

# Editorial

Dear Villagers,  
This is a full issue, and I have had to hold 2 articles over to next time, including the further adventures of our ex-editor! Things to note are what is happening about the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and the article about Ukrainian refugees. Next month we will also have an article about work being done by Beds Rural Communities Charity Community Wellbeing Champions. If you want more information now, go to [www.yourwellbeingbedfordshire.org.uk](http://www.yourwellbeingbedfordshire.org.uk). You can tell you are getting old when you notice how fast the year is passing. 2022 is 1/3rd gone already. It has been good that so many things are restarting, but this will be a hard year for many. We have been good at being neighbourly during the pandemic; it is even more important to continue in this spirit as we come out of it. Feel welcome to join in whatever is going on. All groups look for new people to join them. Finally, anyone fancy the role of editor? I am still looking to relinquish this role. All volunteers kindly form a queue!! Clive.

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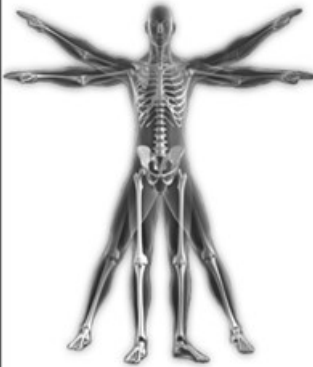
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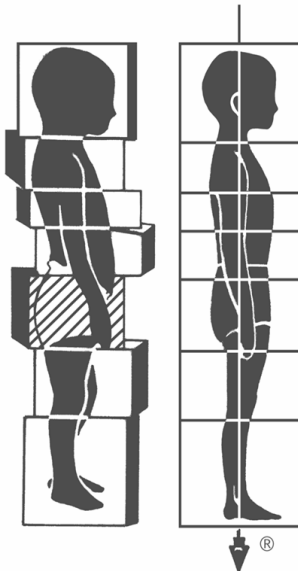
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## Letter from Carol Gibbs, Life Church Leader

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I am sure as you are reading this the sun will be shining and we will be enjoying longer spring days. Some of us will have trips and holidays to look forward to. I love days out discovering new places. Recently my husband and I visited Ely Cathedral and I was inspired by its grandeur and beauty.

Ely Cathedral is a Christian Church where Christians have worshiped daily for hundreds of years and is a place of prayer and sanctity. The Cathedral is also a historical monument, built to the glory of God, which welcomes thousands of pilgrims and visitors every year. It has an octagonal tower that was built following the collapse of the original Norman central tower in 1322. Alan of Walsingham, the monk responsible for the building, was deeply shocked. One of his fellow monks wrote: 'He was devastated, grieving vehemently and overcome with sorrow... that he knew not which way to turn himself or what to do for the reparation of such a ruin.'



As rebuilding commenced, firmer foundations were found further out from the original pillars, and from this evolved the idea of building an octagon surmounted by a lantern. Its width of 74 feet (23m) was too great to support a stone vault, and so it was built in wood and covered in lead.

A masterpiece of medieval engineering, it took 18 years to build. The internal height is 142 feet (43m), and its total weight is 400 tons. In the centre, John of Burwell (a village south-east of Ely), carved the beautiful Christ in Majesty. We both stood and looked upwards at the awesome structure, carvings and details. It was difficult to resist the urge to lay on the floor and gaze up at its beauty. On the cathedral website it states the 'The Octagon reminds us of how glory can come out of ruin, hope overcome despair and death lead to new life'.

As we explored further we entered the Lady chapel, a place that felt very different from the main part of the cathedral as it was full of light and space. I was struck by a piece of art over in one corner which had been created in memory of those who have lost their lives during the pandemic. It was a pair of large Angel wings, with individual feathers having been created out of glass. As the light hit and went through each part of it, the whole thing glistened and shone with beauty. It reminded me of how Gods love can shine in and through our lives when we live in relationship with him and I felt God really spoke to me through it.

We don't have to visit a cathedral or church building to experience the presence of God. God is present in every area of our lives but sometimes we can feel clos-

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## Letter ctd., *plus* Harlington Gardeners' Society

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er to God in certain places. It may be standing on a hillside or on a walk, in our homes or looking at the waves as they crash upon the shore. Often we can experience God in challenging, difficult or exciting times, but he wants to be in relationship with us in our normal day to day lives.

