

HARBURY NOTICES

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

Ponder in the Pub, Tuesday 28th July, 6:45pm for 7:00pm, the Crown Inn This month's topic: 'What am I doing here?' There will be no meeting in August, we'll be back in September.

Prayer List - If you would like a name added to or removed from the prayer list, please contact Fliss on 07591 982822. Fliss coordinates the list and will pass any updates on to Laura for publication in the pew sheet.

REFLECTION FROM THE RECTORY

From the end of July until mid-August on a clear night you might be fortunate to catch a glimpse of the Perseid meteor shower. What we call "shooting stars" are tiny specks of cosmic dust, some no larger than a grain of sand or a pea. As they hit the Earth's upper atmosphere they burn up, creating brilliant, ephemeral trails of light across the night sky. It is a striking paradox: something so tiny and seemingly insignificant produces a moment of breathtaking beauty that makes many people stop, look up, and catch their breath. In our modern world, we spend much of our time looking down; at our smartphones, our busy calendars, our paved footpaths, and the endless lists of things that need doing tomorrow. Our vision narrows, trapped within the immediate concerns of daily life. The Perseids invite us to do something radically simple: to look up. Watching for meteors requires patience. You have to step away from artificial lights, pull up a garden chair, let your eyes adjust to the darkness, and simply wait. In that quiet stillness, surrounded by the cool summer night air, our worries tend to find their proper size. We are reminded that we belong to a vast, magnificent universe sustained by a God whose imagination knows no bounds. So over the coming weeks, especially as the shower ramps up toward its peak in mid-August - take a few minutes on a clear night to step out into the garden. Turn off the indoor lights, take a slow breath, and let the quiet splendour of the cosmos remind you of the scale of God's care. If a grain of cosmic dust can shine so brightly, how much more could the love of God shine through us?

A Prayer for Summer Evenings:

Creator God, Thank You for the wonders of the night sky and the quiet beauty of Your creation. When our minds are crowded with busy thoughts, grant us the patience to pause, look up, and marvel. Light up our hearts with Your peace, and keep us mindful of Your gentle presence through every season.

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

Harbury, Ladbroke & Chesterton Churches



NOTICE SHEET

Sunday 26th July 2026

Trinity 8

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through 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 evening service	THR

THIS WEEK

MONDAY 27TH JULY (VICAR'S DAY OFF)

TUESDAY 28TH JULY

7:00pm Ponder in the pub The Crown

WEDNESDAY 29TH JULY

8:30am Morning Prayer THR

THURSDAY 30TH JULY

10:00am Holy Communion THR

FRIDAY 31ST JULY

8:30am Morning Prayer THR

7:30pm Bellringing practice Harbury

SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST

10:00am Coffee morning (TOFS) THR

3:00pm Wedding Harbury

SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST

9:00am Holy Communion Harbury

10:30am Family Service Ladbroke

Any safeguarding concerns
please contact Rev Andy, safeguarding
lead Elaine Barnden 07969 011146
or Jenny Rigby -01926259985 (Ladbroke)

CHURCH WARDENS

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Susan Moore & Peter Rigby - ladbrokechurch@gmail.com

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Robert, Rosemary, Bruce, David, Caroline, Kay,
Bryan, Joy. All those who have lost a loved one.

Romans 8.26-end

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

God's Love in Christ Jesus

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

BIBLE READINGS

Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

³¹ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

The Parable of the Yeast

³³ He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

Three Parables

⁴⁴ 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Treasures New and Old

⁵¹ 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵² And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'