

THIS WEEK

Monday 30th September (Vicar's day off)

Tuesday 1st October

8:30am Morning prayer THR

10:30am Bumps & Bundles THR

Wednesday 2nd October

8:30am Morning prayer THR

2:00pm Mother's Union Harbury

Thursday 3rd October

8:30am Morning prayer THR

10:00am Holy Communion Harbury

Friday 4th October

8:30am Morning prayer THR

9:30am School service Harbury

12:00pm Meeting Point The Crown

7:30pm Bellingring Practice Harbury

Saturday 5th October

10:00am Coffee Morning (RNLI Warwick) THR

Sunday 6th October

9:00am Holy Communion Harbury

10:30am Harvest festival Ladbroke

10:30am Little Saints Harbury

2:00pm Baptism 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:

Dominic, 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

Esther 7.1-6, 9, 10; 9.20-22

¹ So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. ² On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, 'What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.' ³ Then Queen Esther answered, 'If I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me - that is my petition - and the lives of my people - that is my request. ⁴ For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.' ⁵ Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, 'Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?' ⁶ Esther said, 'A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!' Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. ⁹ Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, 'Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.' And the king said, 'Hang him on that.' ¹⁰ So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. ²⁰ Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, ²¹ enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, ²² as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the

month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Mark 9.38-50

³⁸ John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' ³⁹ But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. ⁴² If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹ For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

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.

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!).

Mothers' Union Speaker, Wed 1st October on NSPCC and Childline after communion at 2pm, in the Tom Hauley room. Welcome to anyone interested.

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. Contact Fliss for more info 07591 982822

Coffee morning on 12th October to raise funds for the AV/HLS appeal Please sign the list in church if you could make cakes, provide a raffle prize or help on the day. Thank you Liz McBride 01926 612421

Eveline Tennant's funeral Friday 18th October at 11:30am followed by a burial in Harbury Cemetery. No flowers please but donations to the Heat, Light and Stone appeal would be welcome.

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 John Stringer)

If you haven't read the fine historical novels of Robert Harris, you've a treat in store. I've just been re-reading 'Conclave', his gripping story of the lock-down (con-clave - 'with key') and fictional election of a new Pope.

I'm a second-class Christian, myself. I've met people, all through my life, whose faith was absolute and unchanging. Mine veers almost daily, and most often when faced with major life events. It was badly shaken following the loss of our precious eldest son, and lifted by the birth, so late in our lives, of our new grandchild. Like many of us I think, my faith is challenged by the state of the World we are living in.

So I was greatly comforted to be reminded of the reflections of Cardinal Lomeli, the fictional narrator of Conclave. I had almost forgotten them. 'Our faith is a living thing precisely because it walks hand in hand with doubt. If there were only certainty, and if there was no doubt, there would be no mystery, and therefore no need for faith'. Even Christ exhibits doubt on the cross 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

Certainty undermines tolerance, diversity and understanding the beliefs of others. It is the enemy of unity. We live in a world where every issue divides: one can support Israel or Gaza, not see the positions of both. One can be sympathetic to single-sex weddings, or oppose them; not understand that others may define love differently from ourselves. We may support the politics of one party, while deriding the beliefs of another. Christianity preaches unity, but in some hands it can be divisive.

Prayer
Heavenly Father, help us to grow in faith, and also in tolerance and understanding; and to learn from our doubts and questioning.
Amen

HARBURY, LADBROKE & UFTON CHURCHES



Notice Sheet Sunday 29th September 2024 Trinity 18

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love, that we may
live each day with confidence in the sal-
vation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEKS SERVICES:

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