We have just celebrated Easter, a time Christians remember when Jesus was crucified on a cross and then on the third day rose again. He sent the Holy Spirit to be with us and calls out to you and me. I know God is with me all the time but I also have special times of encountering him like while on our visit to Ely Cathedral.

I pray you will have an special encounter with God in the next few days and weeks but remember he is there all the time waiting for you to open the door and welcome him in.

Love and prayers

Carol Gibbs Life Church.

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## Harlington Gardeners' Society

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### SPRING SOCIAL

After a break of 2 years the Spring Social will take place on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May** at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. It will include a talk entitled "Death in the Garden" by Michael Brown M A., who is "a garden historian and horticulturist". He describes the talk as about "poisonous plants, myths, magic, passion and murder". There will be a charge £2 for Members and £4 for non-members, which will include light refreshments of pate, cheese & wine etc.

### ANNUAL COACH TRIP

This will take place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July and will be to Kew Gardens. **It will be open to all.** There will be a charge of £30 which will include coach and entrance, To book a place please contact either Roger on 01525 875525 or Tony on 01525 753235. Exact details will be provided in due course.

### MEMBER'S ANNUAL BBQ

This will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 118 Goswell End Rd.

### AGM

The HGS AGM will be held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November in the Village Hall.

Tony Roberts – HGS Secretary

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# Flittabus

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## Next Milton Keynes Flittabus

**Tuesday 3 May 2022**

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### **Southend. Sat 16 Jul 22**

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# Harlington Heritage Trust *plus* Harlington in Bloom

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Sunday 15 May there is a car outing to Ashwell Village and Museum. Meet at the Village Hall car park at 12.45. Lifts will be available if required.

Sunday 12 June there is a car outing to Harpenden for a guided walk. Meet at the Village Hall car park at 13.00. Lifts will be available if required. The walk starts from Harpenden War Memorial at 14.00 and will last around 90 minutes. The cost is £6 per person payable on the day.

This year's coach trip will be to Winchester on Saturday 16 July, leaving the Village Hall at 09.00. Cost £20 per person, payable by 6 June. To book a place please contact Janice on 01525 877419, or email [jtuckett01@aol.com](mailto:jtuckett01@aol.com).

Other 2022 HHT events will be publicised in the HHT members' newsletter, 'Contact' magazine and the HHT website.

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## Harlington in Bloom

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Congratulations to our spring garden winners at the excellent 1 Brian Road. As ever, it was very difficult to select the final winners. We had new judges this year to ensure objectivity. What lovely displays in gardens around the village despite the varying weather conditions! The other kerbside judging will happen in July with the Awards evening following at the end of September.

The new committee have met and were glad to welcome Ellie Kingham aboard as Secretary. If you fancy coming to a meeting, our next one is Wed 4 May. Contact a committee member or message us through the Facebook page and we can let you know venue. It is still possible to become a committee member through co-option.

Our summer planting scheme has been agreed and will follow a red, white and blue scheme link in with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee year. Look out for salvia, begonias, cineraria and geraniums!

All very welcome to our work parties below. Secateurs, gloves, green bags all handy. Stop by and say hello even if you are not free to help. Working party dates for the rest of the year are now on the events tab on the Facebook page!

### ***Dates for your Diary***

28 May 2022 - Planting Summer Bedding      Meet Village Hall 10.00 -12 noon

09 July 2022 – Pruning and Weeding      Meet Village Hall 10.00 -12 noon

Follow us on Facebook page Harlington in Bloom for events, pics and updates!

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# Brain Tumour Research

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## Brain Tumour Research -Wear a hat day 2022



Thank you to all those who visited my drive on 26th March and had coffee/tea and cakes with me

and my family; it was lovely to see so many of you and I apologise if I didn't get to talk to each and every one of you. Your generosity meant that on the day we raised £278.81 but it looks like we may hit £300.

I am so appreciative of you all for attending, Liz who made the drinks and all those who donated plants, Judy who decorated the little willow wreaths from my willow tree for us to sell and all those who made cakes for us to offer with the drinks or to be taken home to be enjoyed. It was a fantastic effort and a brilliant result. Thank you also to Debbie and Wendy for running a book stall where in excess of £22 was raised, magnificent.

