

## HARBURY NOTICES

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

**Thank you** to everyone who supported last week's lunch so generously. It raised £230 for the work of Mothers' Union.

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

All welcome. Topics for conversation:

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

## Lent Course

Every Friday in March, 7:00pm in the Tom Hauley Room. All welcome.

## LADBROKE NOTICES

**Evensong, 8th March 6pm** There will not be a 9am service that day.

## Lent Lunches;

**Thurs 26th February, 12 noon**, Old School,  
**Thurs 19th March, 12 noon**, Chapel Ascote Farm. Donations to Myton Hospice. All are very welcome.

Email: [administrator@allsaintsharbury.org](mailto:administrator@allsaintsharbury.org) by Thur pm to include messages in the Pew sheet.

## REFLECTION FROM THE RECTORY

Lent is a forty-day journey that mirrors Jesus' own time in the Judean desert, and it offers us a vital spiritual "reset" in a world that rarely stops for breath. In the Bible, the desert is rarely a place people want to go, but it is almost always where God does His most transformative work. The desert is a place of stripping away. In the wilderness, the distractions of the city, the noise of the crowd, and the comforts of the home are gone. Lent invites us into a "spiritual desert." By giving things up—whether it's a certain food, a digital habit, or a busy schedule—we are clearing away the clutter. We aren't doing this to punish ourselves; we are doing it to see what remains when the noise stops. We often discover that beneath our distractions is a deep hunger for God that we've been trying to drown out with stuff. It is easy to change our diet for forty days; it is much harder to change our hearts. Lent asks us to look at the fault lines in our character—the resentments we've nursed, the pride we've built up, and the ways we've ignored others. The "fast" God truly wants is one that leads to a more compassionate, humble, and generous life. We endure the shadows of Lent because we know the Light is coming. Every act of self-denial and every moment of extra prayer is a way of preparing our hearts to truly experience the joy of the Resurrection. We go into the dark so that we can better appreciate the dawn.

## Prayer

Lord, grant us simplicity of faith and a generosity of service that gives without counting cost. A life overflowing with grace poured out from the one who gave everything, that we might show the power of love to a broken world, and share the truth from a living Word. Lord, grant us simplicity of faith, and a yearning to share it.

# Harbury, Ladbroke, Ufton & Chesterton Churches



## NOTICE SHEET

Sunday 22nd February 2026

Lent 1

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

9:00am	Holy Communion	Ladbroke
10:30am	Holy Communion	Harbury
6:30pm	Prayer Meeting	Harbury
7:00pm	Informal Service	THR

## THIS WEEK

MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY (VICAR'S DAY OFF)

### TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

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

### WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

8:30am	Morning Prayer	THR
11:00am	Funeral K Shepherd	Harbury

### THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

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

### FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

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

### SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

10:00am	Coffee morning (RBL Galanos)	THR
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### SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH

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,  
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#### CHURCH WARDENS

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#### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Peter, Rosemary, Bruce, David, Caroline,  
Kay, Nora, Karen, Barry, Maureen,  
Nathan, Bryan, Sam, Joy.  
All those who have lost a loved one.

## BIBLE READINGS

### Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7

<sup>15</sup> The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

### The First Sin and Its Punishment

<sup>3</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' <sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup> but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; <sup>5</sup> for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loin cloths for themselves.

### Matthew 4.1-11

#### The Temptation of Jesus

<sup>4</sup> Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.

<sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' <sup>4</sup> But he answered, 'It is written,

"One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.