

## THIS WEEK

**Monday 6th January (Vicar's day off)**

**Tuesday 7th January**

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury

10:30am Bumps & Bundles THR

**Wednesday 8th January**

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury

10:00am Quiet space (coffee) THR

10:30am Quiet Space (silence) THR

2:00pm Pleasant pastimes Library

**Thursday 9th January**

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury

10:00am Holy Communion Harbury

11:00am Funeral Freda Birch Ufton

**Friday 10th January**

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury

7:30pm Bellringing Practice Harbury

**Saturday 11th January**

10:00am Coffee Morning THR  
(Harbury Heritage Group)

**Sunday 12th January**

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:

Marie, 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

### Isaiah 60.1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup> For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. <sup>3</sup> Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup> Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. <sup>5</sup> Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup> A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

### Matthew 2.1-12

**2** In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was

frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup> "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."'<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.'<sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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.

**Thursday evening Housegroup, 9th January at 7:30pm** looking at the second half of Acts, meet at 77, Mill street.

**Luke Course, 9th January 7-9pm, St Paul's Church, Leicester Street, Leamington Spa, CV32 4TE** Join us for a five-week course exploring Luke's Gospel with its distinctive themes and its relevance for the Christian life today. If you have any questions, please contact [Catherine.stenphenson@coventry.anglican.orr](mailto:Catherine.stenphenson@coventry.anglican.orr). Julie Batchelor will be attending, and can offer lifts if needed.

**The Collective** will now meet on the 4th Tuesday's in the month, starting back on 28th Jan with; Comedy - Devilish or Divine? 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. 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

*A happy new year to you all! As we enter 2025 and review all that 2024 brought I wonder how you feel about the past year. Politically this has been a year of change, both in our country and across the world, and many might feel this has brought with it increasing turmoil and concern, and little optimism for the future. We have seen the devastation wrought by the madness of war continue to destroy lives and communities, and the cruelty of dictatorial regimes who care nothing for the lives of their own people. Unchecked migration continues to pose great challenges for many countries, including our own, and there seems to be no political will to address the problems or root causes underlying this. There have been sickening reports of abuse within the church and failures of leadership and accountability among senior figures, which have led to the unprecedented resignation of Justin Welby, and other Bishops facing further calls to step down. But closer to home there have been causes to celebrate too. Building relationships with our schools and communities, people growing in faith, discovering God-given gifts and using them in his service, new initiatives to engage with people beyond our church family, the opportunities we have as the established church to minister to people during the critical moments of life. So as we look ahead to this new year lets remember that God is beside us, leading us and guiding us. If things have been tough, we believe in a God who offers forgiveness and second chances. The New Year provides an opportunity for us to start afresh with renewed faith and purpose. As much as there are uncertainties about what may happen in the future; one thing remains sure – nothing catches God by surprise.*

**Celtic New Year Blessing**  
*More generous than the blades of grass, or the grains of sand on the shore, or the dewdrops on the pasture, are the blessings of the King of grace, on every soul that was, that will be, or that is.*

## HARBURY, LADBROKE, UFTON & CHESTERTON CHURCHES



## Notice Sheet Sunday 5th January 2025 Epiphany

Creator of the heavens,  
who led the Magi by a star  
to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us,  
that we may find our journey's end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### THIS WEEKS SERVICES:

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