Thank you also to Harlington brownies who decorated Easter bonnets to wear on wear a hat day and raised £15, absolutely brilliant and a great deal of fun.

Final thanks to those sharing plants I can offer for donations. I have received a fir tree, foxgloves, hydrangeas, roses, pheasant berries and wild garlic to name but a few; always exciting to receive plants from supporters. Update on my tomatoes ... they have germinated and it is very exciting to see this new life; my compost bin lid has been seen in a nearby garden, need to speak to the neighbours to retrieve it; regarding Lewis's tomato seeds, there is nothing showing yet but he has dug so many holes that he has probably buried them 10 times over; he did check a week later and ask where his tomatoes were but I think he has forgotten them now! As well as the cauliflower, cabbage and leeks already germinated, I have set some pasqueflower, dahlias and pinks. I am just waiting for warmer weather to clear bigger stuff out of my growhouse to make room for my endless seed trays, please keep checking what plants I have on offer.

Finally I have 2 containers with seeds; one with salad style seeds: lettuce, tomatoes, spring onions, cucumbers etc and a separate tin with vegetable seeds in, kindly donated by Kate and Nick. The seeds are all in alphabetical order so if you fancy a bit of growing gardening magic please come and choose a packet of seeds, make a small donation if you would like to, I can even offer you a plant pot or seed tray if you are a novice, I am happy to encourage everyone in Harlington to enjoy the joy of gardening.

So wishing you all a happy growing season, gardens full of colour and pleasure and fresh vegetables and salad to grace your mealtimes and help you all to eat and lead healthy lives so that we can continue our fight to reduce the number of those who suffer with brain tumours. Thank you kind supporters.

Best wishes Jane, Alice, Emma and Lewis



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## Jubilee *plus* St. Mary's Family Team News

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### JUBILEE BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND -

**SATURDAY JUNE 4 2022**

There will be a celebratory event **outside the shops in Lincoln Way**  
**12 Noon to 4pm**

We don't yet know what this will be, but it will involve a marquee, singing, competitions and food. The Lincoln Way shop 'family' are on the case and will provide something fantastic that you can join in so do reserve this in your diary

**SUNDAY JUNE 5 2022**

### Harlington's Big Jubilee Picnic

Many of you are planning your own street parties this year. We don't have a Jubilee Committee in Harlington to manage central events but a few willing volunteers in the village are offering light touch support if residents want to bring a **picnic to Bury Orchard on the afternoon of Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

This will be from 12 Noon to 4pm (or whenever!) and the village hall will be available for refreshments and facilities. There will be music, games and entertainment.

We would be grateful for offers of support in any form, contributions, face painters, fund raising or donations for festive bits, litter picking, entertainment.

We will be organising our own fundraising events such as an auction of promises, so please let us know if you would like to donate a promise. Watch this space. Please check the village Facebook page events under Harlington's Big Jubilee Picnic for updates and to register interest

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## St. Mary's Family Team News

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Well I hope that all of you who managed to pop up to Bury Orchard on 3<sup>rd</sup> April had a lovely time meeting the animals and planting a sunflower seed before or after coming into the Parish rooms for refreshments with lots of lovely home-made cake, craft and face painting. Thankfully the weather was kind to us.

Our next Family Messy Breakfast will be on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May**. Breakfast, Craft and a story time. May's theme will be The Lost Sheep! So yes you guessed it... sheep sheep and more sheep even a sheep cake to make.

**June 5<sup>th</sup>** – Pentecost Theme – The day Jesus sent his Holy Spirit...lots of fire and wind craft for this

Contact Rebecca on 07877 342640 if you would like more information.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if there is anything we can do for you.

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Harlington Village Pre School

## Walking 4 Health



**Walking for Health Harlington** take place every second Friday, and as of the time of Contact going to press, all of the local walks are accessible as the ground has dried out nicely and the views are just beautiful. Walks start from the Village Hall Car Park at 10.30am

We don't have enough walk leaders at the present moment to offer weekly walks or longer walks due to several members moving or changing jobs recently so if you might be interested in training to be a walk leader, do please get in touch. The training is an enjoyable day out, its not an onerous task and you get to meet great people and find out lots about the village too.

