

Editorial

Dear Villagers,

September gave us two changes, in Head of State and Prime Minister. The death of the Queen came as a shock, and I thank Carol for her thoughtful letter. I wonder which of the changes will have most significance in the long run?

It will take a while to get used to having a King. We will need to get used to the King's English, King's Scouts etc.

On a more local level, I note changes to the planning for "Harlington West".

Please keep an eye on what is happening here. I see no improvements for road safety, for example.

Speaking of which I include two pieces of correspondence on that topic. If you have issues you want to raise, please do. I don't guarantee to publish.

Likewise, if you want to remember people who have died, please feel free to send in obituaries.

On a lighter note, we haven't had any recipes for a long while. Anyone got any favourites for the cold months coming?

All the best,
Clive.

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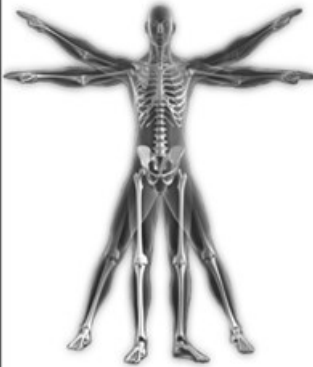
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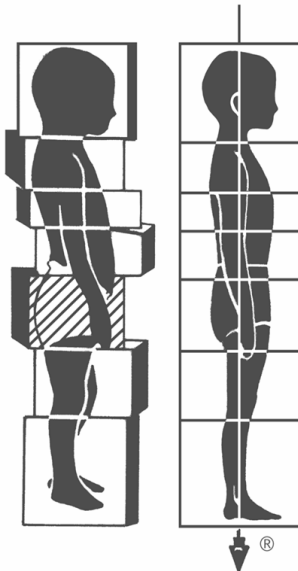
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Letter from the Life Church

As I write this letter the country is mourning the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. In my previous letter a few months ago I focused on the Queen and her handbag as she had filmed an amazing sketch with Paddington Bear, shown on TV at the beginning of the celebrations held to mark her 70 years on the throne. It was an opportunity where different aspects of her character shone through, not only humour and acting skills, (not easy when Paddington was not actually sitting in front of her) but also her love for her people, joining in the celebrations with the nation, as she had also demonstrated at the opening of the London Olympics in 2012 as she met James Bond.

It was a week where we have welcomed a new prime minister and a new king, Charles III, a significant time in history. As most of us have only know Queen Elizabeth on the throne, it will be a major adjustment for individuals, the country and the Commonwealth.

As we reflect on the life of a servant Queen who had a strong faith in Jesus Christ, what was the Queen's secret of living a life of such devotion, humility, diligence, with a deep commitment to the vows she made at the start of her 70 year reign? She was not a cultural Christian but a fully committed follower of Jesus Christ. In her messages she spoke about Jesus being her inspiration, anchor and bedrock and the inner light of her faith. In the Christmas message in 2000 she spoke about her awareness of her accountability before God. The Queen modelled what it is to be focused on others rather than on self, a true servant Queen. At the age of just 21 years old she made this promise.

"I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, will be devoted to your service."

She worked and demonstrated this, serving the country all through her life and most of all to God.

We all will have different memories of the Queen but I am sure we want to say thank you for being our Servant Queen.

In the words of the Queen,

"Throughout my life, the message and teachings of Christ have been my guide and in them I find hope. It is my heartfelt prayer that you will continue to be sustained by your faith in times of trial and encouraged by hope at times of despair."

Queen Elizabeth II 3rd August 2022.

Please remember to pray for our new King and the Royal Family as they mourn the loss of a mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Carol Gibbs—Leader Life Church.

Harlington Village Show

36th Harlington Village Show

27th August 2022



What a lovely day! The weather was great, and we had more than enough entries to make it all worthwhile even after the hot dry Summer which baked our gardens and allotments. Well done to all the exhibitors, and a big welcome to those entering for the first time.

