

THIS WEEK

Monday 23rd June (Vicar's day off)

Tuesday 24th June

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury

10:30am Bumps & Bundles THR

Wednesday 25th June

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury

2:00pm Pleasant pastimes Library

Thursday 26th June

8:30am Morning prayer Harbury

10:00am Holy Communion Harbury

7:30pm Homegroup call 613340

Friday 27th June

7:30pm Bellringing Practice Harbury

Saturday 28th June

10:00am Coffee Morning
(God Stuff) THR

1:00pm Wedding Ufton

Sunday 29th June

9:00am Holy Communion Ladbroke

10:30am Holy Communion Harbury

Churchwardens:

Harbury: Beryl Norton 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

1 Kings 19.1-4 [5-7] 8-15a

Elijah Flees from Jezebel

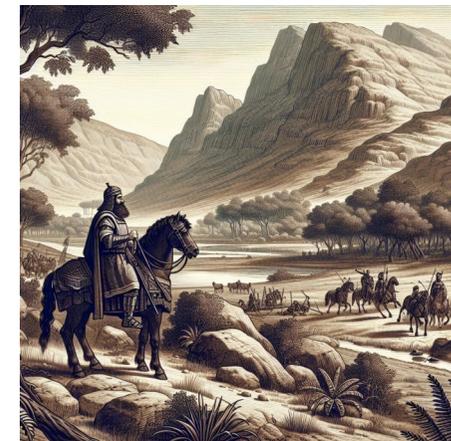
19 Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.' ³ Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' ⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' ⁶ He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷ The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.'

⁸ He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹ At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ¹⁰ He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

Elijah Meets God at Horeb

¹¹ He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ¹⁴ He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.'



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-Thur . There will be no meetings on Fridays this summer. All welcome.

Thank you so much for the unexpected and overwhelming gifts I received at the Rectory BBQ. You are all very generous. And, also, for the thank you card and all the kind comments. (You're all fibbers). Love Liz (and Mike - as I'll share.)

Garden Walkabout Teas- 28 & 29 June, THR 2-5pm, in aid of Sound and Stone. Last call for help with teas. Sign up at the back of church or call Gillian on 614809.

The new reading rota is now at the back of Church; please collect your own and anyone's you could deliver.

Email: administrator@allsaintsharbury.org
by Wed 25th to include messages in the Pew sheet for 29th June

REFLECTION FROM THE RECTORY

Not that long ago we were bemoaning the seemingly endless dry spell that farmers in particular were struggling with. Since then we have had some substantial spells of rain and now are in the middle of a heatwave, which hopefully will improve the prospects of a decent harvest this year. Certainly our damson tree appears loaded with fruit at the moment, so the conditions have been favourable for at least some crops! This peculiar English fascination with the weather and the changing seasons reminds me how gardeners and cultivators often have the dual focus of planting and pruning – nurturing and watering as well as clearing, tidying and weeding. In spiritual terms, these ideas are often seen in the bible; for example, in John 15: ‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful’. For our churches, our prayer should be that God would bring about and do a new thing. We celebrate new shoots and signs of growth as faith stirs and hearts are drawn to respond to the call and love of God in Jesus, His Son. There are also times when God may call us to stop doing something or to change direction if it is part of His good plan for us or the life of His church. Maybe these ideas point us to ask the question ‘what new thing is God wanting to say to me or do in my life? What things should I stop, reduce or get rid of?’

Celtic Prayer of blessing

May the rains sweep gentle across your fields, may the sun warm the land, may every good seed you have planted bear fruit, and may late summer find you standing in fields of plenty.

HARBURY, LADBROKE, UFTON & CHESTERTON CHURCHES



Notice Sheet Sunday 22nd June 2025 Trinity 1

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.

THIS WEEKS SERVICES:

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

Luke 8:9-25

The Purpose of the Parables

⁹ Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. ¹⁰ He said, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that "looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand."' "

The Parable of the Sower Explained

¹¹ 'Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹² The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³ The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. ¹⁴ As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵ But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.'

A Lamp under a Jar

¹⁶ 'No one after lighting a lamp hides it under a jar, or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a lampstand, so that those who enter may see the light. ¹⁷ For nothing is hidden that will not be disclosed, nor is anything secret that will not become known and come to light. ¹⁸ Then pay attention to how you listen; for to those who have, more will be given; and from those who do not have, even what they seem to have will be taken away.'

The True Kindred of Jesus

¹⁹ Then his mother and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him because of the crowd. ²⁰ And he was told, 'Your

mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you.' ²¹ But he said to them, 'My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.'

Jesus Calms a Storm

²² One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, ²³ and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. ²⁴ They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵ He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

**And his disciples asked
him, saying, What might
this parable be?**

—Luke 8:9