**Dates for May and June are the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> then 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.**

Telephone number for all enquiries: Sue Whittle on 07887 708304

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# HNH Good Neighbour Scheme *plus* HSAC

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## Good Neighbours - Harlington Neighbourhood Help (HNH) A few stats for a change!



So far in 2022 we have completed over 150 'jobs' for residents in the village. These are often to the L&D or Bedford Hospitals where we wait for the client and bring them back to their front door. If someone is feeling vulnerable and is infirm or elderly or cannot for any reason get to their medical appointments, it is extremely reassuring to have a friendly volunteer to do this. We have also dropped off and picked up many prescriptions from Toddington, Barton and locally. We have been to several dentists, opticians, and doctors and taken people for their jabs. We have dropped people at Tesco and ASDA, helped get dogs to the VETS, been round Poplars, and sometimes just got people to the café for a cuppa and a chat.

We are non-profit and ask for donations only and our volunteers are paid 45p per mile from this. Our 20 volunteers all live in the village and get a tremendous satisfaction and pleasure in helping in this way. Many of us have lost our own parents and couldn't help them when alive as they lived far away and needed such schemes, so there is a lot of giving back.

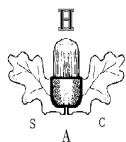
We do need more volunteers as people start to go back to work a bit more often so do get in touch if you'd like a chat. It is not onerous and you don't have to commit to every day – specific hours and days are fine as we run a spreadsheet. We will also take you out on a few buddy trips the first few times. You do need to be D&B checked but we can help with the process and all of the cost of that.

**HNH Good Neighbours line 07849 835410**

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## Harlington Society of Art and Crafts

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We are very pleased to be having a pastel demonstration by artist Jane Rhodes. This will take place at Harlington Methodist Church Wednesday May 25th at 7.30.

Jane is best known for her atmospheric landscapes and cityscapes and we are very much looking forward to her visit. Members cost will be £5.00 and non-members £7.00.

To book a place please contact Mary on 01525 754049 or email [maryrutherford@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:maryrutherford@yahoo.co.uk)

We also have a competition for the primary school aged children of Harlington to design the cover of the Queen's Jubilee edition of Contact magazine in June. The theme is of course The Queen and the Jubilee and the competition will be judged by Anita Mangan who is a well known illustrator who has produced some beautiful books for children.

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# Harlington Cricket Club

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As we exit this last mini winter HCC have had a good winter playing in the Bedfordshire Indoor Cricket League, believed to be the largest indoor cricket league in the country with FIVE divisions in action across two indoor sports centres based in Bedford. 29 member clubs entering 44 different teams comprise a competitive winter season.

The last game of the Indoor season was on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March vs Elstow CC where HCC scored 112/5 and bowled out Elstow for 108. Top scores were Dan Read 29 not out and Mark Caldwell bowled for 29. This left HCC finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division on the same points as Sandy CC but behind on net run rate.

You may have noticed the HCC team have been working on the pitch at New Grounds in preparation for the season!

Our first game of the 2022 season will be away at Westcroft on 30th April, 1.30pm start. The rest of the month is;

Saturday 07 May 2022 13:30 Away at MK Stallions CC- Stallions Team

Saturday 14 May 2022 13:30 Home vs Milton Keynes City CC

Saturday 21 May 2022 13:30 Away vs Open University CC

Saturday 28 May 2022 13:30 Home vs North Crawley CC- 2nd XI

About us

We are a small, village cricket club in the heart of Bedfordshire. We play on Saturdays through the Summer season in Division 3 of the Four Counties Cricket League. We welcome all ages and abilities, if you would like to join our friendly, sociable club, please get in touch with Matt Bailey on 07709173120 or by email: [matthew\\_evan\\_bailey@hotmail.com](mailto:matthew_evan_bailey@hotmail.com)

We are also looking for Umpires, this is a rewarding day (with tea and a fee!) for anyone interested in becoming one The ECB have developed an online training programme to allow Stage One in Umpiring to be completed at home whenever is suitable for the individual. The course can be done in one go, taking around 2 hours or picked up and put down at leisure until completed.