We hope you enjoyed entering and will come back next year. A huge “thank you” to everyone who helped set up the hall, who exhibited, judged or served refreshments. We couldn’t do it without you. Thanks also to John Russell for kindly donating a cup in memory of his wife Bre, presenting it to the winner of the Best Scented Rose. Here are the prize winners:



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|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Flower Arranging Cup: | Jackie Gray |
| Vegetable Cup: | Tricia Murphy |
| Vegetable Collection: | Tricia Murphy |
| Photography: | Nicholas Hopton |
| Craft: | Jackie Gray |
| Preserves & Cookery | Carolyn Munns & Anne Brown |
| Fuchsia Cup: | Tricia Murphy |
| Dahlia Cup: | David Blain |
| Flower Cup: | Tricia Murphy |
| Longest Runner Bean: | Alastair MacArthur |
| Heaviest Marrow: | Tony Roberts |
| Children Pre School: | William Bayntun & Ben Hopton |
| Children age 5-8: | Marcus Gray |
| Best Scented Rose: | Debbie Thrower |
| Best Grown (veg & fruit): | Ruth Skelton (class 19 French beans) |
| Best Flower exhibit: | Andy Bishop (class 59 cactus) |
| Overall winner, most points: | Tricia Murphy |

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St. Mary's Family Team

As I write this, it is the first day back to school for many of our families. New school years, new schools, first days at nursery - a changing time for us all.

Nigel has now retired but our family Messy church breakfasts and afternoon teas will continue.

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

Sunday 6th November – 9:00am for Breakfast – “Getting ready”

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

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Plants plus



Well, by the time you all read this I expect fresh vegetables will have come to an end

outside my house and it will be time to start tidying our gardens, vegetable plots and allotments in preparation for next year. Despite the very hot weather and difficult growing conditions it does not seem to have deterred you from supporting by buying plants and the limited vegetables I have had available this year but I think this has been made up by Frankie's courgettes and cucumbers; John and Lynn's cooking apples and Wendy and Richard's beans thank you all so much for supplying. This year £1952 was raised for plants and vegetables from the front of my house!

Some regular supporters visited my house looking to buy some leek seeds and in conversation they mentioned that they thought mice might be eating the seed and packets that were in tins on top of my shelving. I had been intending to display them in a more contained box so this spurred me on to purchase this container.

As you can see the seeds are grouped in alphabetical order in their categories: vegetables, flower, salad and herb seeds. So get planning and come and see what plants you might like to grow and see if I can supply you with your seeds next year. Thankyou to Kate and Nick for generously providing the packets of seeds and introducing me to some interesting vegetables. I



have grown tree spinach this year for the first time, tomatillos all good fun , delicious and interesting.

Finally thank you to the flower and vegetable committee for inviting me up to the annual show again; what an incredible afternoon it was. An amazing £156 was raised for Brain Tumour Research and my thanks go to all those who purchased plants, produce (everything in my trug was picked fresh that morning from the allotment, I was just a little bit proud of that). Special thank you to Debbie who provided some courgettes to sell just when all mine had sold, you're a life saver or Judy's delicious jam's, jellies or chutneys or Leslie and June's macrame plant pot holder's, it was a real team effort THANK YOU everyone!

I am hoping to hold a coffee morning in the village hall during November if my team are available to help, and hope to sell Christmas cards for the charity and

BTR Ctd., Thanks and Remembrances, HGS

will have the remaining macrame pot holders, craft, raffle, games etc like we have had in the past, fingers crossed. Look out for posters and further news in the November contact.

And to close thankyou to all those offering tables for my produce I really do appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness in the absence of my original table going missing. Talking of missing, if anyone lost a hooped earring during this last month when visiting my house, one has been found and it is in a plastic bag on my hall window ledge waiting for you to collect and be returned to its rightful owner.

Look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Happy growing and planting

Jane, Alice, Emma and Lewis.

Thanks and Remembrances

My wife, Cynthia Roberts, wishes to thank all of you who have sent get well cards (she has had over 40) & sent messages by other means. She suffered a stroke on 9th August. She was quickly picked up by ambulance & taken to the L&D where she had excellent treatment. She is now in rehab in Bedford.

Regards, Tony Roberts

Jean Carrington RIP: a very special lady, who attended St Mary's Church after moving to the village in 1974, sadly passed away recently. The funeral order of service had a lovely picture of Jean, beautifully attired as always, and with these words "A smile for everyone". And that was Jean, a wonderful, caring lady who will be missed so much. A tribute to her will be in November's Contact magazine.

