

HARBURY NOTICES

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

Music Group – Saturday 14th March, 4.00 pm: All welcome to sing, play or listen. Children welcome; primary-aged children to come with an adult.

Tom's Teas – Monday 16th March, 2.30 pm, THR. We invite you to come along for a free cup of tea, cake, coffee, biscuits and chat.

Ponder in the Pub – Tuesday 24th March, Arrive 6:45 for 7pm, The Crown Inn. This month's topic: 'Is being good, good enough?'

Easter Experience – 28th March–5th April, anytime during church opening hours at Church: Interactive Easter "stations" prepared by Messy Church; all welcome to drop in.

Easter Sunday Volunteers Needed – 10.00–10.30 am at Harbury: Help serving hot drinks; please speak to Julie Batchelor, Ann Clucas or Bez Norton.

Easter Egg Donations – Please bring small wrapped Easter eggs for after the Worship for Everyone Service; give to Andy or Julie Batchelor.

LADBROKE NOTICES

Mothering Sunday 15th March 10.30am posies, activities and refreshments. All welcome.

Lent lunch Thursday 19th March at Chapel Ascote Farm 12 noon. All donations to Myton Hospice. All welcome.

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

REFLECTION FROM THE RECTORY

This week we have seen conflict erupt in the Middle East as America and Israel launch an attack on Iran who responds with strikes across many countries including the UAE where, along with many other British people, my daughter Zoe and her family are living. Thank you for all the expressions of concern we have received. Zoe is safe and we are hoping the tensions will ease in the coming days. Our reflection on war is never merely political or strategic; it is a lament of the heart, that recognizes the profound tragedy of the brokenness of our world and the infinite value of every life caught up in the crossfire. When we see the escalation of violence, we are reminded that true security is not found in the strength of a military, but in the 'Shalom' of God. We are led to reflect on the upside-down Kingdom of Jesus, who refused the sword in the Garden of Gethsemane and chose the path of sacrificial love to conquer the ultimate enemies of sin and death. We also reflect with gratitude and hope on the Body of Christ within Iran. Despite the pressures of conflict and persecution, the Iranian church is often described as one of the fastest growing in the world. In times of war, our brothers and sisters find themselves in an impossible position – loving their country while following a King whose Kingdom is not of this world. We pray for their protection, their courage, and their role as peacemakers in a landscape of hostility.

Prayer

Lord of the Nations, we lift up the people of Iran and the surrounding nations to you. We ask for a quietening of the weapons of war. We pray for the mourning, the fearful, and the displaced. May your Spirit move in the hearts of those in power to seek justice and mercy over pride and conquest. Let your Light shine in the darkness, and may the Peace that passes all understanding guard the hearts of your children.

Harbury, Ladbroke, Ufton & Chesterton Churches



NOTICE SHEET

Sunday 8th March 2026

Lent 3

Eternal God,
give us insight to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

10:30am	Holy Communion	Harbury
3:00pm	Messy Church	THR
6:00pm	Evensong	Ladbroke

THIS WEEK

MONDAY 9TH MARCH (VICAR'S DAY OFF)

TUESDAY 10TH MARCH

8:30am Morning Prayer THR

WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH

8:30am Morning Prayer THR

10:00am Quiet Space - Coffee THR

10:30am Quiet Space - Silence THR

7:30pm PCC meeting THR

THURSDAY 12TH MARCH

8:30am Morning Prayer THR

10:00am Holy Communion Harbury

7:30pm WI THR

FRIDAY 13TH MARCH

8:30am Morning Prayer THR

7:30pm Bellringing practice Harbury

SATURDAY 14TH MARCH

10:00am Coffee morning THR
(Southam Twinning Assoc.)

SUNDAY 15TH MARCH - MOTHERING SUNDAY

8:00am Holy Communion Harbury

10:30am Holy Communion Ladbroke

10:30am Holy Communion Chesterton

10:30am All Age Service Harbury

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

CHURCH WARDENS

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Susan Moore & Peter Rigby - ladbrokechurch@gmail.com

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

Exodus 17.1-7

Water from the Rock

17 From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' ³ But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' ⁴ So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' ⁵ The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

John 4.5-42

⁵ So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰

Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' ¹¹ The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' ¹³ Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.'

¹⁵ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.’
¹⁶ Jesus said to her, ‘Go, call your husband, and come back.’¹⁷ The woman answered him, ‘I have no husband.’ Jesus said to her, ‘You are right in saying, “I have no husband”;¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!’¹⁹ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, I see that you are a prophet.’²⁰ Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you^[b] say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.’²¹ Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.’²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.’²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.’²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.’²⁵ The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming’ (who is called Christ). ‘When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.’²⁶ Jesus said to her, ‘I am he, the one who is speaking to you.’
²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, ‘What do you want?’ or, ‘Why are you speaking with her?’²⁸ Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,²⁹ ‘Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?’³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.
³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, ‘Rabbi, eat something.’

³² But he said to them, ‘I have food to eat that you do not know about.’³³ So the disciples said to one another, ‘Surely no one has brought him something to eat?’³⁴ Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.’³⁵ Do you not say, “Four months more, then comes the harvest”? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.’³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.’³⁷ For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps.”³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.’
³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days.⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word.’⁴² They said to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.’