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# Wildlife Trust, Flit Vale *plus* Hedgehog News

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## Wildlife walks & talks

**Saturday 14 May, start at 10.30am**

**Totternhoe Nature Reserve (LU6 1QF)**

### **Banking on Butterflies - Field Trip\*\***

Follow-up to our April Zoom talk, join Dr Gwen Hitchcock (Senior Monitoring and Research Officer) for a guided trip to see earthworks created for the 'Banking on Butterflies' project at Totternhoe Quarry reserve. Shaped like a giant 'E' the north and south facing sides will offer butterflies opportunities to warm and cool themselves, something climate change may be making more difficult. (*Also see - [www.wildlifebcn.org/banking-butterflies-project](http://www.wildlifebcn.org/banking-butterflies-project)*)

**\*\*£3.00 per adult**

### **Open to all.**

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Flit Vale Local Group

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## Hedgehog News

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Through January and February you will not have seen hedgehogs as they will have been in hibernation. Through March and April they will have started to emerge having lost a 3rd of their body weight! Ensuring food and water is left out will help them regain this lost weight. Meaty cat or dog food (not fish flavour!) or kitten biscuits is what they love most.

In April not only have they been trying to put on weight but they will be busy building nests ready to have their young - hoglets. If you are lucky enough to have a nest in your garden, in June the hedgehog will have around 5 to 6 hoglets in a litter. That extra food you put out will then be ever more important!!

Join the Harlington Hedgehogs Facebook page and posts updates on hedgehog sightings or use the page to ask for wildlife advice. It now has 126 members!!

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## Harlington Village Show *plus* Wednesday Coffee

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### 36<sup>th</sup> Harlington Village Show

27<sup>th</sup> August 2022



The planning is continuing apace as the Show committee make decisions about what to test and trial you with this year! The Show, as usual, is on August bank holiday Saturday and we have had a real mix of weathers through the years. Sun certainly helps, but we hope you'll support us whatever the weather! Further to the class information given in March, rhubarb is to be added to the vegetable classes this year. There's also plenty of time left to be creative.

Handicraft classes: *knitted or crocheted tea cosy for a Platinum Jubilee tea party; a child's garment made from recycled fabric; a card to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee; an origami animal.*

Classes for children up to age 8: *1 homegrown sunflower head; 3 chocolate chip cookies; a crown to wear, using any medium.* Older children up to 13 also share the first 2 classes, with their third class to be confirmed.

Cookery: *Swiss roll; 5 pieces of flavoured shortbread; 5 chocolate chip cookies made by a man; vegetable pasty with homemade pastry; Queen Elizabeth cake (to given recipe); one class is still undecided.*

Photography classes will be given in the June Contact magazine. If you'd like any advice about entering the Show or how to display your entries, please do contact us at [harlingtonvillageshow@gmail.com](mailto:harlingtonvillageshow@gmail.com). The printed schedule delivered to every house in July will give some advice. Also send us photos of things you are growing or making – we'd love to see them, and they can be added to our Facebook page.

Harlington Village Show Committee Queries: Tricia 07711 511729

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## Wednesday Coffee Mornings and Games

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If you have not been before and would like to join us for coffee/tea, a chat or a game of table tennis we would love to see you. We meet every Wednesday in the Parish Hall from 10am until 12oclock. The Games Group section have begun playing table tennis again and you are very welcome to join us. We also have a small snooker table, and if anyone would like to come perhaps to play different indoor games eg chess, card games or Scrabble, please do come along any Wednesday morning to see us and have a chat. Doreen Gatward and Valerie Bates.



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# Messy Church News *plus* Advertisement

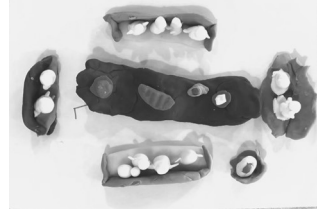
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For our March Messy Church we looked at the first part of the Easter Story, which we continued in April. So we looked at Palm Sunday and the Last Supper, and our activities included making spinners with Jesus on a donkey, donkeys with cocktail sticks and marshmallows, and playdough, as we thought, for the

little ones, only to discover that the older ones really enjoyed making a model of the last supper in playdough. The picture is a still from the YouTube recording of the celebration. You should see it in colour!