Jean Mary Carrington 23rd October 1934 - 20th August 2022

Harlington Gardeners' Society



AGM

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

Tony Roberts – HGS Secretary

Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity

Planting Pants at Warden Abbey Vineyard

Community vineyard Warden Abbey Vineyard have been hosting a range of events and activities to benefit Bedfordshire citizens, including students from St John's Special School

It's been a busy year so far at Warden Abbey Vineyard, and the summer of activities are in full swing. Based between Old Warden and Cardington, Warden Abbey Vineyard is a hidden gem just waiting to be explored.



Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity has leased the vineyard since 2010, and developed it as a unique resource for the

local community. Throughout the year, staff and volunteers are kept busy with jobs such as pruning the dormant vines, stripping leaves from fruit zones, and harvesting grapes.

Since 2017 a group of students from St John's Special School have been visiting the vineyard over 6-7 weeks to work with the vineyards volunteer 'mentors' on a range of tasks. The students visibly gained in confidence and learned new skills, as did the volunteers, and true bonds were built which lasted the whole of the length of the project. After a successful first year, the school have been coming back ever since.

Five students took part this year and were kept busy planting new vines, weeding and watering, as well as growing sunflowers and building bug hotels. The students got involved in a unique way, with a #Plantyourpants activity acting as a fun method of testing life in the soil. On their first day, the students buried some cotton pants to dig up again on their last day. The more the pants had decomposed over the weeks, the better the life in the soil.

The vineyard has also been building links with Biggleswade Adult Centre. During the planting days in May, a couple of their service users came to help plant vines. The vineyard planting days saw other Vineyard volunteers and Ivel Valley Conservation Partnership volunteers come together to prepare the vines for a busy summer of activity.

Not only is the vineyard used as a community and educational resource, but the grounds are also used to for other activities such as yoga and art sessions.

Warden Abbey Vineyard, Bedford Rd, Biggleswade SG18 9LS

Sundon Medical Centre *plus* HHT

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and Harlington Surgery***

**A short contribution this
month**



As you will understand, events over the past few weeks have been somewhat chaotic.

I hope you like the new banner heading this month. Hopefully it will make the column stand out in Contact, making it easy to find wherever it is positioned in the magazine.

Some points of information:

The Covid-19 autumn booster and flu vaccine programme will commence at the end of September through to the end of November/beginning of December 2022. Appointments will be available to book through reception or online.

For those aged 70–79, shingles vaccination is recommended. The vaccine is expected to reduce your risk of getting shingles if you do go on to have the disease. Appointments will also be available to book now.

And finally, the new telephone system is being installed this week. Please be patient and bear with us while the installation is carried out, and also while the staff become familiar with the new system.

Sharlene Clarke, Practice Manager, Sundon Medical Centre

Harlington Heritage Trust

The talk on Sunday 16 October will be by our Chairman, John Thurston, and is entitled “Disasters from Bedfordshire’s Skies”. The talk on Sunday 20 November will be by Mike Payne, entitled “The History of Pinewood Studios”. 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 HHT events will be publicised in the HHT members’ newsletter, ‘Contact’ magazine and the HHT website.

Harlington Lower School



I am delighted and honoured to be the new Headteacher of Harlington Lower School. It has been a wonderful start to the new school year – the children have returned safe and happy and are enjoying a wide range of exciting opportunities. It has also been lovely to welcome our new Reception children to the school.

As a school we are taking the opportunity of having a new Headteacher, and coming out of the pandemic, to pause and consider what we value about our school and what our plans for the future are in order to provide the best possible experience for our children and families.

As part of this we would like to further develop our links with the community and to listen to views of people in the community. We want to hear what the school can offer the community, and what the community can offer the school.

We are holding a community forum on Thursday 20th October at 7pm in the hall at Harlington Lower School. There is an open invitation to anyone from the community to attend and we would particularly like to invite any community clubs or groups to send a representative. It will be a chance for you to have your say about what you would like the future of Harlington Lower School to look like.

Please note that this is to look at what we can do now as a school, not to discuss the housing expansion or new school. If you are unable to attend the event but would like to have a chance to share your views, please contact the school office via office@harlingtonlower.co.uk or 01525 752500 and we can either send you a link to a survey or arrange to speak to you.

I look forward to furthering the partnership between the school and the community.

