

Editorial

Dear Villagers,
Welcome to a bumper edition of Contact. I have had so much material that I've put in 4 extra pages this month. Make the most of it, it won't happen often. Two items were held over from last month, two are about people who lived in the village. Please keep sending things in, and I will publish them as space permits or can be created.

Interesting to note that people who have lived in the village for years still don't know local names. It would be a shame if these died out through lack of use, although we don't have the most unusual local names. More history is covered by road names: who was Wingate, and why Lincoln Way? (I do know, but if you don't and are interested, consider joining Harlington Heritage Trust or similar.) Sadly, the WI has been formally suspended. Please think about going to other local groups, and perhaps it will be possible for it to rise again in the future. Finally, congratulations to Xiaoyao Ren for winning the cover design competition. You can see the colour version by going to <https://harlingtonvillagemagazine.org> Clive.

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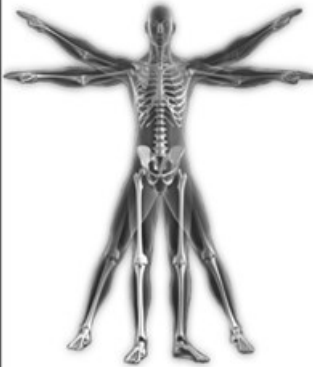
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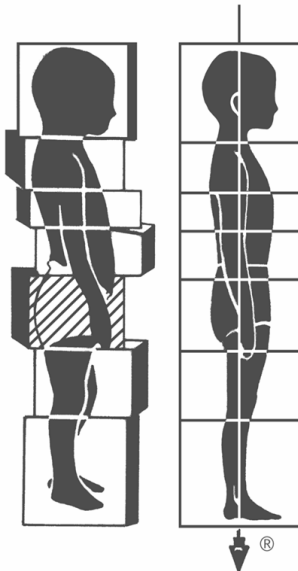
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Letter from Rev. Nina Johnson, Methodist Minister

"In my beginning is my end... In my end is my beginning" – so begins and ends TS Eliot's Poem East Coker.

This is my last letter for Contact as I will be moving at the end of this month. Exactly a year ago (at the time of writing), I began to consider the possibility of leaving my current church role for something else. And there were plans that seemed to be in place that would enable a smooth transition from here to Cornwall. Alas, sometimes our plans and expectations are thwarted by the actions of others.

So the packing that I started a couple of months ago, now needs to be repacked with only the essentials that I can store in a family member's home, until permanent accommodation becomes available. A lifetime acquisition of 'stuff' now needs to be discarded. And I find myself pondering the move that took me to my first manse (the home provided by the church for ministers to live in), with very little 'stuff'



and most of that being second hand having been given to me by family and family friends. It feels almost like coming full circle, as Eliot's poem suggests to me.

The poem describes what to me seems like waiting in the 'empty' time or space; to be in that place where we have to live without trying to fill it, because we may end up filling it with the wrong thing. To be able to stay in the situation where there is so much that is unknown to us is difficult but the waiting is what also holds hope. So often our human need is to fix things, come up with strategies and other plans even though we may feel that they offer us less. We feel the need to 'do something' whatever that might be.

It is much harder to wait and to wait with humility as we realise that in the end, there is so much that is out of our control ... but in this we can begin to realise what is essential to us as human beings and what truly belongs to our wellbeing.

For me what is essential is love, the love that comes ultimately from God. In my waiting is a trust in God, not a trust that is based on an expectation that nothing difficult will befall me, but a living hope that if I have the love of God, then I have all that I need.

As I cross this new threshold of being, a new threshold of living into the unknown, where I do not have a home of my own apart from a converted camper-van, where I do not have work and a regular income, I am reminded of strangely

Letter ctd., *plus HHT and 100 Club*

coming full circle, and I am reminded very much of Julian of Norwich's prayer:

*God, of your goodness, give me yourself,
for you are sufficient for me.*

*I cannot properly ask anything less,
to be worthy of you.*

*If I were to ask anything less
I should always be in want,
for in you alone do I have all.*

Now to live it!

May the peace and love of God be with you,

Nina

Harlington Heritage Trust

Sunday 12 June there is a car outing to Harpenden for a guided walk. Meet at Harlington 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 Harlington Village Hall at 09.00. Cost £20 per person, payable on booking. To book a place please contact Janice on 01525 877419, or email jtuckett01@aol.com.