Messy Church next meets at 4 pm on the 21st May, when we will look at David the King, the third of our series on David.



Children need an adult, but Messy Church is not just for children. Do come and join us and stay for tea. If you can't come to the church, join us on Zoom, or watch the Celebration (from about 4.45 pm) on YouTube on the Harlington Methodist Church Channel. Material for all the previous Messy Church sessions in on <https://cliveandtina.co.uk>. The material for May will be available shortly before we meet. Clive



## Harlington Upper School

### VACANCIES

Please keep an eye on our school website for upcoming vacancies, including support staff and Invigilators.

<https://www.harlington.org>

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# Harlington Supports... Homes for Ukraine

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I am sure many of you will have seen the news and images of the horrors unfolding in Ukraine.

There have been lots of appeals we have been able to support since the invasion began.

However, the launch of the **Homes for Ukraine** scheme gave an opportunity for individuals to make a further significant contribution to help individuals and families fleeing conflict.

The Homes for Ukraine system seems overly complicated and frankly daunting. What forms do we need to fill in? When should we start the process and what happens when the individuals or families we sponsor arrive?

Perhaps the scariest part is how to find and get in touch with a family to sponsor. There are various sites (such as Host4ukraine.com) which act as a billboard for families and sponsors, however, they can be overwhelming.

## *Harlington Supports*

A few people in Harlington linked together through the Harlington Facebook pages with the intention of working out how to address these issues as a village. Some offering to host and some offering much needed support.

We are fortunate that there are people within Harlington who have trusted friends in Ukraine. As well as hosting people themselves, they have been able to introduce hosts with people looking for sponsors.

As a result we've been able to allocate 5 families to 5 hosts, and are actively looking to fill several other rooms. For families, it is generally mothers and children. Fairly early in the conflict men were not permitted to leave Ukraine (unless in exceptional circumstances).

As we go through the visa process, we have also built and are continuing to build a support network for the families when they arrive.

We'll be reaching out and connecting with other villages doing the same.

## *Can you help?*

If you are looking to host we have built up a support group in the village to guide you through the process. We'll be able to find people looking for rooms and introduce you and them to our expanding support network.

But you don't need to host to help. Hosting is really not for everyone for a whole range of reasons, and no one should feel under any pressure to host.

However, you can help. Helping doesn't need to be significant and it doesn't

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# LIFE Church

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Everyone welcome

## **MAY**

- 1st - Mike Oliver
- 8th - Rose Agnew
- 15th - 9.30am United Service for Christian Aid at St' Mary's  
- Speaker Dan Harris
- 22nd - John Doohan
- 29th - Pete Gilbert

Wednesday 7pm. Prayer meeting continues to meet on Zoom.

If you have any prayer requests or would like to talk to someone please contact us on the address below

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## **Harlington Supports... Homes for Ukraine *ctd.***

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need to cost anything. It may be a donation of clothes or equipment; it may just be letting us know you run a group to which our families, the mothers or the children (or both) will be welcome.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 11 May, 7pm @ Harlington Methodist Church.

Or get in touch directly. Email [help@harlingtonsupports.co.uk](mailto:help@harlingtonsupports.co.uk) or call Jeremy Summers on 07880505230. We'll get back to you.

If you know anyone not in Harlington (but in a surrounding village) interested in hosting or helping but have not yet found their local group, point them in our direction too.

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# Methodist Church

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Our morning services continue to be available on **Zoom** and streamed to **YouTube** on the Harlington Methodist Church YouTube channel, as well as in the church, where refreshments are available after the morning service.



## May preachers are:

- 1st 10 am Come and See led by Rev Nina Johnson  
6 pm Service with Holy Communion led by Martin Wallis
- 8th 10 am TBA
- 15th 9.30 am United Service for Christian Aid Week at St. Mary's Church
- 22th 10 am Service with Holy Communion led by Rev Nina Johnson
- 29th 10 am Tina Salmon

Our circulated material is available on <https://www.southbedsmethodist.org.uk> or by email. If you want to join us on Zoom, the Zoom link is normally sent out the day before. Email me, [clivedsalmon@aol.com](mailto:clivedsalmon@aol.com), or phone 874481 to be added to either email list.