Victoria Paulding

Headteacher of Harlington Lower School



Crafternoon Tea



When one has a hobby, not only does it tend to grow to fill the space available (unless you are ruthless in getting rid of spare “stuff”), it also gets to be known among friends and acquaintances. Crafternoon Tea has been the beneficiary of innumerable offers of yarn, patterns, needles, fabric, thread, craft magazines for a variety of crafts, and half-finished projects – and that makes it sound like all the crafts are thread based, which they are not! I am learning to say “sorry, we have too many/much of that already!” If you would like to pick over some of what we have acquired,

please let me know, and I will make sure it is available to see.

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. Refreshments will be served at each meeting.

Our October meetings will be 10th and 24th. 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>

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And the best part is that getting outside in nature is free and available to all. Nature is everywhere!

Promoting health and wellbeing in communities is at the heart of Beds RCC's work. This is one of the reasons that we are promoting National Self Care Week running November 14th until November 20th – whose theme is Exercise Care for Life.

Going out for a walk is something we can do to look after ourselves. And as the nights begin to close in, some of us may need to give ourselves that extra bit of self-care.

Beds RCC offers Wellbeing Walks across Bedfordshire - free, regular walks open to all. They are aimed particularly at people who are presently doing little or no exercise. They usually last from 60 to 90 minutes, though there are also some shorter 'beginners' walks. *(See opposite for Harlington)*

Our walks are led by friendly people, specially trained for the job. Along with fellow walkers, our walk leaders provide all the advice and encouragement a new walker needs to build fitness at a pace that's right for them.

In just a short time, a small amount of regular exercise can significantly improve a person's health, well-being and confidence.

We're currently looking for new walk leaders, to help set up new and support existing Wellbeing Walks across the county. By becoming a volunteer walk leader, you can play a part in helping people to improving their health, well-being and confidence through walking.

For more information about Wellbeing Walks or to find out about becoming a volunteer walk leader go to www.bedsrcc.org.uk/wellbeing-walks or contact Mike Fayers on mikef@bedsrcc.org.uk or 01234 832619.

Another way Beds RCC help people to look after themselves is through our Social Prescribing service. Our Community Wellbeing Champions who help people to take control of their wellbeing by connecting them with their local community, improving physical activity, and empowering them to make decisions to support their health. Visit www.yourwellbeingbedfordshire.org.uk to find out more.

Harlington in Bloom *plus* Wellbeing Walks



Many thanks to those who visited our gazebo at the Harlington Village Show. The photo display of plants and the marvellous post box toppers were enjoyed by all ages. We enjoyed meeting you all and it was lovely to have the Show back at full force with crowds enjoying the exhibits and tea and cake. The weather was lovely and sunny too!

We will have had an Awards meeting by the end of September, so a write up on that next month. Our apologies that the wrong date was given in Contact and hope that it did not cause too much confusion.

We would like to welcome new committee member Rosemary Toohey, co-opted to the committee. It is always good to have fresh eyes. We are also happy to have some Harlington Upper School students helping us out on a Wednesday. The bedding plants for the winter planting are being chosen. Do come and join us for planting on Saturday 29 October. Bring gloves and a trowel. All welcome as usual.

Dates for your Diary

29 Oct 2022 – Winter Bedding Planting Meet Village Hall 10.00 – 12 noon

12 Nov 2022 Weeding of Memorial Bed 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!

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.

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Flit Vale Wildlife Trust



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Wildlife walks & talks

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. 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.

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Monday, 21st November, 7.00pm start, St Mary's Church Hall, Maulden

Conservation Agriculture* with Brian Sims

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Flit Vale Local Group

www.flitvale.org.uk

Messy Church News *plus* HNH



There wasn't a Messy Church in August, so no activity pictures this month; September's pictures will appear next month because Messy Church happens after the copy date. The next Messy Church will take place on 15th October, and we will be starting an occasional series (that means we won't be using it every month but will be fitting it round other things in the church year) on St Paul. This first one will be about the time before he became Paul, when he was called Saul and hated Christians!

What do we do at Messy Church? Well, we start with craft activities. We like paint and glue, but we also have things with cooking from time to time and we always have some that are edible. We have a range of things for all ages. These last till about 4.45 pm when we have our Celebration. In the Celebration we sing, we have a story, sometimes with acting and we have 2 or 3 less messy activities.

