

THIS WEEK

Monday 20th May (Vicar's day off)

Tuesday 21st May

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury
10:30am Bumps & Bundles THR
7:30pm The Collective The Shakespeare

Wednesday 22nd May

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury
2:00pm Pleasant pastimes THR

Thursday 23rd May

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury
10:00am Holy Communion Harbury

Friday 24th May

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury
7:30pm Bellringing Practice Harbury

Saturday 25th May

10:00am Coffee morning THR
(Southam Twinning Association)

Sunday 26th May

9:00am Holy Communion Ladbroke
10:30am Holy Communion Harbury
10:30am Muddy Church 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

John 15:1-7, 26 & 27

15 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ²⁶ 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷ You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

Acts 2.1-21

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered,

because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³ But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

Harbury Notices

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

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

Come along and join us in the Shakespeare Inn 7.15 for 7.30. All welcome. More info on our website communityexploringmeaning.com

Pleasant pastimes & Knitwits is moving!—22nd May will be the last session held in THR, meetings will be in the library after this.

Bible Study Wednesday 22nd May at 3.30-5pm at 39 Farm Street. Further dates Thurs 13th & 27th June 3:30-5pm, more summer dates to come. Please call Gemma Took for more info 01926 612414.

Reading rotas It is nearly time for the next rotas for reading and leading prayers at our morning services. It would be lovely to add new names, especially for the prayer ministry. If this is you, or you want to change your inclusion, please ring Gillian on 614809.

Do you need help to maintain your pattern of Bible reading? The notes I source from the Bible reading fellowship can do just that. I should be delighted to show them to you; ring me on 614809. Gillian Hare

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

Photographer needed!—is there anyone who might be able to take a good photo of the All Age congregation next month to update our website? Please email the address below or speak to Andy if you can help.

Email: administrator@allsaintsharbury.org
to include messages in the Pew sheet

REFLECTION FROM THE RECTORY

This Sunday we celebrate what is often called 'The Birthday of the Church' or Pentecost Sunday, when that small timid band of Jesus' first disciples were transformed by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit into the means by which God built a church that has lasted 2,000 years, and has grown to over 2 billion people worldwide. But the spirit is not just power, not some impersonal force field that we can tap into like the Jedi in the Star Wars films. He is very much a person, with a personality and a presence, someone who we can develop a relationship with. Ultimately we cannot base our lives on logical arguments, dry theology or philosophy. We have to have a personal encounter with a God who is supernatural, and a power beyond our understanding. When the Holy Spirit burns within us, he brings with him a passion, a burning desire to use the gifts that God has given us for his service. He is also that refining fire, burning away the impurities within us all. It is the spirit who makes us a passionate people. It is the spirit who fills us with the love of God for all people, who opens our eyes to the needs around us, and convicts us to get involved. Of course it is always our choice to let the Holy Spirit in, and as we sing in the words of 'Spirit of the Living God', to 'Break me, melt me, mould me, and fill me'. I would also suggest that we need to ask to be filled with the Spirit each day. It's a ongoing process, not a one-off event. So are we allowing him to work in our lives? Are we aware of his presence and how he is at work through us and around us? Do we dare to open ourselves completely, both individually, and as a church to the empowering, supernatural, inspiring work of the Spirit?

Prayer

Gracious God, as the apostles were filled with courage on Pentecost, fill us with Your strength and boldness. Help us to proclaim Your good news, and live our lives as witnesses to Your love.

HARBURY, LADBROKE & UFTON CHURCHES



Notice Sheet Sunday 19th May 2024 Pentecost

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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8:00am	Holy Communion	Harbury
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2:00pm	Baptism	Harbury