

Editorial

Dear Villagers,

Budget and forecasting time of year, and with the increases in the cost of printing we're back down to the smaller number of pages. I'm sure everyone is trying to save at present.

Restrictions notwithstanding, there is a long introduction to our new Methodist Minister. What would you have wanted to cut out? You will no doubt see her around the village from time to time.

For those of you who don't see Facebook, I'm sure you will be sad to hear of the death of Sylvia Giles, who passed away last month at the age of 89. I'm sure that many will remember her from the shop, as I do.

November brings our Remembrance Services. If anyone wants to lay a wreath at the War Memorial, please let me know so I can make sure you are included in the ceremony.

We are still a busy village, but please remember that for things to continue we need volunteers. Fancy a go at something?

Clive.

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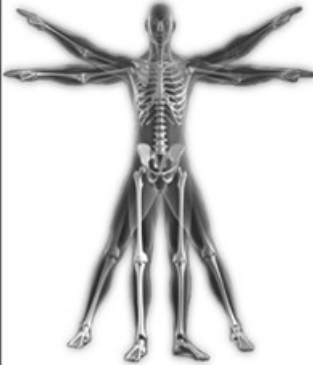
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Letter from the New Methodist Minister

Dear friends, I will try to introduce myself and my background, explaining how God has ripened my vocation. Thanks to the experiences God has allowed me, faith has become very concrete in my life; faith for me also means action.

FIRST STEP: Familiar/ecclesiastic

I grew up in Italy in a Protestant family, in a spiritual home, where attending Church, praying before a meal, gathering to read the Bible, saying thanks to the Lord for something beautiful, or asking help in the difficulties were natural, daily things. Besides, I am a daughter of two Waldensian Presbyters.

My family lived the Gospel. Since childhood, people knocked at our door. People sat at our table for just lunch or lived with us for months, even for years. They were often poor, hungry, foreigners who fled from countries such as Tunisia, Morocco and Albania. This openness shaped the way I see my relationship with others and showed a model of life which has given me deep sensitivity.

One story. A boy in our congregation was found almost dead of an overdose. Giuseppe did not want to go to a centre for drug addicts. My father spoke with him for a long time and convinced him to go to the hospital to detoxify. The pact was that, after this, he would come and live in our house. My father had attended a special course about the problems of drugs and told us what we needed to know, to do and to tell in our relationship with him. My mother spent hours speaking and listening to him. One night Giuseppe and I put our heads out of the window, staring at the moon. He unexpectedly started to cry saying: "God, who has never existed for me, is suddenly speaking with me. Claudia, you and your family have welcomed me as a member of your family giving me a new possibility of resurrection. In this night of stars, I can see the joy in your hugs and smiles and discover what friendship is. Here, I see God who can give meaning to the nonsense with his strength, and light after the darkness I have lived in the last seven years." At that moment, I knew I wanted to become a bringer of hope to those who lived in the dark.

Another childhood memory: a member of our congregation, a poor peasant, is ill and in bed. She is worried and afraid of losing her harvest. I see my mum, her Presbyter, picking tomatoes in her field ... for hours and hours. This was another example of vocation for me. I realised that pastoral work can start and finish where we want. In my Ministry, I definitely want to remember this example of love and humbleness that God put in front of my eyes.

When I think about my vocation in action, I think of Jesus feeding the five thousand. The touching sign for me is not the multiplication, but the sharing! I think that until there are people able to accept dialogue, meeting and welcome, we will not move toward the Kingdom. I am convinced that we can know God more in sharing than in everything else. Like the apostle Paul says: "I may have all the faith needed to move mountains, but if I have no love, I am nothing".

Rev Claudia Lupi

As my parents were both Presbyters we often moved. Because of this, I have rarely visited my own grandparents or aunts or cousins. They were always far from us. But I have so many aunts and cousins and grandparents in my memories. These were the brothers and sisters of our Churches. My family and I had many moments of joy and some moments of difficulty, but the Church was always there. The congregations have been singing of God's grace! This was my Church model and still is now.

SECOND STEP: Social

As a teenager I looked to strengthen and broaden my experiences. In Naples, I worked as a volunteer in a Methodist centre, "Incontri" (meetings). I was a high-school student, but I went to this centre every time I could. There were prostitutes, ill of AIDS, and prisoners (in part-time freedom, but serving a lifetime sentence). From these people, I learned what uncertainty, fear, pain, exploitation, and hunger were. I also understood what it meant to desire a new life and to start over again.

Living with people with discomforts I learned, little by little, to refer myself to them without fear, but with huge joy. I especially have a strong memory of Emanuele. He was a prisoner. I remember spending some days, looking at the hands of Emanuele who had killed a man by cutting his head. After a while, I discovered that he was not a killer for me anymore, but a man with his sensitiveness. I was suddenly aware that, beyond the barriers of prejudice existed understanding, listening and love.

Speaking with him, I noticed how much I cared about him. So I wondered: Why should God not love him? Why would God not love and forgive Emmanuele who was sorry for his past? After understanding this, I announced to Emanuele "the Lord of love" with incredible joy. I discovered how it is beautiful to announce a God of grace and how the Holy Spirit acts where you do not expect it.

During my studies I decided to work as a volunteer with abandoned minors (Cooperative Social Association "Il Simbolo" Pisa). This was a Catholic place. I remember my frustration because they did not allow me to pray, I could not freely speak about God, only the Catholic chaplain could. This situation confirmed my calling to be a Presbyter. Later I had the opportunity to work with juvenile offenders (especially Albanians) as an occasional social worker in the emergency section for three months. Here I learned to measure my limits and my strength.