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

HVH 100 Club

The April winner of the 100 club is no 56 belonging to Joyce Westwood of Park Leys.

If you wish to be part of the 100 Club and have the chance to win £50, please contact me at: hvhtreasurer@btinternet.com.

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St. Mary's Family Team News

At our Family Messy Breakfast held on Sunday 1st May we looked at the story of the lost sheep. We made lots of sheep! Foam Sheep, biscuit sheep, colouring pages with sheep on, sheep out of paper plates... you get the picture! The story of the lost sheep was a parable told by Jesus to explain how God is the shepherd looking after us (the sheep) and when one of us is missing – he searches earnestly for us! We read the story and enjoyed a lovely breakfast, bacon rolls, sausage rolls, croissants, toast all were on offer.

We have decided that, as our next breakfast would fall on the Queens Jubilee weekend and lots of people are so busy and going away we will do something different in June. So our June meeting will be on **JUNE 12th in the afternoon at 3:30pm** in the Parish rooms and we will have a Messy Church Afternoon Tea. Sandwiches, cake, scones and of course a short talk/story and lots of craft! We hope you may like to join us.

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. With love from everyone at St. Mary's.

Brain Tumour Research



What a great start to this growing season!



I am writing this feeling very excited. I decided to put all my vegetable plants on shelving this year

to try to save your backs, help you to read the labels, also to give me back some of my drive and ease the watering of all those plants!

Then my friend Mary offered me her now unused greenhouse which I am using as shelving. I wonder how many plants she has grown in that, how much fun and pleasure it has brought her and how many plants that she has shared with me for my fund raising - she has potted on geraniums for me, fuschias, dahlias, pinks and some I cannot remember the name of; she is a font of gardening knowledge, Thankyou Mary. So I am now the proud owner of 5 greenhouses and a cold-frame thanks to my neighbour, Mick.

So I arrived home and erected Mary's greenhouse but first was thrilled to find I had had a delivery of marigolds , bell peppers, strawberry plants, cosmos, hostas, agapanthus, cucumbers to name but a few and at the weekend I received a delivery from friends in Toddington of some stunning fuschias and sedums and just wonderful and interesting and unusual plants. Come and look Harlington!

My growing efforts are a bit meagre this year; life has been a bit hard and difficult but I have finally reached a decision to retire this summer so I plan to have more time to dedicate to my fundraising labours, enjoy my garden and allotment, catchup with my DIY jobs and spend time with my family and friends without trying to squash all that in in between working. So different challenges ahead and hopefully some time for me.

But this hasn't stopped all of you from supporting by buying plants, vegetables, plant sundries and eggs I banked £240 a fortnight ago and £210 this week which included a kind donation in remembrance of a villagers cousin who had suffered a brain tumour. Thankyou. I am very happy to pass on donations to Brain Tumour Research on your behalf and I thank you all on behalf of them.

So a massive Thankyou to all you supporters and budding gardeners please continue to visit to buy, drop off your spare plants, produce (thankyou mystery rhubarb deliverer!) this only works if you keep visiting, so hope to see you soon!

Thank you everyone

Jane and family

Jubilee Weekend



JUBILEE BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND - SATURDAY JUNE 4 2022

Confirming the celebratory event **outside the shops in Lincoln Way**
12 Noon to 4pm

There will be heart shaped Jubilee Victoria sponges and home-made butter scones with jam and cream for sale. We will be giving away Jubilee pizza slices. At 2pm and 3pm the Boy's Brigade will be marching on the green outside the shop and at 2.30 pm Barbara will lead some lovely patriotic singing. We will have gentle background music on the keyboard till 4pm.

SUNDAY JUNE 5 2022 12 Noon onwards

Harlington's Big Jubilee Picnic is getting nearer! We hope that you will all join us on Bury Orchard to mark this historical occasion.

Bring your own picnics, blankets, a gazebo (to shade from the sun) Deck your gazebo with bunting and wave your flags.

Why not enter both competitions?

