age service—21st January The theme will be John 8:58 *Before Abraham Was, I am*

Bible reading notes. I shall soon be putting in a new order to the Bible reading fellowship. If anyone is thinking they would like help with their regular reading, do have a word. There is also a new book for readings in Lent titled "Loving my neighbour", cost £9.99. Please contact Gillian 614809

Rev Bob and Ann Clucas Bible Study, 3:30pm to 5 pm. 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month.

Spring dates; 25th Jan, 8th & 22nd Feb, 8th & 22nd March. 17 Farm Street, Contact Jennie Ingram on 01926 612414

Messy Church—11th February We need some help for a one off session making a simple meal for the children and teas and coffees for the parents. If you can help, please contact Julie Batchelor julie227976@gmail.com 07754 993501.

Ladbroke Notices

Jenny Rigby has been appointed as Parish Safeguarding Officer for Ladbroke

Heritage & Friendship Group, Wed 7th Feb, 10.30 - noon This month we are meeting at The Old School. Come and chat over a cuppa and share memories of pancakes and valentines, May day and other traditions. All welcome, just let us know you are coming on 814715.

Ash Wednesday Service, Wed 14th Feb, 7pm Joint service with imposition of ashes, all welcome.

All Saints' Ladbroke Coffee morning at the Tom Hauley Room Saturday 17th February 10am
Please do come and join us, all welcome.

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

REFLECTION FROM THE RECTORY

In this Epiphany season we return once again to the story of the Wedding at Cana, and its an account I often use when conducting weddings. As we look at what at first sight appears to be a straightforward story – Jesus recognising the crisis at the wedding reception, and intervening by transforming water into wine, there are some symbolic messages being communicated. The wedding is probably taking place in one of the Jewish religious leaders houses, given the presence of the stone jars used for the rites of Jewish purification. By transforming the water in those jars to a unique wine that no-one had ever tasted before, upwards of 120 gallons of it, Jesus was demonstrating that Gods desire for his people was freedom, abundance, joy and life, not the austere prison of a complex legal system that the religious leaders had created. Jesus had come to sweep away all the unnecessary stuff, to make clear the way back to God. The story of the wedding at Cana is at its heart a summary of the whole Gospel of John. It is really about abundance. There is more than enough grace and love in Gods heart for all of us. There is more than we can imagine or deserve. Without him life is dull and stale and flat, With him and in him, life becomes vivid, exciting, thrilling, colourful and exhilarating. Jesus wants us to receive the overflowing fullness, and abundance of God's grace, and we don't have to earn it, don't have to deserve it – it simply overflows from his nature and his love. That's a message worth holding on to as we face this new year and all it may bring.

Prayer

God of grace, ever creating and restoring, you breathe life into all things and embrace us with an everlasting love; help us to grow in wonder and awe, to embody a spirit of gratitude, that, in gathering what we have been given, we may graciously offer ourselves to accomplish your will.

HARBURY, LADBROKE & UFTON CHURCHES



Notice Sheet Sunday 21st January 2024 Epiphany 3

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEKS SERVICES:

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

THIS WEEK

Rev Andy will not be taking services for around 6 weeks due to his recovery.

Monday 22nd January

Tuesday 23rd January

10:00am Bumps & Bundles THR

Wednesday 24th January

2:30pm Pleasant Pastimes Harbury

Thursday 25th January

10:00am Holy Communion THR

Friday 26th January

7:30pm Bellringing Practice Harbury

Saturday 27th January

10:00am Coffee morning (GASS) THR

Sunday 28th January

9:00am Holy Communion Ladbroke

10:30am Holy Communion Harbury

10:30am Muddy Church Harbury

Any safeguarding concerns please contact safeguarding lead Amy Pedvin-Lewis, Jenny Rigby or Rev Andy .

Churchwardens:

Harbury: Elizabeth McBride
Andy Dean

Ladbroke: Peter Rigby
Sue Moore

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Audrey, 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

Genesis 14.17-20

Abram Blessed by Melchizedek

¹⁷After his return from the defeat of Chedorlamer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. ¹⁹He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; ²⁰and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

John 2.1-11

The Wedding at Cana

²On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁴And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' ⁵His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water

knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.



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