

THIS WEEK

Monday 22nd December (Vicar's day off)

Tuesday 23rd December

8:30am Morning prayer THR

Wednesday 24th December—Christmas Eve

3:00pm Nativity dress up Harbury
3:00pm Crib service Ladbroke
6:00pm Village Carol service Harbury
11:15pm Midnight Communion Harbury

Thursday 25th December—Christmas Day

9:00am Holy communion Ladbroke
10:30am Holy communion Harbury

Friday 26th December—Boxing Day

7:30pm Bellringing practice Harbury

Saturday 27th December

Sunday 28th December

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

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

Isaiah 7.10-16

Isaiah Gives Ahaz the Sign of Immanuel

¹⁰ Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹² But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³ Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Matthew 1.18-end

The Birth of Jesus the Messiah

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her hus-

band Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' ²² All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³ 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.



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 on Tuesday ONLY, all welcome. There will be no morning prayer the following week. We begin again in the new year.

Mothers' Union Party, Wednesday 7th January at 2pm. Everyone is welcome!

Ponder in the Pub – Tuesday 27th January,

Arrive 6:45 for 7pm start Join us to explore life's big questions in a friendly welcoming space. This month's topic: 'You must have imagined it!' Everyone is warmly invited to take part.

Ladbroke Notices

Carol Service – Sunday 21st December, 6pm

(Please note: there will be no 9am service that morning.)

Crib Service – Wednesday 24th December, 3pm

All welcome, whether dressed up or not, to hear the Christmas story.

Christmas Morning Service – Thursday 25th December, 9am

Chesterton Notices

Candlelit Carol Service, Sunday 21st December at 5:30pm. led by the Harbury Folk Club Choir.

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

As we enter the final week of Advent, the atmosphere shifts from patient anticipation to a sense of "almost here. The readings for this week often centre on Mary and Joseph. We see the angel Gabriel's radical announcement and Mary's humble response: "Let it be to me according to your word" In this final stretch, we are reminded that God's plan for the universe often hinges on the quiet, faithful obedience of ordinary people. Mary and Joseph faced uncertainty, social stigma, and profound mystery, yet still they moved forward in trust. This week asks us: In the midst of the seasonal rush, are we still listening for God's call? The core theme of the fourth week is Emmanuel—God with us. This is about the creator of the entire Universe being brought down to the size of a heartbeat in a womb. This fourth week is often the most frantic; last minute shopping, travel, and preparations. Yet, liturgically, it is the most profound. It is the final deep breath before the joyous shout of Christmas. It is a time to move from the "big picture" of the cosmos down to the "small picture" of a manger. We are invited to clear away the remaining clutter of our hearts to make a dwelling place for Him. As the unremitting hubbub of the season reaches its peak, where can you find five minutes of "Mary-like" stillness today to simply sit with the truth that God is with you?

Prayer

This Advent we remember Mary and Joseph, giving thanks for their faithfulness, courage and obedience, stepping out into the unknown in the strength of your Spirit, playing their part in the fulfilment of your plan to bring your prodigal people home again. We pray that their example might be the pattern of our lives, that when your gentle whisper breaks through the clamour of this world and into our small corner, we might be ready to listen, and having listened, to act.

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Notice Sheet Christmas 2025

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK, ADVENT 4 :

8:00am	Holy Communion	Harbury
10:30am	Carols for Everyone	Harbury
5:30pm	Candlelit Carols	Chesterton
6:00pm	Carol service	Ladbroke

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:

3:00pm	Dress up Nativity	Harbury
3:00pm	Crib Service	Ladbroke
6:00pm	Candlelit Carol service	Harbury
11:15pm	Midnight Communion	Harbury

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