

Editorial

Dear Villagers,
I hope you have had a good summer, despite the heat. Here is another bumper issue of Contact, to get us ready for the start of the new academic year and the return of many activities after their summer break.

Look out for news of Sundon Medical Centre, and the return of the Great Big Garage Sale, amongst other things. I have been copied into correspondence with Anglian Water about the effect on the water supply of the planned new houses in Harlington. Apparently there is supposed to be a flag raised when more houses are due to be added in Harlington, but it didn't happen last time because the houses were technically in Westoning! There has been a reply from the chairman. We can hope.

The 10th will be a busy day, apart from the things listed there will also be (extra) cyclists for the Historic Churches Trust Bike 'n Hike. If you want to join this, contact one of the Churches for more information. Clive.

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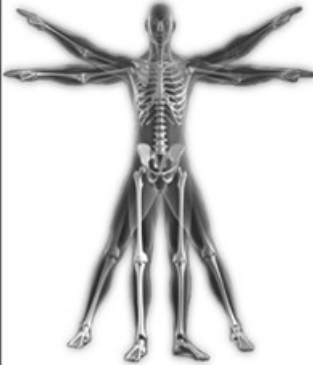
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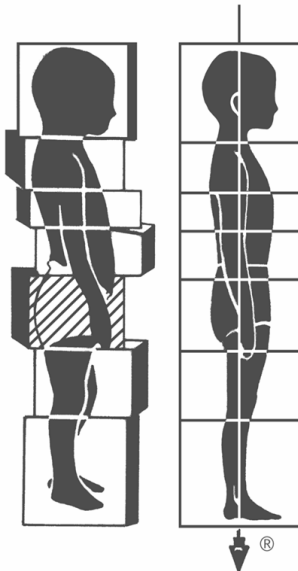
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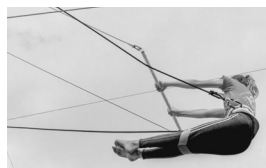
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Letter from St. Mary's Church

Dear Friends,

At some point the trapeze artists must let go of the trapeze if they are to reach for the new trapeze swinging their way. It's tempting for them to hang on but timing is key and although there may well be a moment between where trust and faith are required, the new trapeze is surely there and there will be a safe catcher to complete the move.



Whilst I'm definitely not a trapeze artist I am in the last few weeks of my tenure as Rector of Harlington, Westoning and Tingrith and it's a strange place to find myself as I am called to let go and reach for something new. I have reached the age where I must retire as your Rector though I continue as a priest in my retirement.

Leaving a village where I have taught and ministered for the most part since 1977, is not an easy task, as I am sure you will understand. To lead worship and pray with you in the last few years has been so special. Harlington holds a special place in my heart. But time marches on for us all. And there is a new trapeze for each of us to catch.

I continue to put my trust in God who has blessed me in ministry since I was ordained in 2000. Surely he still has some plans for me in the future, just as he undoubtedly has plans for you and what is next in your life. The good news is that on the spiritual trapeze of life Jesus is the catcher and in his hands you can be totally secure.

In Jeremiah 29 we read:

'For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.'

A clear plan is in place for the appointment of a new rector for the benefice of Harlington, Tingrith and Westoning. An advert will be published in September and the hope will be for an appointment by the end of the year, with the new vicar starting in the New Year.

If the new rector receives the love and support I have received they will be truly blessed. Exciting times are just around the corner. God has plans and things are happening at St Mary's.

Here comes that new trapeze. Time to trust and reach out in faith, time to be brave, time to let go and let God!!

Heart felt blessing to you and yours,

Nigel

Reverend Canon Nigel Washington

Nigel's last service at Harlington is on 28th August at 9.30am and at Westoning is on 4th September at 11am

Harlington Brownies



This has been a super year for Brownies. We have been able to meet properly and have changed our meeting place to the Village Hall. This enables us to do lots of outdoor activities in the fine weather.

