

## THIS WEEK

Monday 26th August (Bank Holiday)

Tuesday 27th August (Vicar's day off)

Wednesday 28th August

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury  
10:30am Funeral Eileen Reynolds Harbury

Thursday 29th August

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

Friday 30th August

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

Saturday 31st August

10:00am Coffee Morning THR  
(RABI)

Sunday 1st September

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

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:

Davinder, Deanne, David, Andrew,  
Margaret, Christina, Tony, Judy, Charles,  
Bryan, David, Pippa, Sam, Joy, Chris,  
Caroline, Lee, Karen, Nora, John, Jacqui,  
Eveline.  
All those who have lost a loved one.

## BIBLE READINGS

**Ephesians 6 10-20**

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup> As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup> Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup> Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

<sup>21</sup> So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus will tell you everything. He is a dear brother and a faithful minister in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> I am sending him to you for this very purpose, to let you know how we are, and to encourage your hearts. <sup>23</sup> Peace be to the whole

community, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> Grace be with all who have an undying love for our Lord Jesus Christ.

**John 6.56-69**

<sup>56</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup> Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' <sup>59</sup> He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. <sup>60</sup> When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' <sup>61</sup> But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup> Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup> It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup> But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup> And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' <sup>66</sup> Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup> So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' <sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup> We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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

## Harbury Notices

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

**Funeral of Eileen Reynolds—28th August, 10:30am** Her and her late husband Les were regular Church goers.

### **The Collective 17th September 'Climate Change'**

We have a quiz, hear a short presentation on the topic, and spend time discussing it together over a drink.

Come along and join us in the Shakespeare Inn 7.15 for 7.30. All welcome. Meets every 3rd Tuesday to explore what the Christian faith has to say about everyday issues that affect us all. More info on our website [communityexploringmeaning.com](http://communityexploringmeaning.com)



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to include messages in the Pew sheet

## REFLECTION FROM THE RECTORY

*At the heart of the Christian faith is the simple belief in Jesus as Saviour and the desire to follow him, beginning a new life in the power of the Spirit. However, as we read the word of God and try to deepen our understanding of his purposes for his creation, there are things that many of us struggle with. For the last few weeks in the lectionary we have heard Jesus describe himself as bread or food, which many of his hearers have struggled with, but underneath this symbolism Jesus is simply saying that he is the source of real life, and it is only through him that our hunger for a living relationship with God can be satisfied. Paradoxically, of course, Jesus will bring us that life through his own death. Many cannot hear the language of Jesus as bread without reading through it the lens of Communion. But these metaphors about eating and drinking are powerful and down to earth, and often we use very similar means of expression, for example humble pie, piece of cake, feast or famine, a kettle of fish, a dog's dinner, apple of your eye, couch potato, icing on the cake, food for thought—and so on. Jesus goes on to speak about how people only come to him if the Father allows it, a reference to predestination, another theological concept that is hard to get your head around. At the end we have that powerful declaration from Peter, which in essence says that although there is much they don't understand, where else would they go? And perhaps that is something all of us can emphasise with!*

### Prayer

*When the journey is long and we hunger and thirst, Bread of Life, you sustain us. When the road is hard and our bodies weak Bread of Life, you heal us. When our spirits are low and we can't carry on Bread of Life, you revive us. When we offer our hand in love and in service Bread of life, you bless us.*

## HARBURY, LADBROKE & UFTON CHURCHES



## Notice Sheet Sunday 25th August 2024 Trinity 13

Almighty God,  
you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength  
and rest on you in weakness,  
now and in all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### THIS WEEKS SERVICES:

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