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**COFFEE MORNING** 28th May, 10 am to 12 noon in aid of our charity, Kids in Action. Live in the hall, but with Zoom for those who want to just “drop-in”.

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## LADIES BRIGHT HOUR

We meet at 2.45 pm every Thursday in the Church Hall

### May

- 5th Rev'd Nigel Washington  
12th Dr Mike Copper  
19th Rev'd Nina Johnson  
26th Stephen Turner - Musical Afternoon

On **12th May** we are welcoming Dr Mike Copper to our Ladies Bright Hour meeting. His presentation is headed '*The Mysterious Neolithic Islets of the Outer Hebrides*' and **everyone** is welcome, including gentlemen!

Mike is an old Harlington Upper School boy who has made a career in Archaeology and we're very fortunate that he's offered to speak to us. He featured in a BBC Alba programme recently (in Gaelic) called 'Eilean mo Ghaoil' or 'From Lewis with love', and this is the project he will be talking about.



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## ROOM BOOKINGS

Contact Trevor Caveney if you are interested in booking any of our Halls, Rooms or the Church, subject to COVID rules. The Halls are suitable for meetings, groups, clubs and particularly good for children's parties. Reasonable prices. Tel 01525 754527 or [hmc.bookings@ntlworld.com](mailto:hmc.bookings@ntlworld.com)

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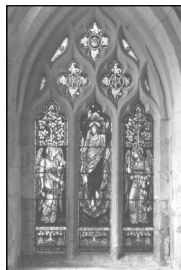
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# St. Mary's Church Services in May

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**YOU ARE WELCOME. Spring is upon us so do come along to a service....**

We are pleased when new people join us on a Sunday morning. The more the better. We assure you of a very warm welcome and this May we shall be hosting the Christian Aid service on 15<sup>th</sup>. Come to this Churches Together service.



All Sunday services are at 9.30am except where stated.

- 1<sup>st</sup>      8am      BCP Communion  
          9am      Families Breakfast Club in Parish Rooms  
          9.30am Holy Communion
- 8<sup>th</sup>      9.30am Holy Communion  
          **Toddington Town Band perform in the afternoon**
- 15<sup>th</sup>     9.30am CTH Christian Aid service
- 22<sup>nd</sup>.    9.30am Holy Communion
- 29<sup>th</sup>     9.30am Morning Prayer

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 of churches 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.

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](http://www.harlingtonchurch.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stmarysharlington/](https://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](mailto:nwashy2@gmail.com) or Linda: [revdtoddington@gmail.com](mailto:revdtoddington@gmail.com)

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# St Mary's Churchwarden

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## St Mary's Church



**Churchyard:** there are signs that at least one hedgehog has been visiting. This is so lovely, as the 2 hedgehog boxes don't appear to show signs of having been used over the winter. We've had birds checking out the nest boxes, but I haven't seen signs of any building yet, so fingers crossed. Count on Nature Week - given how much fun this was in 2021, we really hope to repeat something similar this year, with lots of nature activities for the whole family. So watch out for our posters and Facebook posts.

**Friends of St Mary's Church:** we gathered together recently for a social evening to talk with interested villagers about the help needed to sustain a very old and historic building. Historic buildings like the church need a lot of care and maintenance and they also need champions – people to help preserve and protect them. The church building can also be a hub for lots of community activities, and to achieve this we also need the right facilities and space. Support from a Friends group might be via fundraising and sourcing grants or perhaps more practical help, and we'll be holding a follow up Friends meeting very soon. If you're interested in learning more about this initiative, or would like any further information, message us via email: [friends@harlingtonchurch.org](mailto:friends@harlingtonchurch.org).

**A Day of Poetry: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June.** Children's workshop 10am-12, children's competition (either your favourite poem or your own work) in the afternoon, Pimms and Poems in the evening from 7.30pm. A chance for you to be creative and enjoy the written word. More details in the June Contact.

**Toddington Town Band:** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm in church. This is always an entertaining musical event, and much enjoyed. Tickets are available on the door, priced at £6, £5 concession and £12 family ticket. There are free refreshments and a raffle.