Then, at 5.30pm, we have tea. We finish at about 6pm

We try always to have a Zoom link for those who can't get to the chapel, and to live stream the celebration to YouTube, which also provides a recording.



Our old material is therefore 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 Church Celebrations, and where you can see Tina or me demonstrate some of the activities. (Video quality not always good as we're trying to demonstrate things to the people present and operate the cameras!)

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

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Roads and Traffic Correspondence

In response to the piece in last issue of Contact (re traffic speeds), I have to counter argue that CBC are the culprits of an abomination in this village (supported by the Parish Council, it has to be said) in the form of existing road humps that have not actually calmed any traffic, as they have been put in places where traffic did not need calming in the first place; at considerable expense to your council tax and parish share.

Then look at the pavement replacement in Church Road - how did that get passed for payment? Then the re-tarmac of the road surface in Church Road, which did not need doing. And new housing next to the railway, which is an eyesore and has not been planned or developed in keeping with the village, nor is it being managed. I want CBC as far away from my village as they can go.

Do vehicles need to go slower through the village? Possibly. How do we do this?

How many people reading this have driven through picturesque villages in England, where you naturally slow down to take in the scenery and the ambience; and where there is a sign, which states "Please drive carefully through our village" and you do.

I would suggest that we make the village more attractive to passers through, so drivers slow down, traffic calming measures that restrict the road width at various points, with attractive planters, street furniture or varied blockwork or dry stone walling.

Let's return to a zebra crossing with a Belisha beacon, cars always slow down for these; different colour tarmac alerts a driver to a change in road conditions. There must be other simple, less obtrusive measures than road humps that retain the beauty and aesthetics of the village; let's be creative; and then remove the road humps.

Nick Crago

When the contractors were re-surfacing Church Road, they said that the road markings that were there before would be replaced. This has not happened.

The median line (down the middle of the road) has not been replaced and I have personally had 3 near misses with vehicles (coming from the cross-roads) around the blind bend at the church where the on-coming motorists have had a quaint idea of what constitutes their half of the road.

May I ask that either Beds CC or Central Beds replace the white line near the church at least, and if they cannot, the parish pay for it. I fear there will be a nasty if not. 50m of white line would not cost a fortune.

Graham

LIFE Church *plus* Wednesday Coffee Morning



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OCTOBER

2nd - Rob and Sarah Payne

9th - Rose Agnew

16th - Vicky Yorke

23rd - TBA

30th - TBA

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

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.

The coffee morning group have recently purchased a microwave for the hall and hope that it proves useful to everyone. (The user booklet is in one of the drawers in the kitchen).

Thanks, Tricia

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.



OCTOBER preachers are:

- 2nd 10 am Harvest Come and See led by Martin
6 pm Evening Service with Holy Communion led by Rev Nigel Bibbings
9th 10 am Worship Group
16th 10 am Service including Holy Communion led by Rev Claudia Lupi
23rd 10 am Rev Patrick Kandeh
30th 10 am Chris Berry

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.

COFFEE MORNING 29th October, 10 am to 12 noon in aid of our charity, Kids in Action. In the hall.

LADIES BRIGHT HOUR

We meet every Thursday at 2.45 pm in the Methodist Church Hall

- 6th Members Own
13th Rev'd Claudia Lupi
20th Rose Agnew
27th To be arranged



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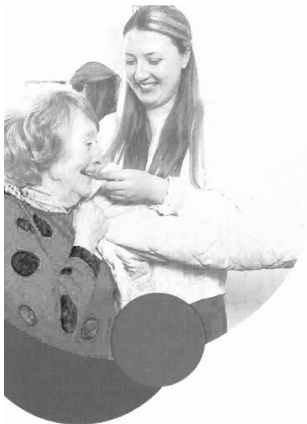
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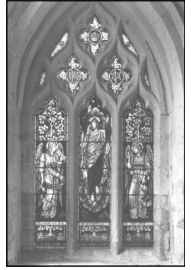


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St. Mary's Church Services

Everyone is welcome to attend the services in our beautiful village church. On 16th. October Harlington have our first joint (benefice) service with Tingrith and Westoning churches which will be held at Tingrith Church (see website for further details). October's services are:



- 2nd 8 am Book of Common Prayer morning prayer
9 am Family Breakfast Club in Parish Rooms
9.30 am Sunday worship Service of the Word
- 9th 9.30 am Holy Communion
- 16th 10.30 am Joint service at Tingrith church (Harlington, Westoning, Tingrith)
[9.30 am Morning Prayer at St. Mary's if unable to attend main service]
- 23rd 9.30 am Sunday worship Service of the Word
- 30th 9.30 am Holy Communion

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, Tricia Murphy tricia.murphy5@ntlworld.com or Neil Walter walterfamily@btinternet.com, or the Church Reader Dr. Robert Johns robert@harlingtonchurch.org. Alternatively email 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.