Highlights this year have been a district football competition which was won by Harlington Brownies. We enjoyed a fantastic Brownie Day out to Wrest Park. This was called Dragons and tiaras and we

were picked up by bus from Harlington and taken to the park where we enjoyed craft, games, meeting sailors and the dragon and a parade through the park.



Wrest Park fun



We awarded 6 Bronze brownie awards for girls who have completed a range of activities from expressing themselves to baking and exploring. Well done to these girls.

We have earned some badges, done craft, made mini boats, cooperated around a team obstacle course, played games, had some great parties. We attended a singalong, played rounders against the cubs and

4 Bronze Brownies

finished the year with a visit to the chip van. Next years plans are beginning to be made and we are hoping to have a sleepover/camp again.

This year we have been very full enrolling 9 new Brownies but sadly the time has come for some of our older Brownies to move on so we do have some spaces for girls aged from 7. Next term starts September 15th



Party time

Meetings are Harlington Village Hall Thursdays 6.15 to 7.30.

Further details from Jane Stynes 01525 753612

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Brain Tumour Research



News on the produce table?



Thank you to the many villagers who have shared the concern about my produce table

and taken time to ask about its return. Sadly the news is no different, no table.... but that doesn't mean no produce. Thank you to all supporters who add their excess produce to my trug and the many villagers who pop by to see what's available. There are currently: cooking apples, courgettes, marrow and cucumbers. There will, I hope, be: tomatoes, beans, cabbages and cauliflower in the weeks ahead and who knows some surprises depending on my suppliers. I do have some tree spinach and rainbow chard but I will need to pick that to order as it needs to be eaten quickly once picked so please knock or put a note through my door leaving a name and contact number if you would like some but please give me some notice!

Fundraising continues to go well but mainly with thanks to Gill, Bob and Liz who watered for me whilst I took a week's holiday. I am very thankful and grateful as I know it was one of the driest and hottest weeks, so plants and produce have survived and advanced. Thank you team waterers! And £57.50 was through the door when I returned so thank you all who visited and donated. A great day was had up at the church as we joined St. Mary's for nature week on the 16th July where 2 crates of plants were sold and some produce, raising £57.05. There were many generous donations too so thank you all for supporting and thank you to Tricia and her team for the kind invitation and opportunity to raise funds and awareness for Brain Tumour Research.

There will be further opportunities to support the charity as we have been invited up to the flower and vegetable show on the 27th August at the village hall, so I hope to talk to regulars and get to meet new supporters and increase the circle of interest in the charity: do please look out for us and say hello.

I am writing this sitting in my garden sitting under my willow tree in the glorious sunshine, the heat of the day has passed, I have had a cup of tea and now munching on some of Lewis's tomatoes before I eat dinner, delicious. I do hope those of you who bought vegetable plants from me are also experiencing a good and tasty crop knowing that what you are eating was picked just minutes ago and couldn't be very much fresher!

Bon appetit !

Jane

PS A very big thankyou to the kind person who brought me a table for my produce on Saturday 13th August; that was a very kind gesture and very much appreciated, it's perfect, my thanks.

HVS *plus* Toddington Rambling Club & HHT

36th Harlington Village Show

27th August 2022



Results of the Village Show will be printed in the October issue of Contact magazine. A huge ‘thank you’ to all who helped to organise it, who set up the hall, entered the classes, helped with judging, visited the Show, served refreshments or entered the raffle. Our aim each year is to be self sustaining via the entry fees and the raffle proceeds, so thank you everyone for your support and help.

Harlington Village Show Committee Queries: Tricia 07711 511729

Toddington Rambling Club

As Chairman of TRC I would like to bring to your attention the Beds Walking Festival which takes place from 10th to 18th September.