* Bake a Victoria Sponge: The platinum jubilee pudding looked a bit too complex! Classes are up to (and including) age 16 years, and 17 years and over

* Decorated a Paper Bunting: Templates and instructions are available at the Hub & Spoke Cafe. Classes are ages 7 years and under, ages 8 years and over Help is also still needed:

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A Tale of Two Brinklows (or Pearl and Don)...

A death notice in this magazine some months ago not only caused me to mourn the departure of another long-term village resident, but also caused me to again reflect upon the time I have spent (on and off) in this place.

Some families seem to almost grow up out of the soil they live in (and you can see some of those names on the village War Memorial) and some like me got blown here in around 1963 from Hammersmith via Dunstable.

The person I was mourning was Pearl Everett (née Brinklow), late of Lincoln Way. She was the long-serving organist at St Mary's Church and was already playing here when my parents moved here in those early 1960's. Kingsley Fleming was vicar of the Parish when I sang in the choir each Sunday (rehearsal Thursday evenings, 2s 6d for weddings). My Mother was horrified when I spent the proceeds from one such event on a folding penknife in the hardware shop that was once in the Lincoln Way parade.

I have always tried to see the young person that becomes the older one and my 10 year old's memory can see the 89 year old Pearl as 29 again...considered slightly glamorous for the village with reddish hair worn up...a young Mum with her family back garden abutting the end of ours in Monmouth Road.

Pearl's father was Don Brinklow and he owned and ran Brinklow's Stores (more recently the old premises of Bradshaws), across the road from the Parish Hall (once Harlington County Primary School - which I attended until the end of 1966). Two of my teachers Mrs Hillyard and Mrs Rutherford still live here too.

Brinklow's was one of the 'go to' after-school sweet shops. In those years we not only had the parade of shops in Lincoln Way, but also White's Stores (next door to Mrs Brown the headmistress' house opposite the school) and another new premises nearby to The Carpenter's Arms. Happy minutes choosing the new confectionery that the 1960's also brought to us.

Pearl, White's, the Primary School and Brinklow's store have gone and a lot has also arrived here since those 1960's days...Park Leys, the Robinson Crescent development and the Upper School...and soon a further expansion of the village might be upon us.

Goodness knows what the village population made of the Goswell End/Lincoln Way/Monmouth Road development back then...what a huge cultural change that must have been? The previous owners of the house I currently live in erected a six-foot high brick wall at the bottom of the garden to screen off the 'incomers', but as a child it just made me happy to live in a wonderful place of cornfields and pigs, rope swings on the trees in the Spinney and a daily helping of a Jamboree bag or Fry's 5-Guy chocolate! Chris French.

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Harlington and Westoning WIs plus HNH



Sadly, this will be the last Harlington WI report that I write for Contact. Our AGM took place on April 19th and Sue Pestell, who officiated from Bedfordshire County WI, officially suspended Harlington WI. All members are welcome to join nearby WI groups such as Westoning, Chalton, Flitwick or Chalgrave.

Lin, our outgoing President, spoke warmly of all our members and committee who have worked so hard over many years to keep our WI running. We even survived the lockdowns via our Zoom meetings.

By the time the June edition of Contact is published, Harlington WI will have planted a mature crab apple tree, positioned between the Parish Hall and St. Mary's Church. This is to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee and will be a last-
ing reminder of our WI.

Members have welcomed the opportunity to keep in touch with each other socially, for coffee mornings, lunches, picnics and so on. They have also volunteered to continue with the organisation and provision of refreshments at the annual Village Show.

We are sincerely hoping that at some time in the future a new group will be formed with new ideas to take the WI forward in Harlington.

It has been a privilege to be part of this group.

Take care and I hope to keep in touch,

Sally Tombe.

We at Westoning WI were very sorry to hear that the Harlington WI branch has closed. If the ladies of Harlington are now wondering what they will do to fill that gap and wish to continue with WI then why not join us at Westoning. We hold our meetings in Westoning Village Hall on the first Wednesday of every month at 7.45pm. We have a thriving well attended branch and an active committee. We have interesting speakers, regular outings, a walking group and much more. Why not come along you will find a very warm welcome at Westoning.