**Art Attack and Samson the donkey:** thank you to all the children who joined us and created colourful art work for Easter. The paintings were displayed in church from Palm Sunday onwards, a day when we welcomed Samson the donkey to our service. Samson's pony friend Winston also joined us for carrots in the churchyard. Thank you so much to East End stables for kindly bringing them to visit. Do you know why the donkey wouldn't cross the road? Because he saw what happened to the zebra!

Best wishes, Tricia Churchwarden

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## In Memory of Daisy (Dee) Drake *plus* Crft'noon Tea

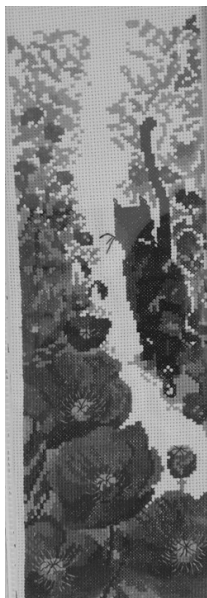
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Terry, Corinne and all the Drake family would like to thank all friends & neighbours for the help, support and condolences with the passing of Daisy who died on the 6th March 2022 at the Luton & Dunstable hospital. We would also like to thank our Doctors at Harlington surgery and the Luton & Dunstable hospital for their care and attention given to her over her last few months.

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### Crafternoon Tea

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This is cross stitch – but not counted cross stitch!

The picture was printed on the aida fabric. When the stitching was completed, the printing was soaked out, before framing.

A chart was provided with the kit, to aid in working out any difficult bits.

We watched with interest as it was worked, at least in part, on Crafternoon Tea afternoons. None of us had seen this style of cross stitch, although many of us have done counted and charted versions. In fact, as this was going on, another member was learning to do the counted, charted version. It was interesting to see, side by side, the two techniques.

Crafternoon Tea meets fortnightly on Monday afternoons, between 2 and 4 pm, at the Methodist Church on Sundon Road. Our May meetings will be 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you cannot get to the church, but are happy to use Zoom, we are using that facility as well – please let me know if you want the Zoom link. We haven't had a meeting this year where there has been no-one

on Zoom for the whole afternoon – it is very convenient if you want to join us, but don't feel like going out, or you have been out and come back later than expected. Conversation is often wide-ranging and not necessarily about craft – come and join in.

You do not have to be working at any particular craft, we welcome any and every craft, and all logics for crafting! If your hands don't happen to be occupied at the moment, it doesn't matter. If you want to try a new craft, we will endeavour to find you the materials and tools, and even someone to help, if that is what you need. If you just want a companionable afternoon, in a warm space, with refreshments, we can supply that.

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# Village Diary *plus* Barton Bowls Club

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## May

1 <sup>st</sup>	Family Breakfast	Parish Hall 9 am
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fittabus Milton Keynes	Village Hall Car Park 9.15 am
6 <sup>th</sup>	Walk 4 Health	Village Hall Car Park 10.30 am
6 <sup>th</sup>	Contact Cover Competition entry date	(See Page 11)
8 <sup>th</sup>	Toddington Town Band	St Mary's Church 3 pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 - 4 pm and Zoom
10 <sup>th</sup>	Contact Copy Date!!	
12 <sup>th</sup>	LBH Special speaker	Methodist Church Hall 2.45 pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Wildlife fieldtrip	Totternhoe Nature Reserve (LU6 1QF) 10.30 am
15 <sup>th</sup>	HHT Car Outing	Village Hall Car Park 12.45 pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	Walk 4 Health	Village Hall Car Park 10.30 am
21 <sup>st</sup>	Messy Church	Methodist Church and Halls, 4 - 6pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	HGS Spring Social	Village Hall 7.30 pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 - 4 pm and Zoom
25 <sup>th</sup>	HSAC Demonstration	Methodist Church Hall 7.30 pm
28 <sup>th</sup>	HiB Working Party	Village Hall Car Park 10 am
28 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning	Methodist Church Hall 10 am to 12 noon
28/29 <sup>th</sup>	Open Days	Barton Le Clay Bowls Club 10 am to 12 noon

If you want your events included here, send details to the editor by 10th May.

You can do that without sending anything else, if you want.

Don't forget the regular weekly things like the Wednesday Coffee Mornings that aren't shown here.

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