This has many walks, most are free to attend and this year after a gap, due to Covid, TRC are putting on 2 walks led by Harlington villagers. The first on 10th Sept, starting at 9.30 from the village hall, is 7 miles in length & led by Tony Price. The second on 15th Sept, starting at 9.30 from Sundon Hills car park, is 6 miles & will be led by myself. I hope to see many of you there as the weather & surface should be better than my usual New Year’s Day walk. Full details of all the walks can be seen on the festival website.

www.bedswalkfest.co.uk/walking-festival-2022.

Tony Roberts – Chairman TRC

Harlington Heritage Trust

The talk on Sunday 18 September will be by Ann Ledger, entitled “All about Ashridge – from ancient woodland to the Canal Duke and a landscape in Trust”.

The talk on Sunday 16 October will be by our Chairman, John Thurston, and is entitled “Disasters from Bedfordshire’s Skies”. Both talks will be held in Harlington **Village** Hall at 15.00. The cost is £4 for members and £5 for non-members, including refreshments after the talks.

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

Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity

You Can Do IT! Project

In today's society, technology has transformed our lives, and many of us could no longer imagine living without it. Although those digitally-skilled take these changes in their stride, it is clear that those who are used to more physical forms of life such as paper forms, face-to-face meetings, and physical photographs can struggle to adapt.

At Bedsrcc we recognised the need to provide a service to people who need help using digital technology. In February this year, we launched our *You Can Do IT!* project. *You Can Do IT!* is a digital inclusion project which improves people's lives by getting them online and accessing services and systems that will improve their health and wellbeing. During the sessions, participants are shown how to use their smartphones, tablets, or laptops to carry out tasks such as joining an online activity group, shopping, making video calls to friends and family, and more.

Aside from learning how to book a GP appointment online or re-order medication using an app, the smaller things often feel the most heart-warming and rewarding. From helping a grandmother to see her grandchildren abroad via a video call, or from scanning utility bills with a tablet so they can be read aloud, or discovering music online, these things can help improve someone's sense of health and wellbeing too.

You Can Do IT's groups often turn frowns into smiles or even laughter, I think everyone in any position in our groups benefits from being part of it.

Bill Simmons, Digital Lead

Not only does the YCDIT! project benefit those who attend the sessions as participants, they also help give purpose to the Digital Health Champions, who without, the sessions couldn't happen.

After taking early retirement I was looking for something that would enable me to use my professional skills in a way that could help the wider community.

Getting involved with the project has been immensely beneficial as it has given me a much needed sense of purpose, brought me into a very positive environment and given me the opportunity to meet a wide range of very friendly people.

Jonathan Jones, Volunteer Digital Health Champion

We now have four groups running in Biggleswade, Putnoe, Dunstable and Houghton Regis. Over the next two years, new groups will be added across Bedfordshire. Visit www.ywb.org.uk/IT to find out more.

Do you need help with your smartphone, tablet, or computer? Join a local You

Sundon Medical Centre *plus* BRCC *ctd.*

All Change at the Sundon Medical Centre

Quite a number of things have changed within the Sundon Medical Centre recently, so it seemed to me that now would be a good time for a brief note bringing “Contact” readers in Harlington up to date.

It is with personal regret but warm wishes that I announce the retirement of Dr Yip, the Senior Partner. We are indebted to his commitment and dedication to Sundon Medical Centre and Harlington Surgery over the years. We were fortunate to have a doctor with his passion and drive on our team for so many years. We will continue with the standard and dedication that Dr Yip has set and hope to exceed the expectations of Harlington patients.

We also saw the retirement of the Practice Manager Deborah Porter, who had been with the surgery for 18 years. Deborah has made the practice a great place to work for all staff members and I hope to follow in her footsteps as the new Practice Manager.

So now the practice looks like this:

Dr Williams, Senior Partner
Dr Jadwiga Kruszezwska (Dr Edwina)
Dr Khalid Mahmoud
Dr Arun Thiruvengadam
Dr Musaab Al-Saeedi

Incidentally, we are implementing a new telephone system soon, which should make contacting the practice easier in future. This will include a call back option to save waiting online. More details as they emerge.