Dr Robert Johns (Reader), Tricia Murphy and Neil Walter (Church Wardens)

St Mary's Churchwarden

St Mary's Church



Churchyard: The ground nesting ivy bees are back – and more of them this year! They took over the ground either side of the main path to the west door, 100s of them. I can't remember how long they stay, but it may still be worth taking a look if you're passing. It's quite a sight and one which I find fascinating. Why do bees hum? **Because they can't remember the words.....**

Harvest Supper: Saturday 1st October in church at 6.30pm. This is a 'bring and share' supper, where we share what folk bring along. Hot drinks and juice will be available, but you can bring your own drink if you prefer. You can also bring a favourite - and relevant - poem, joke or some favourite music on CD. On Sunday 2nd Oct, our Harvest Messy Breakfast is at 9am in the Parish Hall and Harvest service in church at 9.30am.

History Exhibition on Remembrance Day, 13th November: Following the service at the War Memorial on Sunday 13th November, there will be a free exhibition in the Parish Hall from 11.15am – 4pm with artifacts and information about some aspects of Harlington's history. More information will be in the November Contact, and all are welcome. Refreshments served all day and possibly some more Bedfordshire clangers. (You can 'Google' what they are!...)

Christmas Tree Festival: Sat 3rd and Sunday 4th December. I'm sorry I've mentioned THAT word, but village groups need time to prepare and think about taking part this year. Our theme for 2022 is "Christmas Carols", so get your thinking caps on. I shall be sending out entry forms in due course, but if you haven't received one and would like to create a Christmas tree for this special weekend, then please get in touch. tricia.murphy5@ntlworld.com.

Recycling: sorry to mention this again, but just to remind everyone that we cannot recycle plastic wrappers from vegetables or fruit, or things like pepperoni! You can now recycle other plastics in many supermarkets. Thank you.

We are looking forward to another St Mary's wedding at the end of October, and wish Laura and Anthony a wonderful day of celebration, and much happiness in their future life together. The church is here for you. If you'd like private time for prayer, or to talk to someone from our prayer or leadership team, please get in touch.

Best wishes, Tricia Churchwarden

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Village Diary

October

1 st Harvest Supper	St. Mary's Church 6.30 pm
2 nd Family Breakfast	Parish Hall 9 am
4 th Flittabus Milton Keynes	Village Hall Car Park 9.15 am
8 th Wildlife Walk	Stockgrove 10.00am-12.00 Noon
10 th Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 - 4 pm
15 th Messy Church	Methodist Church and Halls 4 – 6 pm
16 th HHT Talk	Harlington Village Hall 3 pm
20 th HLS meeting	HLS Hall 7 pm
24 th Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 - 4 pm
29 th HiB Winter Bedding	Meet Village Hall 10.00 am – 12 noon
29 th Coffee Morning	Methodist Church 10 am – 12 Noon
30 th Halloween Fayre	Harlington Village Hall 1 - 5 pm
30 th Seed Collecting	Houghton Conquest (TL044412) 9.45 am-3.00 pm,

November

6 th Family Breakfast	Parish Hall 9 am
11 th HGS AGM	
12 th HiB Memorial Bed	Meet Village Hall 10.00 – 12 noon
13 th Exhibition	Parish Hall 11.15 am – 4 pm
20 th HHT Talk	Harlington Village Hall 3 pm

If you want your events included here, send details to the editor by 10th October. 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 NOVEMBER 2022 DATES TO THE MAGAZINE BY
10TH OCTOBER**

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Warms the low spot; upon its grassy mold
The purple oak-leaf falls; the birchen bough
drops its bright spoil like arrow-heads of gold."
- *William Cullen Bryant*