

THIS WEEK

Monday 1st December (Vicar on holiday)

Tuesday 2nd December

10:30am Bumps & Bundles THR

Wednesday 3rd December

2:00pm Mother's Union Harbury

Thursday 4th December

10:00am Holy Communion Harbury

7:30pm House group Call 01926 613340

Friday 5th December

7:30pm Bellingring Practice Harbury

7:30pm Spa Choral concert Ladbroke

Saturday 6th December

2:00pm Christmas Fair Village Hall

Sunday 7th December

9:00am Said Communion Harbury

10:30am Family service Ladbroke

3:00pm Muddy Church THR

5:00pm Youth Fellowship THR

Churchwardens:

Harbury: Bez 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:

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

BIBLE READINGS

2 Peter 3:3-13

³ First of all you must understand this, that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and indulging their own lusts ⁴ and saying, 'Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since our ancestors died, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation!' ⁵ They deliberately ignore this fact, that by the word of God heavens existed long ago and an earth was formed out of water and by means of water, ⁶ through which the world of that time was deluged with water and perished. ⁷ But by the same word the present heavens and earth have been reserved for fire, being kept until the day of judgement and destruction of the godless.

⁸ But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

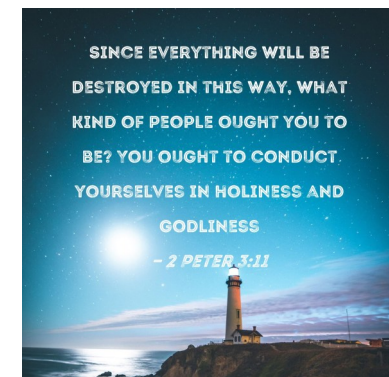
¹¹ Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³ But, in accordance with his promise, we

wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Matthew 24.36-44

The Necessity for Watchfulness

³⁶ 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.



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 there will be no morning prayer this week as the vicar is on holiday.

Mothers' Union Wed Dec 3rd 2pm in Tom Hauley room

Bible study Thursday 4th Dec, 1.45pm at 4 The Beeches Luke 1 vv5-25

Christmas Fair – Saturday 6th December, 2–4pm, Village Hall Join us for festive fun and help support the SSV Appeal. Note there is **no THR coffee morning** on this day.

Harbury e-Wheels Christmas Concert – Thursday 12th December, 7pm Tickets are now sold out!

Ladbroke Notices

Spa Chorale Concert– Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas, 5th December 7:30pm a festive programme of Christmas music and prose, featuring carols, well-loved songs and seasonal favourites. Donations on the door; interval refreshments provided.

Chesterton Notices

Candlelit Carol Service , Sunday 21st December at 5:30pm. Enjoy traditional carols and a festive singalong led by the Harbury Folk Club Choir, with bell ringing from 5pm to welcome you in. Afterwards, join us for mulled wine and mince pies as we celebrate together. All are welcome

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

REFLECTION FROM THE RECTORY

The word Advent means "arrival" or "coming." But before the arrival, there is the anticipation. We tend to regard waiting as a nuisance, maybe the time lost in traffic queues or standing in line at the supermarket, where every checkout seems to move faster than ours. However, in spiritual terms, waiting is not empty time; it is active preparation. We light candles during Advent not just to banish the dark, but to acknowledge that the light is coming into it. Just as a seed needs the darkness of the soil to germinate, our souls often need the quiet "darkness" of this season, the stillness away from the noise, for faith to take root and grow. The familiar story of the Nativity reminds us that the world had no room for the son of God, and Advent is our annual opportunity to check our openness to God's plans for us. It's a time to declutter the soul, and a time for sweeping out the dust of cynicism within us, and making a receptive space for the Prince of Peace to enter. So this year, don't feel pressured to manufacture "Christmas cheer." Instead, give yourself permission just to sit in the quietness. Remember that God often does His best work in the waiting. He is never late, and he is preparing you for the Joy that is on its way.

Prayer

As we wait for Christ to return, may hope in his return sustain us, God's peace saturate the world around us, the joy of the Holy Spirit strengthen us, and the love of the triune God encircle us, in this moment and in all the moments to come.

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Notice Sheet

Sunday 30th November 2025 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	Ladbroke
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