

HARBURY NOTICES

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

Sunday morning services need you!

The rotas run out at the end of January for:-

- providing refreshments after church
- welcoming people at the door.

If you feel you can do either or both of these essential roles please email me:

lizzie.mcbride@talk21.com or call 01926 612421 or mobile 07867 612027

Ponder in the Pub – Tuesday 27th January, Arrive 6:45 for 7pm start Join us at The Crown Pub, Harbury 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

Ladbroke PCC Thursday 29th Jan, 7:45pm to be held at Jackie's house.

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

REFLECTION FROM THE RECTORY

Recently I have been exploring how AI, or Artificial Intelligence impacts our lives and how it might develop in the future. It seems that currently there are two possibilities. Firstly, that AI evolution may result in a 'Superintelligence' that could threaten the very existence of humanity, or that its development may hit a technological barrier, a certain threshold which it cannot progress beyond. At present the resources needed to train AI models are driving up the cost of processor and graphics hardware, as well as consuming vast amounts of electrical power in data centres. If however, we do manage to create sentient machines that can reason, create, and interact, we are forced to ask deeper questions about what it truly means to be made in the Image of God. AI may be able to simulate empathy and emotion, but it cannot "weep with those who weep". In a world where AI handles our tasks, and even our emotional needs, we risk devaluing the incarnational, physical presence of one another. Our calling to invite others to 'come and see' is rooted in an interpersonal encounter that cannot be outsourced to a Large Language Model. The Christian response to AI should be neither blind fear nor uncritical embrace, but prophetic discernment. We must ensure that technology remains a tool for service rather than a master of the soul. Our value as humans does not come from our "output" or our "processing speed," but from the fact that we are known and loved by our Creator.

Prayer

Lord God, we ask for Your wisdom and guidance as we use technology in our daily life. Help us to use it responsibly and in a way that brings glory to You. As AI increasingly impacts our world and our lives, may it not result in increasing alienation between us, but as a tool to serve each other and tackle injustice and inequality.

Harbury, Ladbroke, Ufton & Chesterton Churches



NOTICE SHEET

Sunday 25th January 2026

Epiphany 3

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

9:00am	Holy Communion	Ladbroke
10:30am	Holy Communion	Harbury
7:00pm	Informal Service	THR

THIS WEEK

MONDAY 26TH JANUARY (VICAR'S DAY OFF)

TUESDAY 27TH JANUARY

8:30am	Morning Prayer	THR
7:00pm	Ponder in the Pub	The Crown

WEDNESDAY 28TH JANUARY

8:30am	Morning Prayer	THR
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THURSDAY 29TH JANUARY

8:30am	Morning Prayer	THR
10:00am	Holy Communion	Harbury
7:45pm	PCC meeting	Ladbroke

FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY

8:30am	Morning Prayer	THR
7:30pm	Bellringing practice	Harbury

SATURDAY 31ST JANUARY

10:00am	Coffee morning (Harbury Senior Citizens)	THR
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SUNDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

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

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

CHURCH WARDENS

Bez Norton & Andy Dean - warden@allsaintsharbury.org
Susan Moore & Peter Rigby - ladbrokechurch@gmail.com

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

Acts 9:1 - 22

The Conversion of Saul

9 Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'⁵ He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.'⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'⁷ The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one.⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.'¹¹ The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying,¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.'¹³ But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem;¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.'¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel;¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.'

¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.'¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized,¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul Preaches in Damascus

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.'²¹ All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?'²² Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

Matthew 19:27-end

²⁷ Then Peter said in reply, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?'²⁸ Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.²⁹ And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life.³⁰ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'