Finally, I hope you find this note interesting and informative. If you want to contact me for any reason, please leave a note in the Suggestions box inside the Waiting room at Harlington surgery.

Sharlene Clarke, Practice Manager, Sundon Medical Centre

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Speed Watch *plus* Quote

Just recently whilst walking and driving through the village I have noticed how badly some people drive through the village, in particular along some streets where the parking is really bad. The streets that I have noticed seem to be particularly bad are Sundon Road, Station Road, Barton Road, Church Road, Goswell End Road and Westoning Road, which basically covers all the main roads in the village.

However, I am currently doing some work that is enabling me to look back at past copies of *The Contact*. To my surprise whilst looking through the March 1997 issue I came across an article by Paul Rolfe would you believe, saying about the speeding in the village in the exact same roads.

Whilst I am sure that it was a problem in March 1997 it appears that the problem is not resolved and is most certainly getting worse. In one particular week in Sundon Road I have counted at least seven cars speeding; three that have come around the bend on almost the wrong side but certainly way over the white line. One particular incident where a car was speeding down Sundon Road came around the bend and had to emergency stop due to oncoming traffic on the wrong side because of the parked cars. I am not blaming the Sundon Road parkers, it is the fault of drivers driving too fast in the village.

Perhaps the solution is as pointed out by Paul in his article, we need traffic calming measures. However, that may not be possible to get past Central Bedfordshire Council. Have you experienced bad driving and would like to help stop it? If so, then please consider joining speed watch

Harlington currently has four volunteers ready to form our Community Speed Watch group but needs a couple more, including someone to take on the Coordinator role, in order to resurrect the village team after a couple of years' absence. Martyn Witt is the Coordinator for Harlington Street Watch, and is happy to have a chat with anyone who might be interested in joining either scheme - the commitment is just a couple of hours a month. Street Watch and Speed Watch are managed by Beds Police, who provide equipment and training. Martyn's email is mwitt@fmail.co.uk and mobile 07935 592 627.

September Quote

"The foliage has been losing its freshness through the month of August, and here and there a yellow leaf shows itself like the first grey hair amidst the locks of a beauty who has seen one season too many."

- Oliver Wendell Holmes

Great Big Garage Sale *plus* Quintet Choir

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A relaxed and friendly choir, we sing several times a year at church services held for special occasions. One of the annual highlights is preparing plenty of Christmas music and we will make a start on that in early October. In the meantime, we are looking forward to singing for Harvest and a Churches Together focused on Remembrance and John Bunyan.

You do not need to audition, read music or have any experience of singing in choirs to join us. We are always delighted to welcome new members. If you would like more details about the choir, please contact Nicholas Hopton (nlhopton@btinternet.com / 07715 446402)

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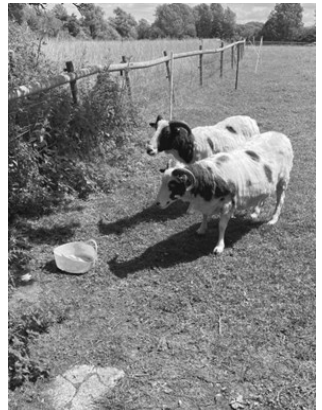


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Gardeners' Society *plus* St. Mary's Family Team



MEMBER'S ANNUAL BBQ

It was a lovely evening on Saturday 6th August so we had a very enjoyable BBQ with 26 members present. Our thanks go to Peter for doing the cooking, Carole for providing the salads and puddings and Roger for organising the event in his garden.

AGM

This will be held on Friday 11th Nov. so please keep this date free.

Tony Roberts – HGS Secretary

St. Mary's Family Team News

As I write this it is another beautiful sunny warm August day. How lucky we have been so far this summer with such lovely weather although I am sure all of our gardens could do with a bit of rain.

