

THIS WEEK

Monday 2nd December (Vicar's day off)

Tuesday 3rd December

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury

10:30am Bumps & Bundles THR

Wednesday 4th December

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury

2:00pm Mother's Union Harbury

Thursday 5th December

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury

10:00am Holy Communion Harbury

Friday 6th December

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury

12:30pm Meeting point The Crown

7:30pm Bellringing Practice Harbury

Saturday 7th December

10:00am Coffee Morning THR
(Southam bowls club)

2:00pm Christmas Fayre Village Hall

Sunday 8th December

9:00am Holy Communion Ladbroke

10:30am Holy Communion Harbury

3:00pm Messy Church 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:

Alan, Nathan, Helen, Dominic, Deanne,
David, Margaret, Christina, Bryan, David,
Pippa, Sam, Joy, Chris, Caroline, Lee, Karen,
Nora, John, Jacqui.
All those who have lost a loved one.

BIBLE READINGS

Jeremiah 33.14-16

The Righteous Branch and the Covenant with David

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Luke 21.25-36

The Coming of the Son of Man

²⁵'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

²⁹Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass

away, but my words will not pass away.

Exhortation to Watch

³⁴'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'



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.

Thank you to all who braved the storm to support the coffee morning which raised £108 for Mothers' Union projects.

New reading rotas are at the back of Church. Please take yours and any you could deliver.

Bible study Thursday December 5th , 1.45pm at West End Cottage Mill Street.

THR keys Could you tell Liz if you hold keys (both inner and outer doors) to the THR - please email lizzie.mcbride@talk21.com

Memory Tree—For a suggested donation of £5 we will add a personalised wooden star ornament to a memory Christmas Tree in church this year. Forms and envelopes for your donation are available in church.

Christmas Fayre, Saturday 7th December 2 - 4pm, at the Village Hall

Donations (or in kind) for the Tombolas deliver to Liz McBride, 1 Park Lane .

Gloria! Monday 9th December 2024 at 7:45pm Join Warwickshire Singers for an evening of beautiful festive choral music.

Ladbroke Notices

Spa Chorale Concert "Can you hear the Christmas Bells" Ladbroke Church, Friday 13th December 7.30pm. Donations to be shared between church and choir. All welcome

Evensong with Carols, Sunday 22nd December at 6pm

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

REFLECTION FROM THE RECTORY

It is some comfort to know that we are not the first generation to look up to the heavens and sigh, 'Please, Lord; sort this mess out.'

Isaiah wanted God to tear open the heavens, to come down and sort out his enemies. We want God to come down and stop people killing and abusing one another. We want him to bang heads together so that the destruction and terror will end. The recent petition for a rerun of the general election signed by nearly 3 million people demonstrates the frustration many feel with our government and perceived broken promises. We want light at the end of the tunnel. We want hope.

There's a lot of confusion and darkness wherever we look and we feel powerless to sort it out.

But Isaiah also tells the people: 'we have all become like one who is unclean; a filthy cloth; a dead leaf'. The thing is we are part of the problem, not just its victims.

Advent looks forward to when God will indeed come down and sort everything out, and earth will be joined to heaven. It is also a penitential season – a time for us to consider the changes that we need to make in our lives. Advent points us back to when God did indeed 'tear open the heavens and come down'; not in a show of strength and wrath, but in the appearance of a helpless infant.

God steps into our world, lives with us in all the messiness around us, illuminates the darkness with his light and hope, showing us that there is another path to take – and that the evil that has so corrupted his wonderful creation will not have the last word. That word comes from him, the Alpha and Omega, creator and redeemer.

Prayer

You challenge us this Advent time, this season of preparation. To put aside our pride and understand our need. For repentance, Forgiveness and mercy. Less of self. More of you. Preparation for our journey to the manger and beyond.

HARBURY, LADBROKE, UFTON & CHESTERTON CHURCHES



Notice Sheet Sunday 1st December 2024 Advent 1

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEKS SERVICES:

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