

THIS WEEK

Monday 5th May (Bank Holiday)

Tuesday 6th May (Vicar's day off)

10:30am Bumps & Bundles THR

Wednesday 7th May

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury

2:00pm Mother's Union THR

7:30pm Alpha course THR

Thursday 8th May

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury

10:00am Holy Communion Harbury

7:30pm Homegroup call 613340

7:30pm WI THR

Friday 9th May

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury

7:30pm Bellringing Practice Harbury

Saturday 10th May

10:00am Coffee Morning THR
(Overseas Mission)

Sunday 11th May

9:00am Holy Communion Ladbroke

10:30am Holy Communion Harbury

3:00pm Messy Church THR

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:

Margaret, John, Nora, Karen, Barry,
Maureen, Nathan, Helen, Deanne,
Christina, Bryan, David, Sam, Joy
All those who have lost a loved one.

BIBLE READINGS

Acts 9.1-6 [7-20]

The Conversion of Saul

9 Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'⁵ He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.'⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

Luke 7:1-10

Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant

7 After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum.² A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death.³ When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave.⁴ When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, 'He is wor-

thy of having you do this for him,⁵ for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us.'⁶ And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, 'Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof;⁷ therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed.'⁸ For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, "Go", and he goes, and to another, "Come", and he comes, and to my slave, "Do this", and the slave does it.'⁹ When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, 'I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.'¹⁰ When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

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 Wed-Fri. All welcome.

Mother's Union Wed May 7th: 2:30pm, THR talk on the work of food banks, following a 2pm communion. All welcome.

In the Spotlight At the back of church, you'll now find a map showing the Top 50 Countries where it's hardest to be a Christian. Many of these places rarely make the news unless there's a war or disaster, but believers there face daily risk for their faith. Take a look—you may be surprised by the countries listed. To learn more, or for prayer inspiration, free copies of the World Watch List 2025 are available at www.opendoorsuk.org.

Alpha Course – Wed 7th May, 7:30pm, THR exploring the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open setting. All are welcome, whatever your background or beliefs. Contact Rev Andy for details.

Bible Reading Support If you'd like help continuing your Lent Bible reading habit, Gillian (614809) has daily notes available, including *Daylight*, editions for women, and reflections for older readers.

Chesterton Notices

Chesterton Midsummer Quiz A fun quiz in this magical location, teams of up to 4, £10 per pew. Please book your team in advance so we know numbers for catering. Winners prizes. Cash Bar. Any queries, please call 07903193615

Ladbroke Notices

Spa Chorale concert Friday 9th May 7.30pm
“Where are the songs of spring “ all welcome

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

REFLECTION FROM THE RECTORY

Our lectionary this week leads us to the dramatic story of the conversion of Paul on the Damascus road. Paul, or Saul as he was originally known, was a privileged individual from a Jewish and Roman perspective. He was a biblical scholar and despised Christians as dangerous heretics, and made it his mission in life to round them up and execute them. At that time being a follower of Jesus could be literally a life or death decision. But God had plans for Saul despite his hatred for anyone who followed Jesus teachings. That story of people who are transformed from enemies to believers is more common than we think – it certainly applied to me at one point in my life! So we see Saul literally blinded by the light and sent to into the city to wait for what comes next. And that is a visit from Ananias – an ordinary follower of Jesus, not a leader or an apostle, just a common or garden believer who God has plans for, just as he has plans for each of us. Ananias is sent to minister to Saul, a man who he knows has killed so many of his fellow believers, but despite his fears he obeys, and this story is as much about his courage as it is about Sauls conversion. Ananias is sent to heal Saul and to baptise him into the faith, and as we know he then goes on to become Paul the famous evangelist and writer, a miraculous conversion that only happened because of Ananias's obedience. Its amazing what God can do if we listen and obey, and that applies to each one of us too!

The 'Ananias' Prayer
May the mind of Christ take hold in us; may the light of Christ shine in our hearts; may the grace of Christ flow through us like a river; and may the love of Christ flow out from us, one to another and to our neighbour.

HARBURY, LADBROKE, UFTON & CHESTERTON CHURCHES



Notice Sheet Sunday 4th May 2025 Easter 3

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and
fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

THIS WEEKS SERVICES:

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