HARBURY NOTICES

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

Mothers' Union Wednesday 2nd December, 2:00pm – THR We will be preparing mystery bags for our stall at the Christmas Fair. All are welcome to come along and help.

Christmas Fair: Saturday 5th December, 2–4.30pm, at the Village Hall. There will be entertainment, and of course Santa will be visiting! Donations welcome: chocolates, bottles, red wine for the mulled wine stall, cakes, gifts and raffle prizes. Please give them to Liz McBride or leave them in the vestry.

Advent 2 – Sunday 6th December
Archdeacon Tim Cockell will be leading the service at Harbury next Sunday.

Tom's Teas Monday 21st December with some Christmas fare and hopefully with some entertainment!

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS – Friday 11th December. 7pm (doors open 6.30) Tickets (Adult: £10, Family: £20) are on sale at the Library, All Saints' Church and online To reserve tickets & cards (£2) contact Fliss on 07591 982822 (If you would like a lift to and from church please contact Brian Jones 613207.

LADBROKE NOTICES

Christmas Concert – Saturday 12th December, 7.30pm. Spa Chorale present a Christmas Concert in church: music, readings and refreshments. Do come and join us.

Ladbroke Carol Service – Sunday 20th December, 6pm, all welcome.

Email: administrator@allsaintsharbury.org by Thur pm to include messages in the Pew sheet.
Notices for the pew sheets (3rd & 10th Jan): please send before Thursday 10th December.

REFLECTION FROM THE RECTORY

Today marks Advent Sunday – in the church calendar the first day of a new year. While the shops, television adverts, and high streets have been focused on Christmas for weeks, seemingly earlier every year, the Church takes a deep breath and invites us to do something wonderfully counter-cultural: to slow down, light a candle, and watch in hope. The word Advent simply means 'coming' or 'arrival.' Over the next four weeks, we hold together three great truths. We remember Jesus' humble arrival in our world two thousand years ago; we recognise afresh his presence in our day to day lives; and we look forward with confidence to the day He comes again in glory to heal and restore our troubled world once and for all. Out across our fields and lanes, nature looks bare and dormant, yet beneath the cold soil, quiet preparation is already underway for new life. Advent works in much the same way. It does not ask us to manufacture festive cheer or pretend that winter's and indeed life's pressures are not real. Instead, it meets us once again in the shadows and light, and in one small flame on our Advent wreath, the candle of Hope, reminds us that light always has the final word over darkness. As we step into this season together, perhaps we can try to reserve a few moments of Advent stillness amid the familiar December chaos. Maybe we can pray for a few minutes each day, keep an eye out for neighbours who might find this time of year lonely, and make room in our hearts for the Christ who comes to bring us peace.

Prayer
Lord Jesus Christ, Light of the world, as we step into this season of Advent, quiet our frantic lives and teach us how to watch and wait in hope. In the deepening shadows of winter, let the small flame of your promise burn brightly within us. Open our eyes to see your quiet arrival in our everyday lives, and open our hands to share your warmth and hope with all who need it. Come, Lord Jesus, and bring your peace to our homes, our villages, and our world.

Harbury, Ladbroke & Chesterton Churches



NOTICE SHEET

Sunday 29th November 2026

Advent 1

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin
to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

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



THIS WEEK

MONDAY 30th NOVEMBER (VICAR'S DAY OFF)

Andrew the Apostle

TUESDAY 1st DECEMBER

WEDNESDAY 2nd DECEMBER

8:30am	Morning Prayer	THR
2:00pm	Mothers' Union	THR

THURSDAY 3rd DECEMBER

10:00am	Holy Communion	THR

FRIDAY 4th DECEMBER

8:30am	Morning Prayer	THR
12:30pm	Meeting Point	The Crown
7:30pm	Bellringing practice	Harbury

SATURDAY 5th DECEMBER

2:00pm	Christmas Fair	Village Hall

SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER

9:00am	Holy Communion	Harbury
10:30am	Family service	Ladbroke
5:00pm	Youth Fellowship	THR

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

BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 64:1-9

1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come
down, so that the mountains would quake at your
presence— 2 as when fire kindles brushwood and
the fire causes water to boil— to make your name
known to your adversaries, so that the nations
might tremble at your presence! 3 When you did
awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came
down, the mountains quaked at your presence. 4
From ages past no one has heard, no ear has
perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him. 5 You meet
those who gladly do right, those who remember
you in your ways. But you were angry, and we
sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. 6
We have all become like one who is unclean, and all
our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all
fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind,
take us away. 7 There is no one who calls on your
name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have
hidden your face from us, and have delivered us
into the hand of our iniquity. 8 Yet, O Lord, you are
our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand. 9 Do not be
exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember
iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your
people.



Mark 13:24-37

The Necessity for Watchfulness

24 'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun
will be darkened, and the moon will not give its
light, 25 and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26
Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in
clouds" with great power and glory. 27 Then he
will send out the angels, and gather his elect from
the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the
ends of heaven. 28 'From the fig tree learn its
lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and
puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is
near. 29 So also, when you see these things taking
place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.
30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass
away until all these things have taken place. 31
Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words
will not pass away. 32 'But about that day or hour
no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor
the Son, but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep
alert; for you do not know when the time will
come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when
he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each
with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to
be on the watch. 35 Therefore, keep awake—for
you do not know when the master of the house
will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at
cockcrow, or at dawn, 36 or else he may find you
asleep when he comes suddenly. 37 And what I
say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'