

HARBURY NOTICES

Morning Prayer we will be meeting in the Tom Hauley Room at 8.30am Tue-Fri. All Welcome.

Mothers' Union New Year Celebration Wed 4th February, 2:30pm, Tom Hauley Room. We will be delighted to welcome anyone who is free to come as a guest for a light-hearted afternoon with friends – and tea!

Bible Study Thursday 5th February, 1:45pm,
3 Knightlow Way.

Tom's Teas, every third Monday, 2:30pm

The first Tom's Teas, held this week, was a great success with 35 people enjoying afternoon tea and a real buzz of conversation in the room. The next meeting will be on Monday 16th February in the Tom Hauley Room.

Ponder in the Pub, last Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm at The Crown Inn

Topics for conversation:

- 24th February: So where do we go next?
- 24th March: Is good... good enough?

All welcome.

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

REFLECTION FROM THE RECTORY

This Sunday celebrates the presentation of Jesus at the temple and is also known as Candlemas. It marks the end of the season of Epiphany and begins our preparation for Lent. In our churches, we usually light candles at the start of a service. That flame represents the living presence of Jesus. A candle is also a symbol of sacrifice. For a candle to give light, it must be consumed; the wax melts and the wick burns away. This echoes the life of Jesus, who poured Himself out to bring light to the world. It also reminds us that our own "light"—our service and love often involves giving of ourselves. Jesus tells His followers: "You are the light of the world". It reminds me of the relationship between the sun and the moon. The moon emits no light of its own; it is a cold, dark world. But when it faces the Sun, it reflects that light so brightly that it casts shadows in the middle of the night. As followers of Jesus, our light isn't something we manufacture through our own effort. It is the natural result of turning our faces toward the source. Light is demonstrably more powerful than darkness. A simple candle can illuminate a dark room. Often the light we reflect to the world around us may seem to be insignificant, inadequate against the darkness of our world; but in the economy of God, no light is ever wasted. Our calling is to remain faithful and keep that light shining.

A Prayer for Candlemas:

Lord God, you are the source of all light. As you revealed to Simeon the salvation prepared for all peoples, grant that we, who walk in the light of your Son, may reflect His glory in our world. May the flame of your love burn brightly within us, until we reach that place where there is no more night.

Harbury, Ladbroke, Ufton & Chesterton Churches



NOTICE SHEET

Sunday 1st February 2026
The Presentation

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

9:00am	Holy Communion	Harbury
10:30am	Family Service	Ladbroke
3:00pm	Muddy Church	THR
5:00pm	Youth Fellowship	THR

THIS WEEK

MONDAY 2ND FEBRUARY (VICAR'S DAY OFF)

TUESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY

8:30am	Morning Prayer	THR
10:00am	Funeral J Taylor	Harbury

WEDNESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY

8:30am	Morning Prayer	THR
2:00pm	Mother's Union	THR

THURSDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

8:30am	Morning Prayer	THR
10:00am	Holy Communion	Harbury

FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

8:30am	Morning Prayer	THR
12:00pm	Funeral L Oliver	Harbury
7:30pm	Bellringing practice	Harbury

SATURDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

10:00am	Coffee morning (Harbury WI)	THR
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SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

9:00am	Holy Communion	Ladbroke
10:30am	Holy Communion	Harbury
3:00pm	Messy Church	THR

Any safeguarding concerns please contact Rev Andy, safeguarding lead Amy Pedvin-Lewis 01926716520 or Jenny Rigby -01926259985 (Ladbroke)

CHURCH WARDENS

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

David, Caroline, Kay, Margaret, Nora, Karen,
Barry, Maureen, Nathan, Deanne, Christina,
Bryan, David, Sam, Joy.

All those who have lost a loved one.

BIBLE READINGS

Malachi 3.1-5

The Coming Messenger

3 See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight –indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. 2 But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; 3 he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. 4 Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

5 Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

Luke 2.22-40

Jesus Is Presented in the Temple

22 When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), 24 and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' 25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him.

26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27 Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 29 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' 33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed 35 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' 36 There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, 37 then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

The Return to Nazareth

39 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.