For more information please contact Linda Buckingham 01525 791107

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Shani, a CWC who works with clients with wellbeing challenges, said:

“Working as a social prescriber is so rewarding and fulfilling. I genuinely feel I am able to support improvements in all aspects of people’s lives. It is amazing to see people progress and grow into happier and healthier people. With a gentle hand hold through referrals and encouragement people are able to change what they want to change and achieve their goals.”

Below, read about two people who our CWCs have helped changed their lives for the better. *Please note: names have been changed for confidentiality purposes.*

Liam

Liam came to our CWC team with severe chronic pain, anxiety and depression. Although one of our CWCs worked with him for a relatively short amount of time, the impact that the sessions had was clear. Right from the initial appointment, having a CWC helped Liam to release a lot of emotional pain and suffering. Having a new person to talk to who listened and cared was very valuable to him.

“... know that from the broken people who you support in this way like myself, your listening and advice is worth a great deal.”

Liam found he was able to see his past with a new perspective, by his CWC encouraging him that he had already achieved so much getting this far.

“Such simple words made a difference to me in a positive way and still do.”

After going on the courses recommended to him, Liam found that baking allowed him to make his days more meaningful. He is looking into other things he can do from home, to find new ways to spend his time.

“I can see more positives in my life than what I could before you all helped me with what you do. So thank you all very much!”

Alexis

Alexis came to our Social Prescribing team with a range of physical health is-

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sues which were impacting her mental health in a very negative way. During her time with one of the team, she made great progress with just a small action list every few weeks. Alexis built her support network, came to terms with inner conflict and improved her outlook on life by miles.

Alexis found the support and guidance she received since being referred by her G.P. to be priceless. It was what she had been in need of for a while, and was very thankful for the help she received.

"I have now gained in confidence, and have a realisation of what I can achieve. Many thanks."

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Lois' Great Big Spanish Adventure

I can't believe it has only been a year since I left Harlington, so much has happened. I think the last article I wrote was during the Summer when I stayed on the Isle Of Wight in my Motorhome.

In August with the advent of the Covid vaccine, and life seemingly opening up again, I booked the ferry to Santander to start my search for a villa in earnest. All was going well until the van broke down. Luckily I had RAC membership and they sorted everything – an hotel in Palencia, and the van in a dealership. As there was a long wait for a replacement part, I hired a car to continue my trip. I got to Torre Pacheco (near Alicante), where I'd rented an apartment for 3 weeks and got on with my house hunting. Having done fairly extensive research over the last few years, I knew roughly which area I wanted to be. My search eventually led me to an 'urbanisation' called Camposol, about 12 miles inland from Puerto de Mazarron in the region of Murcia.



I was really lucky and found a lovely 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom villa on the best



sector. Lots of shops, bars, restaurants, a medical centre, vets, beauty salons etc all within a short walk. Describing it as a 2 bed villa doesn't really do it justice – it is on a 476sq metre plot, with a huge underbuild the size of the whole footprint of the villa. This will be converted to a games room in due course. There is also a large tiled patio with a utility room tucked under the external steps leading up to the tiled roof terrace.

From here I had a grandstand view of the fireworks on New Year's Eve. The external veranda has been glazed effectively giving me another sunny lounge (as well as the one in the villa). All this for the princely sum of 145k euros (or about 120k GBP)! What would you get in England for that?

We completed on 14th December, so I drove out with the dog on the day Macron shut France! I held my breath getting off the ferry at St Malo as I wasn't a European resident then, and even with a negative Covid test, Macron didn't want us Brits. Thankfully border control let me through once they knew I was going to Spain. A manic 2-day drive and we were there. Omicron however, did mean

Lois' Great Big Spanish Adventure *ctd.*



my friend couldn't share the drive down, and one of my sons couldn't come out as planned over the holidays which was rather disappointing.

And now the tricky part – Residency! I knew what the criteria was for a Non-Lucrative Visa ie. You show you can support yourself with private healthcare and enough money in the bank so you are not a burden on the Spanish system.

However, as with everything post Brexit, it's more complicated than that. I found a fantastic solicitor on-line who held my hand the whole way through. I had to have a private medical as my GP wouldn't do it, then the private doctor had to be registered with the Foreign Office – more paperwork just as Omicron hit and the doctor was busy in ITU! An Acro police check – no problem there, Both the medical certificate and the police check had to be Apostilled and translated (more expense). Then basically you jump through administrative hoops – proof of income ie. letters re house sale and inheritance, corresponding bank statements etc. Proof of investments, income and so on. Once finalised, I applied to the Consulate in the UK for an appointment and booked a flight (you have to apply in person in your country of origin). All sorted – documents delivered etc.