I am hoping that all of you who have been on holiday in the UK and abroad this year have enjoyed the weather and your time away. A change of scenery is always good for the soul and I have always found, no matter how good the holiday, walking back into your own house is always a special moment – Its always good to be home!

So... looking towards the next few months here are the dates for your diaries: Please note that we start off September with an Afternoon Tea! Look forward to seeing you all there.

Sunday 11th September – 3:30pm for Afternoon Tea.

Sunday 2nd October – 9:00am for Breakfast – Harvest Theme

Sunday 6th November – 9:00am for Breakfast

Sunday 4th December – Afternoon Tea – Time to be confirmed – tied in with Christmas Tree Festival.

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.

Harlington in Bloom



The awards evening for *winner*s, *runners-up* and *commended* of both the Spring and Summer judging will take place on the 27th September. Could all of last year's Harlington in Bloom show trophy winners return their trophies to 126 Goswell End Road (Judy and John Harfield) as soon as possible please if not already done so? This allows for them to be engraved with the 2022 winners' names. Congratulations to everyone.

Spring front Garden	1st	Maureen Edwards	1 Brian Road
Best Front Garden	1st	Tricia Murphy	43 Barton Road
	Runner Up		64 Goswell End Road
	3rd	Pete Bostock	9 Brian Road
	HC	John Clennett	12 Robinson Crescent
	HC	Sandra&Charles Stone	10 Robinson Crescent
Hanging Baskets/ Containers	1st	Maxine Woodbridge	60 Sundon Road
	Runner Up	Sue&Rob Whittle	The Old Forge
	3rd		109 Barton Road
	HC	David Kingham	3 Glebe Gardens
Commercial	1st	Malcolm Maclean gardener	The Old Sun
Low Maintenance Garden/Dry	1st	Jane Leggatt	10 Bury Close
Public Allotments	1st	Andy Bishop	Harlington Village Hall
	1st		to be announced

Dates for your Diary

10 Sept2022 - Pruning and Weeding Meet Village Hall 10.00 – 12 noon
27 Sep 2022 – Awards Ceremony Parish Hall, West Room 7.30pm

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

"Happily we bask in this warm September sun,

Which illuminates all creatures..."

- Henry David Thoreau

Flit Vale Wildlife Trust



**Bedfordshire
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Wildlife walks & talks

Sunday, 4th September, 10.00am-12.00, Flitwick Moor (TL045354)

Fungal Foray* with Steve Kelly

A combined event with the Herts and Beds Fungi Group (HBFNG). Hoping for a mix of damp and mild weather to guarantee a good showing of mushrooms and toadstools. Steve and other experts will help you identify your findings and tell you more about the wonderful and sometimes weird world of fungi.

*Free but donations welcome

Saturday, 8th October, 10.00am-12.00, Stockgrove (LU7 0BA)

Wildlife walk* with Bob Hook

Walk round the fabulous Rammamere Heath with Bob Hook. With history back to the 15th century, this woodland, the largest area of broadleaf in Bedfordshire, is as diverse as it is rich. Meet in the car park at the Stockgrove entrance, Brick-hill Road, Heath & Reach at 10:00. There is a car parking charge (1hr-3hr £4.00) for details see: www.greensandtrust.org/parking-at-rushmere

*£3 per adult

Sunday, 30th October, 9.45am-3.00pm, Houghton Conquest (TL044412)

Seed collection with Colin Carpenter

Join Colin and other volunteers to collect seed from native trees and hedgerow plants. These will be planted and nurtured for distributing to various organisations to create and re-populate woodlands throughout the UK. A vital conservation activity and enjoyable too!

Park and meet in Rectory Lane, Houghton Conquest at 9.45am. Please have appropriate footwear and clothing for this activity, and a packed lunch if you are staying until 3.00pm.

