

## Harbury Notices

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

**Bible Study Thursday May 2nd: 1.45** at 3 Knightlow Way concludes our course with readings page 133

**Mother's Union Wednesday May 1st: 2pm** All welcome, Gemma will remember her impressions of Iona.

**The lovely flowers in Church** this week are sponsored by Frances Leonard (nee Sollis) to mark her Golden Wedding anniversary. Remembering also her brother Geoffrey, (would have been 70 on 23rd) and her sister Leone Keyte (would have been 80 on 24th). Wishing Frances and her husband many more happy years to come!

**Confirmation groups 28th April & 5th, 12th, 19th May, 4-6 pm in Long Itchington Church.** Call Ann Clucas 07810874133, clucasann@hotmail.com for more info.

**The Collective - 21st May, 7:30pm Racial Justice: Why Should We Care?**

All welcome. More info on our website [communityexploringmeaning.com](http://communityexploringmeaning.com)

**No Sunday Service, Harbury 16th June**— due to the Confirmation Service at 10:15 Southam St James.

## Ladbroke Notices

**APCM Sun 28th April 10am**, after the morning service

**Heritage & Friendship group Wed 1st May, 10.30am - noon, the Old School.** This month's topic is "food".

**Piers Wolf at Ladbroke Photography Club Tues 7th May, 7.30pm, Ladbroke Village Hall.** talking about PHOTOGRAPHING CHURCH ARTEFACTS.

All welcome, £3 visitor fee.

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

## REFLECTION FROM THE RECTORY

At this time many parishes are gathering for their annual meetings as they celebrate the good things of the past, recognise the challenges of the present and look to what God is calling us to do and be in the future. We human beings like to gather together with like-minded people :- Birds of a feather flock together, as the old saying goes. Congregations, of course, are sometimes called flocks. Often in rural communities people come together from a variety of different backgrounds and traditions - we are not exactly birds of a feather, except of course that we are all followers of Jesus, and we are all living in the same place. And so, we flock together, as best we can. Christians are supposed to spend time together. We are not intended to be on our own. That's why Jesus created the church. That is one of its primary purposes: So that we can come together, supporting one another and seeking guidance from our shepherd especially in uncertain times. There are plenty of competing voices these days, all clamouring for our attention. Voices from our TVs, and our computers, and our phones and tablets, and so on. But there is only one voice that truly matters to our soul. And that is the voice of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Nothing stays the same for ever. The only certainty in life is change. This challenged the rulers and elders in Jerusalem causing them to ask questions about authority. We elect our church wardens and PCC members to represent and serve the wider community. I pray that you can have confidence in your leaders, both lay and ordained, to manage things well, working for the greater good and long-term future. Please pray for them and get behind them, as we start this new season.

### Prayer

*Almighty God you have given your Holy Spirit to the Church to lead us into all truth: bless with the Spirit's grace and presence the members of our PCCs; keep us steadfast in faith and united in love, that we may manifest your glory and prepare the way of your kingdom.*

## HARBURY, LADBROKE & UFTON CHURCHES



## Notice Sheet Sunday 28th April 2024 Easter 5

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### THIS WEEKS SERVICES:

9:00am	Holy Communion	Ladbroke
10:00am	APCM	Ladbroke
10:30am	Holy Communion	Harbury
10:30am	Muddy Church	Harbury
2:00pm	Baptism	Harbury

## THIS WEEK

**Monday 29th April (Vicar's day off)**

**Tuesday 30th April**

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury

10:30am Bumps & Bundles THR

**Wednesday 1st May**

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury

2:00pm Mother's Union THR

**Thursday 2nd May**

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury

10:00am Holy Communion Harbury

**Friday 3rd May**

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury

7:30pm Bellringing Practice Harbury

**Saturday 4th May**

10:00am Coffee morning  
(Myton Hospice) THR

**Sunday 5th May**

9:00am Holy Communion Harbury

10:30am Family service Ladbroke

10:30am Little Saints Harbury

Any safeguarding concerns please contact Rev Andy, safeguarding lead Amy Pedvin-Lewis -01926716520 or Jenny Rigby -01926259985 (Ladbroke)

Churchwardens:

Harbury: Elizabeth McBride Andy Dean

Ladbroke: Peter Rigby Sue Moore

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

David, Felix, Andrew, 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

**Acts 8.26-40**

**Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch**

<sup>26</sup> Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup> So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup> and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' <sup>31</sup> He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.'

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> As they were going along the road, they

came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' <sup>38</sup> He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

**John 15.1-8**

**Jesus the True Vine**

**15** 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. <sup>2</sup> He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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