

HARBURY NOTICES

There will be no Morning Prayer this week as the vicar is on holiday, Thursday Communion will be held by Rev Ann.

There is no Tom Hauley coffee morning on Saturday 15th August.

Coffee mornings 22nd & 29th August for Stone, Sound & Vision funds:- I would be very grateful for cakes, raffle prizes and help for these 2 coffee mornings. Sign up sheets in church or just call me on 01926 612421 Thank you Liz McBride

Summer break

there will be no Muddy/Messy church, Youth Fellowship groups, Ponder in the Pub, WI or Mother's Union in August. Tom's teas and Quiet Space will continue!

Notice from the Church wardens - If you want to be prayed for or there is an urgent need, please email warden@allsaintsharbury.org

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

REFLECTION FROM THE RECTORY

One of Sunday's Old Testament reading takes us to the opening chapter of the Joseph saga; a story that reminds us that human nature hasn't changed in the 3,800 years since Joseph's time. There are still family tensions, jealousy, and betrayal, which can sadly lead to estrangement and division. Young Joseph, openly favoured by his father Jacob, and gifted that famous coat of many colours, becomes the target of his brothers' bitter resentment. What begins as envy quickly escalates into a plan to remove Joseph from their lives: a secret plot, a robe dipped in animal blood, an empty pit, and ultimately, a cold business transaction for twenty pieces of silver, reminding us of a much later price of betrayal. Genesis tells us that Joseph's brothers "could not speak a kind word to him". Bitterness was allowed to fester and grow until it completely consumed their sense of family, mercy, and justice. In our own lives, envy rarely leads us to take such drastic action, but how easily do comparison, resentment, or a sense of unfairness cause us to act unkindly, speak harsh words behind someone's back, or respond in anger? Genesis reminds us that unchecked envy always damages us long before it hurts the person we envy. In our reading God's name is barely mentioned. He doesn't send an angel to stop the brothers, nor does a voice speak from heaven as Joseph is pulled from the cistern. To Joseph, sitting alone in the dark, it must have felt as though God had completely abandoned him. Yet, as the rest of Genesis reveals, God was far from absent. Even in the darkest pit, amidst human cruelty and broken relationships, God's hand was quietly working behind the scenes. This horrific betrayal was not the end of Joseph's story, it was the unexpected, painful beginning of a journey that would eventually save thousands of lives from famine.

Heavenly Father, Guard our hearts against jealousy, comparison, and bitterness. Give us the grace to celebrate the blessings of others and to speak words of peace in our families and communities. When we find ourselves in dark or difficult places, grant us the trust to know that You never abandon us, and that Your grace is always at work.

Harbury, Ladbroke & Chesterton Churches



NOTICE SHEET

Sunday 9th August 2026

Trinity 10

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

9:00am	Holy Communion	Ladbroke
10:30am	Holy Communion	Harbury

THIS WEEK

MONDAY 10th AUGUST (VICAR ON HOLIDAY)

TUESDAY 11th AUGUST

WEDNESDAY 12th AUGUST

10:00am Quiet Space (coffee) THR

10:30am Quiet Space (Silence) THR

THURSDAY 13th AUGUST

10:00am Holy Communion THR

FRIDAY 14th AUGUST

7:30pm Bellringing practice Harbury

SATURDAY 15th AUGUST

SUNDAY 16th AUGUST

8:00am Holy Communion Harbury

9:00am Holy Communion Ladbroke

10:30am Holy Communion Chesterton

10:30am All Age service Harbury

Any safeguarding concerns
please contact Rev Andy, safeguarding
lead Elaine Barnden 07969 011146
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:

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

BIBLE READINGS

1 Kings 19:9-18

Elijah Meets God at Horeb

⁹ At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'

¹⁰ He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' ¹¹ He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ¹⁴ He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill.

¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

Matthew 14.22-33

Jesus Walks on the Water

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.

²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake.

²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear.

²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

²⁸ Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.'

²⁹ He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus.

³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!'

³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?'

³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

³³ And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'