*Free but donations welcome

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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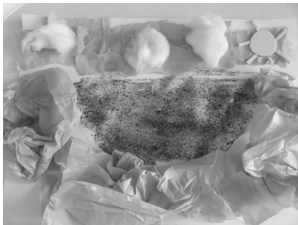
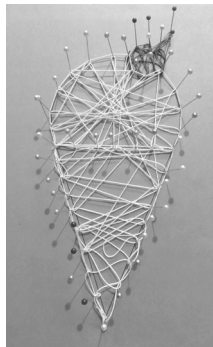
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Our July Messy Church had to be on YouTube only, but here are some pictures of the things we made in preparation. As you can see, we were thinking about seaside holidays.

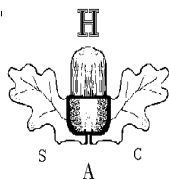


Our next meeting at the Methodist Church will be on 17th September. However, our old material is still available if you want to find things to do. Look on <https://cliveandtina.co.uk> for written material and drawings, or on

Harlington Methodist Church YouTube Channel for recordings of previous Messy Churches, where you can see Tina or me demonstrate some of the activities.

Don't forget, while children need an adult, Messy Church is not just for children. If you find that making things helps you with the Bible stories, Messy Church may be for you. Clive

Harlington Art and Crafts



We had a very enjoyable candle making workshop in July where we each chose our fragrances and decorated two coconut oil candles.

On Thursday September 15th we have a demonstration by Nicky Hunter, a watercolour artist who specialises in flowers. We meet in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Members £7 and non-members £10. Everyone is welcome, for further details please contact Dawn on 01525 754093

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Halloween Fayre *plus* Advertisement

Harlington Hallowe`en Fayre

Yes folks the Hallowe`en Fayre is back shake your Broomsticks polish your Pumpkins and fly on down.



Harlington Village Hall Sunday the 30th of October. 1pm till 5pm



If you would like a stall please contact Andy Bishop 07548375772 some events have already been booked more details nearer the time.

Hope to see you on the day.



Harlington Upper School

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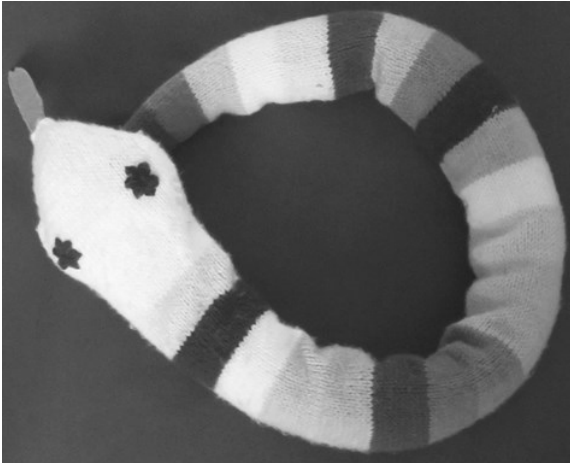
Please keep an eye on our school website for upcoming vacancies, including support staff and Invigilators.

<https://www.harlington.org>

Crafternoon Tea

Why do you (or does anyone) do craft?

For at least two years, Clive and I have been admiring post box toppers on the three post boxes we see regularly. It is not something I have ever thought of doing, but judging from the vicarious fun it gives us, I hope that it is giving fun, or satisfaction, or the joy of achievement (or all three, of course) to whoever makes them. Have you enjoyed them too?



When I pick up a craft activity, I am either making something for me or for my family or friends – to wear, or to hang or use in the house, or to play with (see the knitted snake, much loved by grandchildren) – or I am making something for giving away, for causes, if not charities. My mother used to knit vests for a medical charity – they packed the knitwear around the glass equipment, and drug containers, for sending

overseas, and then gave the knitwear away as they administered the medication. I have made baby blankets for the neo-natal unit at the L&D, as have many of the members of both the craft groups I belong to. The pictures I use for these articles have sometimes been made by me, and sometimes by others. So why do you craft? (There is no wrong answer!)

Could you expand our experience of what can be made? Would you like to join others in a larger project from time to time – a number of our members, as well as a host of other villagers, produced the flowers for the Jubilee weekend celebrations.

