

Editorial

Dear Villagers,

It was good, on a recent Saturday, to see the people of Harlington in Bloom out doing the flower beds around the village. However, some are now retiring. Do you have the skills and interest to join them? Thanks to all who, over the years, have kept the village looking good.

The plans that could add 600 houses to the village are out for consultation on the modifications. There are a lot of documents on the Council website, but do think about having your say.

Hopefully, we will be coming, slowly and cautiously, out of the pandemic before too many more months. When we can get back together, what can you do? What will you go back to, or start new. What have you started that you will continue? Some good things have happened prompted by the pandemic. What can we preserve, and what of the old can we restart or rescue?

On that theme, where are our technicians of tomorrow? We will need you. Clive.

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Letter from Rosie Hughes, Life Church

Our pond has needed some work on it this year and it has been a race against time to get it finished for the frogs who were queuing up to move back in! Opening my back door first thing this morning I could hear the gentle chorus of croaking and it see it already filling with frogspawn. What a welcome sight after the long wet and windy winter which along with Lockdown which has kept us cooped inside more than usual.



Not only are we looking forward to the season of Spring but also a new season of life. A more hopeful, optimistic time. One in which we can meet our family and friends who we love and have missed personal contact with so much and one where we can at last give the grandchildren a big hug.

Our two grandchildren are desperate to come and stay with us again. They keep talking about what they are going to do when they come. In the words of Willow age two and a half, “We can come to your house granny when that silly ‘iris’ has gone.”

It has not all been bad. There is always something good in every season. This last year has brought neighbours together, helping each other and taking time to chat, socially distanced of course, in the street. We have gained a deeper appreciation of the beautiful countryside on our doorstep.

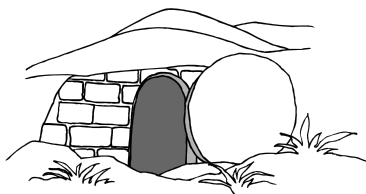
At this point let’s give a BIG SHOUT OUT to Andrew Asbury for the amazing mission he has been on to clear our village and surrounding countryside of litter and the way he has motivated the rest of us to get involved too. What a difference we can make when we work together!

In the bible it talks about the church being like a body. It is just the same for a community. Every part is different but each part needed to make it work well. If we were all eyes, we would see a lot but nothing would get done but because we are all different and have unique characters and abilities, we complement each other and make the whole beautiful.

However, there is one part that we all have in common and that is the need to be loved and to love and we share that with the God who designed us.

At Easter we remember the overwhelming love God has for us. A love that was prepared to let His only child die a gruesome and excruciatingly painful death.

Why? To pay the sentence we should serve for all the wrong we have done in the past and will do in the future.



Letter Ctd., Guides, Consultation

But we don't just remember the sacrificial death but the incredible reality that Jesus came back to life and promises eternal life for us too. We just have to believe and accept His forgiveness.

It is a free gift for us all.

Wishing you a very Happy Easter

Rosie Hughes

Life Church

Guides

Harlington Guides are looking for a new leader; after 23 years I am retiring as Guide leader. So if you fancy spending time with a group of girls aged between 10 and 14 and helping them learn life skills, go on hikes, camping, cooking on a wood fire, marching on Remembrance day, taking part in craft competitions, badgework and much more, then please contact me, Mary Gadsden, on 01525872915 or Jo Bates on 07815126346 or look online at www.girlguiding.org.uk to find out more. Jo is happy to stay on as Assistant Guider. Unfortunately if no-one comes forward then Harlington Guides will close in July.

A message to all girls who are registered as Guides sorry we have not been able to meet during lockdown but hopefully we will be able to have a few meetings after 21st June.

Consultation on modifications to Local Plan

Residents are being invited to have their say on proposed modifications to our Local Plan during a six-week consultation.