However, they keep your passport and the process can take between 2 and 6 weeks. I was lucky, after a couple of weeks sofa-surfing at various friends, my visa was ready and I could book a flight home as a European Resident!!!!



If anyone else is thinking of doing this – do it! I haven't looked back and despite coming out by myself, having thrown myself in to tennis, walking football and a choir(!), I have made so many new friends. There are also organised days out, lunch clubs and activities. It takes 15 minutes in the car to get to the beautiful beaches and/or the mountains. The nearest airport is RMU Corvera – about 30 minutes away.

Best wishes

Lois

Wildlife Trust, Flit Vale *plus* Wednesday Coffee



Bedfordshire
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Wildlife walks & talks

Saturday 11th June, 10.00am-3.00pm, Flitwick Moor and Folly Wood (TL045354)

Invertebrate Day - a joint event with the BNHS

Learn about the fascinating invertebrates to be found at this superb reserve. Bedfordshire Natural History Society County Recorders will be searching for their specialist subjects and experts and enthusiasts will be on hand to help with identification. Ideal for families and individuals to go off to the Moor to 'bug hunt' - equipment will be provided for this. Morning and afternoon sessions, come to either or bring lunch and stay for both.

Saturday 9th July, 10.00am-12.00, Fancott Meadow

Wildflower walk * with Graham Bellamy

Join Dr Graham Bellamy on a tour round this spectacular traditional flower-rich meadow with both sweet vernal and quaking-grass and the adjacent mixed-wood spinney. Places are limited. The Fancott Pub is close by for lunch.

*£3 per adult

Open to all.

To reserve a place or for further information please email Ann at flitvale.info@gmail.com or ring or text on 07580 178889.

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Flit Vale Local Group
www.flitvale.org.uk

Wednesday Coffee Mornings and Games



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



10 am until 12 o'clock. 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.



Harlington Village Show *plus* Messy Church News

36th Harlington Village Show

27th August 2022



Time seems to be rushing on and we're now working on the format of the schedule itself. At the time of writing I hope there will be enough space to include our 'tips and hints' about how to prepare items to exhibit. Our Facebook page will also have lots of advice on this from the beginning of July. You can email us for more information at harlingtonvillageshow@gmail.com.

Schedules which list all the classes, rules and information, will be delivered to every house in the village from the beginning of July. Entry forms need to be submitted by 5pm on Thursday 25th August. The entry form gives the addresses where you can drop off your entry form. *We also need trophies returned by the end of July at the latest please.* Take them either to 43 Barton Road or 126 Goswell End Road, but please check that someone is in to receive them.

As promised last month, here are the photography classes: 1. A Right Royal Celebration 2. Crowning Glory 3. Red, White and Blue. The interpretation is entirely up to you – so get your thinking caps on!

Harlington Village Show Committee Queries: Tricia 07711 511729

Messy Church News



Our April Messy Church, held on Easter Saturday, was, of course, about Easter. We made Easter biscuits and Easter gardens and all sorts of other things.



Messy Church next meets at 4 pm on the 18th June, when we will look at one of Jesus' miracles.



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 will be available shortly before we meet. Clive

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Crafternoon Tea *plus* Advertisement



What is the largest thing you have ever made? Mine was the crocheted bedspread/blanket I made during lockdown. That was a single bed size.

This, on the other hand, is a double bed quilt. It is amazing! The fabric is beautiful (assuming you like cats), and the

whole thing is coming on a treat, now that it can be spread out on three of the big go-pack tables we have at the Methodist Church. It had got a little stalled, to be fair, simply because spreading it out on the floor was not an option for the craftswoman – and owning two cats and a dog wasn't helpful either! So if you have something large which needs space to work on, please let us know.

Crafternoon Tea meets fortnightly on Monday afternoons, between 2 and 4 pm, at the Methodist Church on Sundon Road. Conversation is often wide-ranging and not necessarily about craft – come and join in. Our June meetings will be 6th and 20th. On 6th, the meeting will be in person only at the Methodist Church. For the 20th, we will also be on Zoom, so let me know if you want the Zoom link.

