

THIS WEEK

Monday 23rd September (Vicar on Holiday)

Tuesday 24th September

10:30am Bumps & Bundles THR

Wednesday 25th September

2:00pm Pleasant Pastimes Harbury Library

Thursday 26th September

10:00am Agape Harbury

Friday 27th September

7:30pm Bellringing Practice Harbury

Saturday 28th September

10:00am Coffee Morning THR
(Harbury pre-school)

Sunday 29th September

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

Churchwardens:

Harbury: Elizabeth McBride Andy Dean

Ladbroke: Peter Rigby Sue Moore

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

BIBLE READINGS

Proverbs 31.10-31

Ode to a Capable Wife

- 10 A capable wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.
11 The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.
12 She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.
13 She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.
14 She is like the ships of the merchant,
she brings her food from far away.
15 She rises while it is still night
and provides food for her household
and tasks for her servant-girls.
16 She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit
of her hands she plants a vineyard.
17 She girds herself with strength,
and makes her arms strong.
18 She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.
19 She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.
20 She opens her hand to the poor,
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
21 She is not afraid for her household when it
snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson.
22 She makes herself coverings;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.
23 Her husband is known in the city gates,
taking his seat among the elders of the land.
24 She makes linen garments and sells them;
she supplies the merchant with sashes.
25 Strength and dignity are her clothing,

- and she laughs at the time to come.
26 She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
27 She looks well to the ways of her household,
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
28 Her children rise up and call her happy;
her husband too, and he praises her:
29 'Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.'
30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be
praised.
31 Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Mark 9.9-14

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples.¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?'¹²But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.'¹³Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

¹⁴Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, 'Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?'

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 there will be no meetings this week as Rev Andy is away.

Pleasant Pastimes and Knitwits, 25th Sept 2pm, Pending the re-opening of the Library, we will resume meeting every 2nd and 4th Wednesday

House Group, Thursdays 7:30pm at 4 Park Lane. We are just starting to read through Acts with a view to exploring how this applies to each of us today. You will be more than welcome to join us every Thursday. For more information, please contact John or Rosemary Eld 01926 613340 (or just turn up!).

Eveline Tennant - a very regular church goer until she got too frail - died on Sunday night and our deep sympathy goes to Reg and all Eveline's family.

Little Saints, 6th October 10:30am meets on the first Sunday in Church for a story and a craft followed by breakfast (bacon butties, brioche, pancakes) in THR. Primarily for families with preschool & KS1 children but older siblings are welcome. Dates 6th Oct, 3rd Nov, 1st Dec. Contact Fliss for more info 07591 982822

Ladbroke Notices

Harvest Festival Sunday 6th October 10.30 followed by Harvest Brunch at the Village Hall, all welcome.

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

REFLECTION FROM THE RECTORY (written by Fliss Harris)

It is a truth (almost) universally acknowledged that dog is man's best friend; faithful, loving, forgiving, companionable, a natural therapist. What may not be generally known is that dogs possess the secret of a happiness well beyond the reach of their "smart" owners. This, though, is the thesis the philosopher, Mark Rowlands explores in his new book, "The Happiness of Dogs".

We humans, argues Rowlands, question and analyse happiness. As a result, we are not fully immersed in life: we do not experience the unconfined joy that dogs find in the simplest things because they simply live them. Rowlands has observed this in his dog, Shadow. 4 1/2 years with my dog, Paddington, tell me that he's got it right! Paddington wakes every morning (early), convinced that today will be even better than yesterday. He savours the lingering scents of night with noisy enthusiasm. He knows that the 8am pips will bring breakfast, just as surely as Big Ben's 6pm chimes will herald tea. Each time the phone rings, he is certain it means a walk or something equally exciting, and he welcomes his many friends, canine and human, with squeals of delight. He trusts that when evening comes and his energy (finally) wanes, he will find a soft, warm resting place, preferably a human stomach. So, what could we learn from all this? While our intelligence clearly results in amazing achievements, and we can't just shed it, nor would we want to, perhaps we could sometimes let it lie. Perhaps sometimes, just sometimes, we could think less and ... Be More Dog.

After all, "dog", read backwards, spells God.

Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for all your gifts especially the small ones that daily sustain us. Help us to accept and live them with joy and trust.

HARBURY, LADBROKE & UFTON CHURCHES



Notice Sheet Sunday 22nd September 2024 Trinity 17

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ
our Lord.

THIS WEEKS SERVICES:

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