The consultation seeks views on all Main Modifications being proposed and some further matters

The Local Plan, which is currently being examined by independent Planning Inspectors, outlines proposed development across our area until 2035. This Main Modifications consultation follows on from public hearings that took place during summer 2019 and December 2020.

The consultation is open until 12pm Wednesday 5th May 2021.

All the stages of the Local Plan Examination are available on the CBC website.

Easter Trail

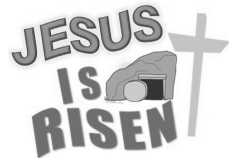


CTH are excited to provide for the village an Easter Trail. We had so much fun preparing for the Christmas Trail. At our meeting in February it was agreed to follow up with a different Trail for you; pictures with a clue to the next picture and an adjacent

QR Code to link you to YouTube to hear a Bible passage and Prayer. This time you will need to start at the beginning, the Methodist Church, and follow the trail through to the end to complete the quiz and receive your prize.



Easter Trail



28TH MARCH
to 5th APRIL

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Harlington Village Show, HNH, Fools



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Here we go again, planning and planting for our 35th Show! The committee are hoping that we might be able to have a Village Show, even if it's a smaller show this year. Like so many other events, the Show in 2020 was cancelled, but we are doing some preliminary planning to see if it may be possible in 2021. We really don't know at the moment, but are hoping we can do something. Any details will be in future Contact magazines.

Please have a look at our Facebook page – we'd love to see photos of your garden, plants and shrubs, seedlings etc, so do send them in.

For more information contact Tricia. Tel 01525 754241,
tricia.murphy5@ntlworld.com

HVS Committee

HNH Good Neighbour Scheme

Harlington Neighbourhood Help Good Neighbour Scheme Update

We are still driving clients to appointments where other options are not available as our drivers get vaccinated and have regular Covid checks.

We also help with shopping, dropping off and collecting prescriptions from local doctors and the pharmacies in Toddington, Barton and Flitwick, and do errands around the village including a bit of lawn mowing, paper bill paying, paperwork and help with IT.

We have purchased PPE for volunteers and clients and have car screens
Help line

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April Fools

“A common mistake that people make when trying to design something completely foolproof is to underestimate the ingenuity of complete fools.”

Flittabus *plus* April Humour

Flittabus are expecting restart their service for Harlington from 15th April.

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& Ampthill (Waitrose)

Thursday only

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Harlington, Wingate Rd (Bunyan Way)	9.30				
Harlington, Goswell End Rd (Lay-By)	9.33				
Harlington, Lincoln Way Shops	9.36				
Harlington, Sundon Rd (Village Hall)	9.38				
Harlington, Sundon Rd (Bury Close)	9.41				
Harlington, Station Road	9.43		11.20		
Westoning, The Chequers	9.48		11.24		
Westoning, Church Rd (Village Hall)	9.50		11.25		
Flitwick, Coniston Rd (Tesco)	9.55	10.55	11.30		12.30
Flitwick, Rail Station	9.58			11.43	
Flitwick, Ampthill Rd (101 Garage)	10.01			11.46	
Ampthill, Oliver St. (Health Centre)	10.05			11.50	
Ampthill, Wingfield Court	10.06			11.52	
Ampthill, Church St (Post Office)	10.10			12.00	
Ampthill, Flitwick Rd (Grange Rd)	10.13			12.03	
Flitwick, Ampthill Rd (101 Garage)	10.14			12.04	
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Harlington, Station Road		11.20			RR

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Congratulations



To Rob and Sue Whittle who last month opened the “Hub and Spoke” Café. The name reflects Rob’s interest in cycling.

More congratulations to Sue who was Highly Commended by Central Beds Council for her work with Harlington Neighbourhood Help. Sue, who is also Treasurer for Contact Magazine, commented that the work of HNH is the effort of a

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April Speakers are:

April 4th - Easter Sunday Celebration

April 11th – Paul Wilson

April 18th – Rob Payne

April 25th - TBA

We also meet on Wednesdays at 7pm for prayer

If you would like to join in with any of these, please contact us for the Zoom link. If you have any prayer requests or would like to talk to someone the address is:

lifechurchcentralbeds@gmail.com

Harlington in Bloom



AGM: Friday March 26th 7.30pm, via Zoom. If you receive the Contact magazine before this date and wish to join us, please contact Ian asap.