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



Harlington Upper School

VACANCIES

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

<https://www.harlington.org>

Harlington in Bloom *plus* Harlington Art and Crafts



Many thanks to the valiant 6 who were able to make up the working party on 23 April. There was added excitement with one of the village Macaws free-flying and subsequently being reunited with owners. We were also very happy to have a group of Harlington Upper School students help out in April as part of their enrichment programme, particularly in the

planting up of some new shrubs outside the doctor's surgery in Westoning Road.

The Summer Garden kerbside judging will happen in late July/early August with the Awards evening following at the end of September. No need to enter. The entire village is walked around for consideration in the various categories from Hanging Baskets, to Allotments, Commercial Buildings to Public Buildings. This year we are adding a category up at the Allotments to cover the new category of micro-allotment.

All very welcome to our work parties below. Secateurs, trowels, spades, clippers, 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

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 08 June 2022 - Committee Meeting | Venue to be confirmed 7.30pm |
| 09 July 2022 - Pruning and Weeding | Meet Village Hall 10.00 – 12 noon |
| 10 Sept 2022 - Pruning and Weeding | Meet Village Hall 10.00 – 12 noon |

Follow us on facebook page Harlington in Bloom <https://www.facebook.com/HarlingtonInBloom/> for calendar events, nice pics and news updates!

Harlington Art and Crafts



We are pleased to announce the winner of our Contact cover competition; Xiaoyao Ren aged 7. (Colour Version on Contact Website)

Thank you to all of our entrants and we are looking at a way to let you see all of the drawings.

On Thursday 30th June we have a demonstration of Miniature Sculptures in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm everyone welcome.

And finally, we are pleased to announce the return of our Exhibition and Sale in the Village Hall on October 29th. Details to follow.

LIFE Church *plus* Walking 4 Health



LIFE CHURCH
HARLINGTON

Sunday services at 10.30am in **The Parish Rooms**

Everyone welcome

JUNE

5th - No Service so that we join in the Big Jubilee Picnic

12th - Carol Gibbs

19th - Rob Payne

26th - Trevor Withers

Wednesday 7pm. Prayer meeting on Zoom.

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

lifechurchcentralbeds@gmail.com

Walking 4 Health



News!

In June the Walking for Health Harlington leaders are experimenting with weekly walks.

At the time of Contact going to press all of the local walks are accessible as the ground is dry and the views are beautiful.

So come and join us for an hour or so wander close to the village, get some fresh air, stay fit and active and have a chat along the way.

Walks will start as usual from the village hall car park on Friday mornings at 10.30am throughout June.

As always if you might be interested in training to be a walk leader do please get in touch. The training is a simple and very enjoyable day out.

Telephone number for all enquiries: Sue Whittle on 07887 708304

Methodist Church

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.



June preachers are:

- 5th 10 am Come and See led by Martin Wallis
6 pm Service with Holy Communion led by Rev Nina Johnson
12th 11 am Circuit Open Air Service on Dunstable Downs Come and join us, bring a picnic for after.
19th 10 am Service with Holy Communion led by Rev Jenny Spouge
26th 10 am Worship Group

If you want to join us on Zoom, the Zoom link is normally sent out the day before. Email me, clivedsalmon@aol.com, or phone 874481 to be added to Zoom email list., or if you would like a copy of our printed service emailed to you.

COFFEE MORNING 25th June, 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”.

LADIES BRIGHT HOUR

We meet at 2.45 pm every Thursday in the Church Hall

June

- 2nd Jubilee tea party in Doreen's garden with Barbara Donaldson and musicians
9th David Goodwin
16th Members' Own
23rd Rev'd Jenny Spouge
30th Poetry and Music with Barbara Donaldson and John Sorsby



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

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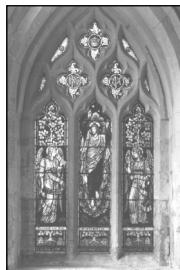


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St. Mary's Church Services in May

YOU ARE WELCOME. We begin June with a service to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. All are welcome to mark this occasion before beginning their street parties and further celebrations. And then on 19th we have a special Families and All Age service to mark Fathers' Day.