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 September meetings will be 12th and 26th. All meetings will be the hybrid version, on Zoom as well as in person. Please let me know if you want the Zoom link for any meeting.

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

LIFE Church *plus* Ramblers Wellbeing Walks



LIFE CHURCH
HARLINGTON

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

Everyone welcome

SEPTEMBER– informal meetings led by:

4th - Carol Gibbs

11th - Rosie Hughes

18th - Rebecca Caird

25th - Churches Together Prayer Weekend – Methodist Church

Wednesday 7 pm. Prayer meeting on Zoom.

If you have any prayer requests or would like to join our prayer meeting please email the address below for log in details.

lifechurchcentralbeds@gmail.com

Ramblers Wellbeing Walks—Walking 4 Health



In June we started weekly walks.

We always aim to offer two Walks, a short 40-minute walk around the village and a longer more strenuous walk within the village, but over fields. They are all accompanied by experienced walk leaders and there is no charge. You can choose on the day which you prefer to do. Do come and join us, 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.

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

Telephone number for all enquiries: The wellbeing team 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.



SEPTEMBER preachers are:

4th 10 am Come and See led by Tina and Clive

6 pm Evening Service including Holy Communion led by Rev Claudia Lupi

11th 10 am Shepherd Kombo

18th 10 am Service including Holy Communion led by Rev Claudia Lupi

25th 10 am United Service for the Churches Together Prayer Weekend

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 the Zoom email list, or if you would like a our printed service emailed to you.

WELCOME SERVICE

The Welcome Service for our new minister, Rev Claudia Lupi, will take place on Monday 5th September 2022 at The Square Methodist Church, Dunstable, at 7.30 pm.

COFFEE MORNING 24th September, 10 am to 12 noon in aid of our charity, Kids in Action. In the hall.

LADIES BRIGHT HOUR

We meet every Thursday in the Methodist Church Hall

1st Sue Blain

8th Members Own

15th Rev'd Joanne Sherwood

22nd Rev'd Nigel Bibbings

29th To be arranged



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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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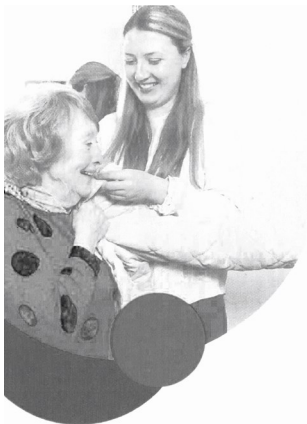
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St. Mary's Church Services

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Everyone is welcome to attend the services in our beautiful village church. Our services in September are:

Sundays

4th 8 a.m. Book of Common Prayer morning prayer

9.30 a.m. Sunday worship Service of the Word

11th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

2 p.m. Baptism service

3.30 p.m. Families Teatime Afternoon Club

18th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

25th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

6.00 p.m. Joint Harvest Songs of Praise with Westoning Parish Church and the Quintet choir (service at St. Mary Magdalene Westoning)

Wednesdays

Every Wednesday 10 a.m. Holy Communion or Morning Prayer

Other times

The church can be made available for private prayer by arrangement, please contact one of the church wardens or the Church Reader Dr. Robert Johns robert@harlingtonchurch.org or admin@harlingtonchurch.org

For personal enquiries, for requests for prayer, or for enquiries about baptisms, weddings or funerals please contact Rev. Linda Washington revtdoddington@gmail.com or Dr. Robert Johns robert@harlingtonchurch.org or 01525 873214.

Further information and useful links

The church noticeboard is kept regularly up-to-date

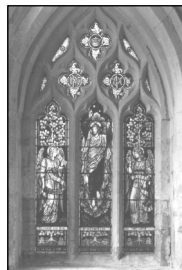
The church website is at <https://www.harlingtonchurch.org>

The church Facebook page is: www.facebook.com/stmarysharlington/

We are on A Church Near You at <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7667/>

Remember that we are here for you.