OPEN GARDENS: sadly we have decided to cancel Open Gardens again this year, but really hope we'll be able to organise the event for June/July 2022.

Borders and planters: the daffs are out, and coping with very strong winds as I write. The HiB wallflowers are struggling a little bit, but with warmer weather they should hopefully perk up. The very wet winter certainly hasn't helped.

Spring Garden judging: Gardens were shortlisted, and final judging has taken place. The winners will be announced in the May Contact.

Work parties: Saturday 17th April 10am meet at the Village Hall. This is for general tidying and weeding. Join us on the day, and bring gloves and a trowel if you have one. To find out more about HiB, please contact Ian on 01525 874720, or Tricia via tricia.murphy5@ntlworld.com and 07711 511729.

HiB Committee

Brain Tumour Research,



**Brain Tumour
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☕🍪🍵 So last month I launched a new idea of a virtual coffee morning to raise funds for Brain Tumour Research and I was very pleased by the positive responses I have received and promises from friends and family to join in so now as you read this it will have taken place and I will report on the success of this next month.

🌸🌷🌻🌺 But I must report how thrilled and amazed I am at the interest in the plants, pots and how much is being raised from donations for the charity. A special thanks to those who have donated plants and pots to make this possible, such kindness and thoughtfulness. I have received some lovely heathers, potted daffodils and tete a tete, rockery plants and plants where good folks have split and planted up for me. These have taken plant sales soaring up to £4191.18

🍆🥒🍅 I have been busy sowing seeds and I am hoping Easter will be busy pricking out. I have sown 9 varieties of tomatoes including: my favourite “Marmande”, as well as tumbling, Alisa Craig, Moneymaker, Tigrella, Tomatillo, gardeners delight to name but few. I have also sown cauliflower, leeks, cabbage, aubergine, celery, peppers. I have flower plants: nasturtiums, verbascum, hollyhocks, sweet peas. So please come and take a look, treat yourselves and transform your gardens so they are places to rest and revive, places to pick fresh produce and provide for you. And I know for sure there will be plants donated by others and will be a lovely surprise for me as well as yourselves. So I look forward to welcoming you and hopefully supplying your gardening needs and later in the year fresh fruit and vegetables.

🐣 And finally, thanks to Frankie and her hens I will have free range eggs for sale as they are available at a cost of £1.50 for half a dozen.

Please keep visiting, supporting and donating. Without your support my efforts would be pointless and funds raised for the charity extremely limited.

Continuing thanks and appreciation for your generosity, support and kindness, for giving me purpose and encouragement to continue my fundraising efforts for Brain Tumour Research.

Hope to see you soon

Jane and Emma Barltrop and Alice Sulaj

PS See also the Easter Bunny Raffle on page 24

HVPS *plus* Walking4Health



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Celebration Days in April *plus* Heritage Trust

1st April - All Fool's Day - Watch out in the morning for pranks!

2nd April - Good Friday - the day we remember Jesus' crucifixion, celebrated with Hot Cross Buns.

4th April - Easter Sunday - when we celebrate the resurrection, these days often with chocolate eggs.

23rd April - St. George's Day - the Patron Saint of England.

Harlington Heritage Trust

We are pleased to record that the Trust has passed another milestone with our 40th Anniversary on 1st April this year. While our plans for a proper celebration have had to be shelved due to the pandemic, we do hope to make up for this later in the year. No future events are planned at present for the HHT Calendar. As the current situation improves, members will be notified of future events for 2021 in this Magazine, HHT Newsletters and local posters. These will hopefully include talks commencing in September, October and November.

