

Harbury Notices

Morning Prayer—there will be no meetings this week. We hope to resume later in February.

Mother's Union Wed Feb 7th. 2pm. Anyone interested is invited to come to Mothers' Union to hear about a refuge for girls and women in Azerbaijan.

Earthworms—Fri afternoons, Harbury school
If anyone would like to be involved in the school gardening club. Ask Gillian for details
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Rev Bob and Ann Clucas Bible Study, 3:30pm to 5 pm. 8th & 22nd Feb, 14th & 28th March. we

are delighted to continue until Easter! 17 Farm Street, Contact Jennie Ingram on 01926 612414
Lent lunches Feb 16th & 23rd, Mar 8th, 15th & 22nd in THR We are planning to hold simple lunches on a Friday lunchtime during Lent. Soup, bread rolls & cheese will be on the menu. If you would like to help please contact Liz on 612421 (or email: lizzie.mcbride@talk21.com) Donations will be given to a worthy cause - yet to be decided (there are so many).

Hearing loop The hearing loop in Harbury Church no longer works. New equipment is being sought and will be purchased as soon as possible. Apologies to those who are missing it.

Ladbroke Notices

Heritage & Friendship Group, Wed 7th Feb, 10.30 - noon meeting at The Old School.

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

All Saints' Ladbroke Coffee morning, Sat 17th Feb 10am, THR In aid of Heat, Light & Stone. Please do come and join us, all welcome.

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

REFLECTION FROM THE RECTORY

This week the lectionary returns us to a reading that is often used during the Christmas season from the beginning of John's gospel. It's a passage I'm particularly fond of because it reminds us how God is at the heart of everything we see around us, how he brought all things into being, and how it is his power that sustains all that is. One of my fascinations is the study of how the Universe has evolved over time, and how in the immensity of creation, across millions of light years, we have not found anywhere as special as our own planet Earth, the only cradle of intelligent life we know of. The passage also reminds us that despite our seeming insignificance in the vastness of the cosmos, our planet is the place where the creator and architect of all things put aside his inconceivable power to become one of us, to live among us, suffer and die as we do. Yet he came back from death to offer all of us the hope and proof that death is not the end, and that despite all the darkness and evil we see around us, one day everything will be remade and restored to the original perfection he first brought into being. John speaks poetically of how the light overcomes the darkness, and surely in our present day we long for that to happen as we see suffering and death played out on the media every day. Left to our own devices the future of our planet would be bleak indeed, but fortunately God has other plans, and he offers all of us the opportunity, as his people to play our part in the new creation we know has his Kingdom.

Prayer

Lord, you have called us and illuminated our lives. Now you ask us to be your light in the continuing darkness. At times we may be like a small, fragile, flickering candle, and at times a bright strong, beam of light. Help us this coming week to let your light shine through us, in our words and our actions.

HARBURY, LADBROKE & UFTON CHURCHES



Notice Sheet Sunday 4th February 2024 2 before Lent

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEKS SERVICES:

9:00am	Holy Communion	Harbury
10:30am	Family service	Ladbroke
10:30am	Little Saints	Harbury

THIS WEEK

Monday 4th February (Vicar's day off)

Tuesday 5th February

10:00am Bumps & Bundles THR

Wednesday 6th February

2:30pm Mother's Union Harbury

Thursday 7th February

10:00am Holy Communion THR

7:30pm WI THR

Friday 8th February

7:30pm Bellringing Practice Harbury

Saturday 9th February

10:00am Coffee morning (Hereburgh Morris) THR

Sunday 10th February

9:00am Holy Communion Harbury

10:30am Family service Ladbroke

10:30am Little Saints 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

Colossians 1.15-20

The Supremacy of Christ

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

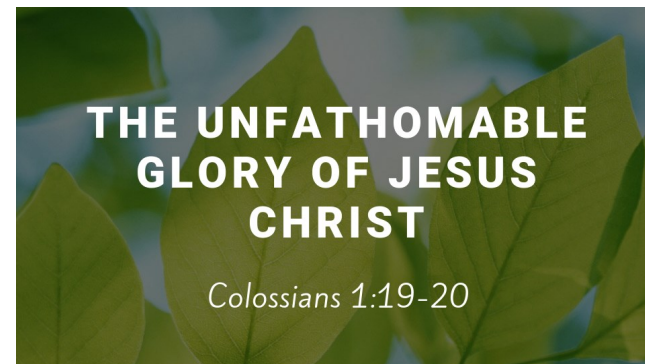
John 1.1-14

The Word Became Flesh

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.



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