**Rev. Linda Washington (Associate Minister), Dr Robert Johns (Reader),
Tricia Murphy and Neil Walter (Church Wardens)**



St Mary's Churchwarden *plus* Friends

St Mary's Church



Churchyard: there's not a lot to report this month, apart from the fact that like everyone else we are trying to keep the flowers in the planters alive. And keep the bird bath full of water. We do get lots of visitors to bathe and drink (non-human!). As I write, the grass is still yellow and there's been a noted absence of the usual wild flowers this year. I just hope it rains soon.

Gift Day: 10th September This is our annual appeal day, and letters explaining this will drop through your door not long before that. The church will be open from 10am-4pm, with afternoon teas available between 2-4pm. Please contact me to book tricia.murphy5@ntlworld.com, to help with catering. Scone, jam, cream, cake and drink will be £5 and all proceeds will go to our Restoration Fund. But do pop in to see us even if you haven't booked. We'll have some photos on display of the restoration work we are due to start on the south porch, and information sheets about the history of the church itself. Why were the early days of history called the Dark Ages? Because there were so many knights!

We've had some lovely visitors recently, from Poland and Ukraine, plus walkers on the Bunyan Trail and a workman popping in whilst working in the village. All commented on how beautiful the church is, and also how peaceful. A recent wedding between Peter and Alexandra was also a wonderful day. Many congratulations to you both.

Recycling: I mentioned this last month and would just like to remind folk not to leave cardboard – just use your own recycling bin – and we cannot take wrappings used for vegetables, cat pouches, tea bags and so on. I'm afraid that it takes me a long time to sort them all out. There is a large black bin, labelled for recycling, in the bin storage area through the side gate off Church Road and has information about what you may include. Thank you.

Best wishes, Tricia Churchwarden

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S

A Friends of St Mary's Church, Harlington, is being established to support our beautiful village church with its restoration, conservation and maintenance. A couple of well attended meetings have been held and a steering group has been formed. The Friends is open to all who may have an interest in St Mary's Church whether as a worshipper or as an interested villager. There will be an official launch of the Friends in early October and you would be most welcome to attend. More details will follow.

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Village Diary *plus* Wednesday Coffee Morning

September

3 rd Strawberry Tea	Lower East End Stables 2pm
4 th Wildlife Walk	Flitwick Moor (TL045354) 10.00am-12.00 Noon
5 th Welcome Service	The Square Meth Church Dunstable 7.30 pm
6 th Flittabus Milton Keynes	Village Hall Car Park 9.15 am
10 th TRC Walk	Village Hall Car Park 9.30 am
10 th HiB Pruning and Weeding	Meet Village Hall 10.00 – 12 noon
10 th Gift Day	St. Mary's 10 am – 4 pm
10 th Garage Sale	31 Lincoln Way 10.30 am - 4 pm
11 th Garage Sale	31 Lincoln Way 10.30 am - 4 pm
11 th St. M Afternoon Tea	Parish Hall 3.30 pm
12 th Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 - 4 pm
15 th TRC Walk	Sundon Hills Car Park 9.30 am
15 th HSAC Demonstration	Parish Hall 7.30 pm
17 th Messy Church	Methodist Church and Halls 4 – 6 pm
18 th HHT Talk	Harlington Village Hall 3 pm
24 th Coffee Morning	Methodist Church 10 am – 12 Noon
26 th Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 - 4 pm
27 th HiB Awards Ceremony	Parish Hall, West Room 7.30pm

If you want your events included here, send details to the editor by 10th July. You can do that without sending anything else, if you want.

Don't forget the regular weekly things like the Wednesday Coffee Mornings and Friday Ramblers Wellbeing Walks that aren't shown here.

**GET YOUR OCTOBER 2022 DATES TO THE MAGAZINE BY
10TH SEPTEMBER**

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.