Take care everyone.

Barbara Thurston

HHT Secretary

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Just to keep you in the picture we have carried out another two trips to the Food-bank. January we took 115KG and February was 118kg. I can't thank you all enough for your generosity and thought for the people who are in such need.

I think I mentioned in my last letter that we were able, last year, to contribute through church and village organisations over 1 ton of supplies and the need not only is still there but also still growing . It must be one of the few organisations to be hoping to make itself redundant.

Once again there is a notice in the Village shop/newsagent with details of what is still needed . As an example, sugar especially the smaller bags, tinned potatoes. No canned beans or perishable goods. On Thursday we are taking our next trip to the warehouse distribution centre. If there is time, I will try to do a stop press to let you know what we sent.

Again, we thank you for all you are providing, and any questions to Sandy and David on 01525 754313 or to Sanjiv in the store/post office

April Humour

Q: When do gorillas fall from the sky?

A: During Ape-ril showers.

Q: Why is April so popular for using a trampoline?

A: It's Spring-time!



The Wednesday Morning Coffee and Games Group.


The petition objecting to the relocation of the Parish Clerk's office to the East Room of the Parish Hall was lodged with the Clerk on the 17th February. We attended the full council meeting (on Zoom) on 8th March and requested, during the 10 minutes allowed for public participation, that the 411 signatory petition be formally acknowledged in a minute of the meeting. Hopefully this will be included when the minutes are published.

Thanks again to all who supported the successful outcome and remember to make the most of the Parish Hall when it reopens. We shall be providing further information on the Wednesday morning activities nearer that time.

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Messy Church News *plus* HVH 100 Club

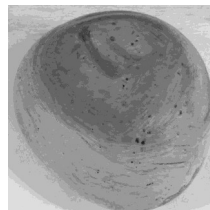


February's Messy Church was based on the first part of Lent.

We made a picture of the wilderness, and added real sand, and we turned stones into bread, (with the liberal application of paint).

We looked at a model of the Temple on

video, and made a collage to show (not quite) "All the countries of the world".



Our technology for Zoom and live stream worked well; it was good to see and hear children joining in again (but not visible on the live stream).

We will continue with this format, and more "live" material will be available in April on the Harlington Methodist Church YouTube channel, starting streaming at 4pm on 17th April. If you signed up on our contact list then we will email written material to you. If you haven't, then it's available on our website, <https://cliveandtina.co.uk> and you can download it from there.

Alternatively you can email me at clivedsalmon@aol.com for the material or the Zoom link.

Our April topic will be the first part of the story of Jacob, an interesting and somewhat devious forefather of the tribe of Israel, being Abraham's grandson.

In the unlikely event that the Coronavirus no longer affects us, Messy Church meets in the Methodist Church and Halls on the 3rd Saturday each month from 4 to 6 pm. but keep an eye on Facebook, the YouTube Channel and our website, as the time is drawing nearer when we may be able to meet again.

Don't forget, while children need an adult, Messy Church, live or virtual, is not just for children.

Clive

HVH 100 Club

This month's winner is number 33 belonging to Dennis Ward of Robinson Crescent. If you wish to be part of the 100 Club and have the chance to win £50, please contact our Treasurer, Dave Thew at: hvhtreasurer@btinternet.com.

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*Barbara Thurston, Secretary,
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I'm writing this on 8th March which happens to be International Women's Day, which seems very appropriate! Now that the vaccination programme is well under way, it's good to look forward to happier times ahead.

Our Zoom Quiz in February was won by Pat King, our congratulations to her. Our AGM takes place on April 20th via Zoom, so please look out for Sara's email and newsletter with all the details regarding voting for the Committee. We would love you to join us. Don't forget our May meeting also via Zoom entitled 'Show and Tell' – we're really looking forward to hearing your lockdown stories. Again, look out for the details from Sara.

Finally, we would like to wish all our members a very Happy Easter.
Sally Tombe.



