

## THIS WEEK

**Monday 26th May (Bank Holiday)**

**Tuesday 27th May (Vicar's day off)**

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury

**Wednesday 28th May**

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury

11:00am Funeral J Travis Harbury

2:00pm Pleasant pastimes Library

7:30pm Alpha course THR

**Thursday 29th May**

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury

10:00am Holy Communion Harbury

7:30pm Homegroup call 613340

**Friday 30th May**

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury

7:30pm Bellingring Practice Harbury

**Saturday 31st May**

10:00am Coffee Morning THR  
(Guide Dogs Leamington)

**Sunday 1st June**

9:00am Holy Communion Harbury

10:30am Family Service Ladbroke

4:00pm Youth Fellowship 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:

Caroline, Emma, Kay, 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 16.9-15

<sup>9</sup> During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.'<sup>10</sup> When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

### The Conversion of Lydia

<sup>11</sup> We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis,<sup>12</sup> and from there to



Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.<sup>13</sup> On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.<sup>14</sup> A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul.<sup>15</sup> When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

### Luke 7:24-35

<sup>24</sup> When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>25</sup> What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who put on fine clothing and live in luxury are in royal palaces. <sup>26</sup> What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>27</sup> This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

<sup>28</sup> I tell you, among those born of women no one is greater than John; yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.'<sup>29</sup> (And all the people who heard this, including the tax-collectors, acknowledged the justice of God, because they had been baptized with John's baptism. <sup>30</sup> But by refusing to be baptized by him, the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected God's purpose for themselves.)

<sup>31</sup> 'To what then will I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? <sup>32</sup> They are like children sitting in the market-place and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;

we wailed, and you did not weep."

<sup>33</sup> For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, "He has a demon"; <sup>34</sup> the Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" <sup>35</sup> Nevertheless, wisdom is vindicated by all her children.'

**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.

**We are in urgent need of MORE SACRISTANS** to cover the second and fourth Sundays of the month, beginning in June. Training will be given in a ministry that would commit you to an hour's work once a month on Saturday evening or Sunday morning. If you are interested, please contact Fliss ASAP on 07591 982822

**It's rota time !** We would love to have more names to read the lesson and, even more, lead the prayers in the morning service. Interested? Ring Gillian 01926614809

**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](http://www.opendoorsuk.org).

**Summer BBQ Saturday 14th June, from 4pm** All welcome to the Vicarage, come rain or shine!

## Chesterton Notices

**Chesterton Midsummer Quiz Fri 20th June, 7pm**

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 from 6:30pm.

Any queries, please call 07903193615

Email: [administrator@allsaintsharbury.org](mailto:administrator@allsaintsharbury.org)

To include messages in the Pew sheet.

## REFLECTION FROM THE RECTORY

*One of the themes of recent PCC meetings has been that of stewardship. This is a topic that many churches have to wrestle with, as is often the case in various organisations 80% of the funding and work of a church community comes from 20% of the membership. Given that rural churches often have a higher percentage of elderly members and relatively small congregations we need to recognise that we all have something to offer, and we all need to address where God may be calling us to use what he has given us in his service. The founding principle must be our practical response to God's goodness, and how we can serve and bless others, rather than taking what might be called a "consumerist" approach to our engagement with the church. The question we all need to answer is not 'what can I do with what I have?' rather it is 'What does God want me to do with what he has given me?' All our churches are developing ways which we can engage positively with our communities and share the hope of the gospel with everyone, but everything we are being led to consider requires people to be involved in a variety of ways - prayer, time, gifts, money. This is always a challenging situation because we all have many different responsibilities and commitments, and sometimes it seems there are never enough hours in the day or money in the bank. However God always honours what we offer in his service and what we give will bring blessings both to others and ourselves, if we have the courage to step out in faith. So please consider if there are ways you can use what God has given you as we work together as his body in the places we live and work.*

### Prayer

*Heavenly Father, guide us as we seek avenues to serve. In prayer, we surrender our plans and ambitions, looking for Your divine direction. Open doors of opportunity where each of us can make a meaningful impact. Grant us the discernment to recognise the needs that align with Your will, and have the courage to step forward in faith.*

## HARBURY, LADBROKE, UFTON & CHESTERTON CHURCHES



## Notice Sheet Sunday 25th May 2025 Easter 6

Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed your call to  
your disciples: help your Church to obey  
your command and draw the nations to  
the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### THIS WEEKS SERVICES:

9:00am	Holy Communion	Ladbrooke
10:30am	Holy Communion	Harbury
10:30am	Muddy Church	THR
7:00pm	Informal service	THR