

HARBURY NOTICES

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

Flower Team Coffee Morning, Saturday 2nd May, 10:00am – Tom Hauley Room Thank you to everyone who enjoyed and supported the Easter flower displays. As costs continue to rise, we would greatly value your support at this coffee morning.

Raffle prizes and bric-a-brac donations are warmly welcomed.

Informal Evening service - Sunday 26th April, 7:15pm THR You are warmly invited to join us for our informal service this Sunday. Rev Alison Abbott, who many of us know, will be speaking. Please do come earlier for cake and refreshments. There is also an opportunity to meet for prayer at 6:30pm in church beforehand, for both spoken and silent prayer. Please note: there will be no informal service in May.

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

REFLECTION FROM THE RECTORY

Many of us will have watched in disbelief as the chaotic scenes in parliament have unfolded during the debates on the Mandelson appointment. This week a reflection on power and responsibility:

In the understanding of the world, power is often viewed as a trophy; something to be won, guarded, and used to enrich ourselves. But in the Kingdom of God, power is redefined as stewardship. To be given power is not to be given a privilege, but to be handed a burden of responsibility. The ultimate Christian image of power is not a sceptre or a sword, but a basin and a towel. On the night He was betrayed, Jesus – the only person in history with absolute power – chose to kneel. For the Christian, taking responsibility means looking at those "under" us, whether in the workplace, the family, or the community – and asking, "How can I use my influence to elevate them, rather than myself?" Jesus warned that "from everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded." This is the biblical antidote to the "blame game." Taking responsibility means refusing to point fingers when things go wrong and instead being the first to step forward. Responsibility is the willingness to say, "The buck stops here." When we have power, be it financial, social, political or spiritual – we are accountable to God for how that power impacted the "least of these." True power is the courage to be held accountable. In the Bible, bad leaders are described as "shepherds who only feed themselves" Taking responsibility means owning our mistakes publicly and sharing our successes privately. It is the realization that our authority is not our own; it is a loan from the Creator, intended to bring order out of chaos and life out of the dust.

Prayer: O God, we lift up to You those who hold the mantle of political leadership in our nation. Grant them a spirit of integrity and accountability. When they stumble give them the humility to admit their mistakes, the grace to accept correction, and the will to make amends. Remove from them the temptation to shift blame or to hide behind empty rhetoric.

Harbury, Ladbroke, Ufton & Chesterton Churches



NOTICE SHEET

Sunday 26th April 2026

Easter 4

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice and to follow
your command, that all your people may
be gathered into one flock, to the glory
of God the Father.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

9:00am	Holy Communion	Ladbroke
10:30am	Holy Communion	Harbury
6:30pm	Prayer meeting	Harbury
7:00pm	Informal evening service	THR

THIS WEEK

MONDAY 27TH APRIL (VICAR'S DAY OFF)

TUESDAY 28TH APRIL

8:30am Morning Prayer

THR

7:00pm Ponder in the pub

The Crown

WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL

8:30am Morning Prayer

THR

THURSDAY 30TH APRIL

8:30am Morning Prayer

THR

10:00am Holy Communion

Harbury

FRIDAY 1ST MAY

8:30am Morning Prayer

THR

7:30pm Bellringing practice

Harbury

SATURDAY 2ND MAY

10:00am Coffee morning
(Church Flowers)

THR

SUNDAY 3RD APRIL

9:00am Holy Communion

Harbury

10:30am Family service

Ladbroke

**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

Acts 2:42-47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Life among the Believers

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

John 10:1-10

Jesus the Good Shepherd

¹⁰ 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