Enjoy the calming colouring.

For further information, please contact Lin Merrison on 01525 757161.

Methodist Church *plus* Rev Steve Williams

We continue to use Zoom and YouTube for our services, whether we are able to be in the building or we must all worship from home. Our services are all at 10 am. At time of writing the building is closed, but changes take place at short notice.



April preachers are:

4 th April	Rev. Ebute Obiabo – Easter Sunday, Come and See
11 th April	TBC
18 th April	Rev. Nina Johnson
25 th April	TBC

Our circulated material is available on <https://www.southbedsmethodist.org.uk> If you want to join us, the Zoom link is normally sent out the day before. Email me, clivedsalmon@aol.com, or phone 874481 to be added to the link email list. Or you can watch us live on YouTube, or see the later recording, on the Harlington Methodist Church YouTube channel, https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTMWR_QCxujkh1zHjTFcoJw

We will be holding a Virtual Coffee Morning on Zoom on Saturday 24th April 2021 from 10am to 12 noon. Contact me for the link for this.

Rev. Steve Williams

Rev. Steve Williams retires as vicar of Harlington on 6th April, having arrived here in 1984.

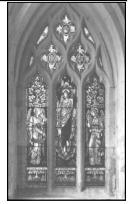
The news was announced shortly before Contact was due to go to press, so it would seem sensible to hold over a full overview of Steve's contribution to the church and the village to the next edition.

In the meantime, you may be wondering what happens to St. Mary's and the position of vicar of Harlington. The answer to this is that, as soon as legal formalities are complete, St. Mary's Harlington will join with the Parishes of Westoning (St. Mary Magdalene) and Tingrith (St. Nicholas) to form a Benefice of three churches.

Robert Johns (Reader St. Mary's Harlington)

St. Mary's Church Services in April

EASTER SERVICES and Beyond.



We are pleased that St Mary's Church will be open for services during Holy Week, for Palm Sunday (28th March) and for Easter Day and beyond. Please do come and join us for any of the services. You will receive a warm and safe welcome. Service times and dates are as follows:

- 1st April Maundy Thursday Service at 7.30pm**
 - 2nd April Last Hour at the Cross (A Time of Reflection) at 2pm****
 - 4th April Easter Day Service at 8am BCP and 9.30 am Holy Communion****
 - 11th April Morning Service at 9.30 am**
 - 18th April Morning Service at 9.30am**
 - 25th April Morning Service at 9.30am**
- ** Booking via the website advised or by phoning one of the ministers**

There is a weekly Church information newsletter issued by email. Let us know if you would like to receive this.

We also have a **Wednesday Morning Service** which starts at 10am. All welcome.

A Quintet **Upper Room Service** takes place **each Sunday at 6pm**. Join people from across the Quintet in an hour when you do not need to stray from your home. There's music, scripture, reflection and prayer in a time where you can just sit and listen. Contact a minister for a zoom invitation to the Upper Room.

Morning Prayer services are held via Zoom on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 9.30am. Again, do contact a minister for details.

Please check the **Church Noticeboard** and websites for updates.

The church is also available for Private Prayer by arrangement. Please contact Linda or Nigel or a churchwarden for access and for more information.

Useful links Website: www.harlingtonchurch.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/stmarysharlington/
A Church Near You: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7667>

If you would like a chat or prayer, or would like to discuss marriages, funerals or baptisms, do call us on 01525 714442 or email Nigel: nwashy2@gmail.com or Linda: revdtoddington@gmail.com

We are here for you.

**Revd Linda and Revd Nigel Washington, Ministers and Dr Robert Johns,
Reader**

St Mary's Churchwarden *Plus* A Modest Proposal

Services: We are looking forward to our Easter services, being organised as I write. Just visit our website for information about live and recorded services,

www.harlingtonchurch.org. Please get in touch if you would like to visit the church at any time, to sit in the

peace and quiet, or to light a candle, or if you would like prayers offered for family or friends.