All Sunday services are at 9.30am except where stated.

June 5th 8am BCP Communion
 9.30am A Service to Celebrate the Queen's Jubilee

June 12th 9.30am Holy Communion.
 3.30pm Families Messy Afternoon Tea

June 19th 9.30am Father's Day Family Service
(A shorter service for all ages, Songs, refreshments, story and craft)

June 26th 9.30am Holy Communion

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

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 Canon Nigel Washington, Ministers and Dr Robert Johns

St Mary's Church



Churchyard: a pair of robins who have taken up residence in the porch and starlings are nesting (as last year) within the eaves of the vestry. At least one of the nest boxes has been nabbed by a blue tit. Happy days. As mentioned last month, we will be organising a Nature Day on July 9th, with lots of activities in the churchyard for the whole family, 10.30am to about 4pm. So watch out for our posters and Facebook posts. If you have a connection to a relevant group, eg wildlife group, and would like to be involved, please contact me.

A Day of Poetry: Saturday 11th June. Children aged 5-12 are welcome to a poetry workshop "Pizza and Poems" between 10am -12, (ending with pizza), followed by a children's competition between 1-3pm split into 2 groups; either read a poem you've written, or read a favourite written by somebody else. Age groups are: 9 and under, 10-14 and 14 and over. Later in the day "Pimms and Poems" from 7.30pm will give adults a chance to read a poem they've created, or read a particular favourite. All accompanied by Pimms and nibbles. It's a great opportunity for you to be creative and enjoy the written word.

School visits: we have enjoyed regular visits from Harlington Upper School children for several weeks now as they have been helping to tidy the churchyard, plant seeds and trim shrubs etc. We are very grateful for their help, and this activity is one of many included in the school enrichment programme. It was also a delight to welcome Harlington Pre-School children to church one afternoon in May. They learnt about what happens when a child is christened, and had a good look at the font where most of the 'action' takes place. They also had to search and find a missing sheep whilst hearing about the Bible story of the lost sheep. They were so well behaved and very inquisitive, with one little one very keen to climb the tower.....I once tried reading a book about a tower with the draw-bridge up, but I couldn't get into it.

Friends of St Mary's Church: by the time you read this we should have met again to discuss a way forward to forming a Friends group, and we really do appreciate all the interest in caring for and maintaining this historic building in the centre of our lovely village. If you're interested in learning more about this initiative, or would like any further information, message us via email:

friends@harlingtonchurch.org.

Best wishes, Tricia Churchwarden

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Village Diary *plus* Celebration Days

June

3 rd	Walk 4 Health	Village Hall Car Park 10.30 am
4 th	Jubilee Event	Outside Lincoln Way Shops 12 noon to 4 pm
5 th	Big Jubilee Picnic	Bury Orchard 12 noon
6 th	Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 - 4 pm
7 th	Fittabus Milton Keynes	Village Hall Car Park 9.15 am
10 th	Contact Copy Date!!	
10 th	Walk 4 Health	Village Hall Car Park 10.30 am
11 th	Wildlife walk	Flitwick Moor 10 am
11 th	Poetry Day	St. Mary's Church 10 am and 7.30 pm
12 th	HHT Car Outing	Village Hall Car Park 1 pm
12 th	Messy Afternoon Tea	Parish Hall 3.30 pm
17 th	Walk 4 Health	Village Hall Car Park 10.30 am
18 th	Messy Church	Methodist Church and Halls, 4 - 6pm
20 th	Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 - 4
24 th	Walk 4 Health	Village Hall Car Park 10.30 am
25 th	Coffee Morning	Methodist Church Hall 10 am to 12 noon
25 th	Flittabus Coach Outing	
26 th	Circle Dance	Harlington Village Hall 5 pm
30 th	HSAC Demonstration	Parish Hall 7.30 pm

July

2 nd	Flittabus Coach Outing
2 nd	HGS Coach Outing

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

**GET YOUR JULY 2022 DATES TO THE MAGAZINE BY
10TH JUNE**

Celebration Days in June

2nd/3rd	Bank Holidays for Queen's Platinum Jubilee
4th/5th	Weekend celebrations
19th	Father's Day