Social: we also meet for afternoon teas via Zoom, for a chat and to share our news, so please do get in touch for details if you'd like to join us. Thanks to those who offered me a few more puns about the camel-mile tea last month! It doesn't get any better I'm afraid.....So, how does Moses make his coffee? Hebrews it.



Churchyard: At the end of February I saw a couple of overwintering redwing in the churchyard, then somebody else reported hearing a tawny owl and woodpecker in the churchyard trees. But I was really excited to see blue tits checking out one of the brand new nest boxes. (Many thanks again to Helen and family for kindly donating them). I'll let you know if they take up residence. The primroses in the churchyard have been particularly beautiful this year, and the little "church" planter by the gate is full of flowering bulbs – thank you Celia.

Church building: some of you may have seen on Facebook that steeplejacks visited us at the end of February to re-attach the gilded cockerel weathervane, plus the lightning conductor. The metal brackets fixing them to the oak cross had become detached. Ladders and tools were first pulled up the outside of the tower. Seeing the workmen up there at that height, on a ladder, was a bit mind boggling, but safety was their priority and they were very relaxed about it all. I asked them how it felt to be working at that height, and they replied that they always take things steadily, and they don't make mistakes! Wise words.

Take care, and stay safe. Tricia Churchwarden 07711 511729

A Modest Proposal

Notwithstanding the small number of organisations and people who would have to relocate, why not return the Parish Hall to its original role as a school? With the proposed expansion of Harlington linked to Luton's requirements, the demand for a school is likely to be high and as a nursery it could be a real asset to our community.

Graham Cooper

Easter Bunny Raffle

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in aid of Brain Tumour Research Charity



**Brain Tumour
Research**
Together we will find a cure

With all charities taking a blow this year and Jane and her daughters having to cancel yet another live coffee morning, I thought we could at least have an Easter Bunny Raffle.



Betsy Bunny is made from Kirstie Allsopp cotton fabric, is 58cm tall and comes with her dress, trousers, collars, tutu, a small fabric basket of eggs and, of course, a hat for wear a hat day!

She is available in colour on the Harlington Facebook page. For a chance to win her, please give me your name and contact details with your £1 entry fee and deliver in an envelope to any of the addresses below. The winner will be picked and contacted on 10th April. All proceeds go to the Brain Tumour Research charity.

Many Thanks for your support

Debbie, 11 Daubeney Close,

Jane, 132 Goswell End Road

Sally, 12 Valiant Close

Sally, 75 Barton Road

Name.

Contact number or email

Crafternoon Tea

By the time you read this, we will have made another experiment, in advance of our return to face to face meetings. During the autumn relaxation of restrictions, we used the church itself for Crafternoon Tea, but it is not ideal, in that its acoustics for just a few people are not very good, and that how tables can be set up is limited. We have acquired a WiFi extender, and we will trial run Crafternoon Tea from the Hall, if possible. We will not be able to return to meeting in the building until after at least 17th May – the church has decided that we will not re-open indoor activities, including services, until pubs can re-open, on the basis that if it is safe for pubs, it should be safe for churches! We will continue to have the Zoom link when we are back in the building, so you can join us even if you cannot make it to the building.

I am thinking that it would be nice, when we can get back together, to have a display of what we have made during this more than a year – or pictures of what we have made, if we have given away our makings. Have a look around and see what you have achieved. Have you anything nearly finished? Anything you have just started, which could be done in the next two months – or at least more recognisable?

Crafternoon Tea meets fortnightly on Monday afternoons, between 2 and 4 pm. You do not have to be working at any particular craft, we welcome any and every craft. Currently we are meeting on Zoom, contact me for the link if you want to join us.

Our April meetings will be 12th and 26th. Further dates can be found on the website below.

Contact: Tina Salmon (christinasalmon60@gmail.com), 874481, website: <https://cliveandtina.co.uk>



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