I chose a new experience in a period of emergency during the Kosovo war. I worked as a volunteer with 40 people who escaped from this war in a Baptist Centre (Campi di Annibale - close to Roma) for some months. For once, although I was not watching the news on television, I could see the looks of those people with my own eyes. I could catch what those eyes expressed and I could understand which feelings the war could raise. The children's drawings were also a witness of this! It was a strong experience that helped me to understand the war and all its problems and taught me a lot about my self-control.

Letter ctd. *plus* St. Mary's Family Team

People were often nervous and sometimes violent. The loss of their dear ones and their houses understandably brought anger and pain. It once happened that a man hurled me to the floor because he did not want to respect the rota for cleaning the centre. Here I discovered how much love these people needed in spite of their behaviours. God always pushed me to act with love and patience often transforming my upset into love.

In all these moments of my life, I fully lived the solidarity through hugs, tears and friendship. For me, it is important to stay in contact with the people who are in pain, who are alone, who suffer for different reasons, those at the margin of society, also those discriminated against because of race, gender and sexual orientation, those unjustly judged by individuals and sometimes even by church, in order to share with them what I own, to bring hope and dignity and give them my time, my capacity to listen, my practical help.

I believe in community work, and I think it has to be done with other denominations/confessions and with the help of the community itself, regardless of their faith. We are on the same journey and we must help one another!

Rev. Claudia Lupi

St. Mary's Family Team

Our Harvest Messy Breakfast at the beginning of October was such a lovely occasion. We had lots of fun listening to the story of Basil the Branch, we made some autumn wreaths and some edible fruits made from fondant icing.

Our next session is listed below – another breakfast and yes, we will make sure we don't run out of sausages but please put the December date in your diary as well.

December will be in the afternoon – probably around 3:30ish but time to be confirmed. We will go into church to see how our Christmas Tree did as we will be making decorations for our entry at our November session and helping finish off the Christmas Tree Festival. Watch out for the final details shortly.

Dates for your Diary.

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

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 contact us if there is anything we can do for you.

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Two day trips this month to Ely Cathedral and the Christmas Gift and Food Fair: Friday 18 *and* Saturday 19 November 2022.

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Brain Tumour Research *plus* HHT



Apologies



I am really sorry I am unable to organise a coffee morning this autumn in the village

hall or on my drive. However if you would still like to support the charity and buy a pack or 2 of their Christmas cards I will have a variety of cards available £4.50 per pack of 10 cards of all the same design from half term and onwards and can be purchased by phoning [01525 875404](tel:01525875404) or [07763326980](tel:07763326980) to arrange a visit or you can chance knocking the door of [132 Goswell End Road](https://www.goswellend.co.uk) to see if I am at home!!

Another request: my watering can has gone missing this time! If you have it I really would appreciate its return. I have been out and bought a permanent marker to ensure there is no further confusion about what is up for grabs!

Also please keep calling in to check out the plants, there is a lovely display at the moment, and I have been promised some pansies and violas soon to arrive when they are big enough. I and my lovely friends have been splitting plants and digging up new seedlings from our gardens so when they are strong enough there will be achemilla mollis, verbena, Christmas box, skimmias, dianthus, aquilegia to name but a few. We are also gathering seeds from our gardens, so there could be lupins, poppies, hollyhocks, marigolds as well as runner bean plants. Lets hope 2023 is a better year for our runner beans and vegetables!!

Again thank you to everyone who supports whether by providing help, plants or produce or by donating for those plants, produce or Christmas cards. I need you all to keep this wheel turning!!

Best wishes

Jane, Alice, Emma and Lewis

Harlington Heritage Trust

The talk on Sunday 20 November will be by Mike Payne, entitled “The History of Pinewood Studios”. It 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 talk.

Saturday 10 December will be the Christmas Social, for members only. It will be held in Harlington **Village** Hall from 19.30 and will include food and drink.

HHT events for 2023 will be publicised in the HHT members’ newsletter, ‘Contact’ magazine and the HHT website.

Sundon Medical Centre *plus* HGS

***Sundon Medical Centre
and Harlington Surgery***

**New Appointments
available at the Doctors**



As some of you may be aware, the government has asked GP surgeries to offer an Extended Access service. Extended access is the offer of pre-bookable appointments outside of our core contractual hours. These can be either early morning, evening or weekends.

Harlington and Sundon Medical Centre will be working in conjunction with five other Luton practices (Bute House Medical Centre, Oakley Surgery, Leagrave Surgery, Lister House Surgery and Dr Mirza's Practice), which make up the Hatters Health Primary Care Network.

Hatters Health PCN will be contacting patients through text, telephone calls or post, to invite targeted groups of patients for appointments, which can be at any of the surgeries mentioned. These appointments can range from diabetes and lifestyle educational evenings, NHS health checks, and women's or men's health sessions, to name a few of the services that are to be offered. I hope Harlington patients will take advantage of this service.

It is also time when covid boosters are due again. Harlington and Sundon Medical Centre intend to put on limited covid booster clinics. To attend the covid clinics you must fall into one of the following categories,

- aged 65 and over
- be immuno-suppressed
- living with an immuno-suppressed person

We will contact patients when these clinics are available to offer appointments.

If you have any queries about whether you are eligible or not for the vaccination, please speak to our reception team. Any eligible groups must have previously received a primary vaccination and previous covid boosters.

Sharlene Clarke, Practice Manager, Sundon Medical

Harlington Gardeners' Society

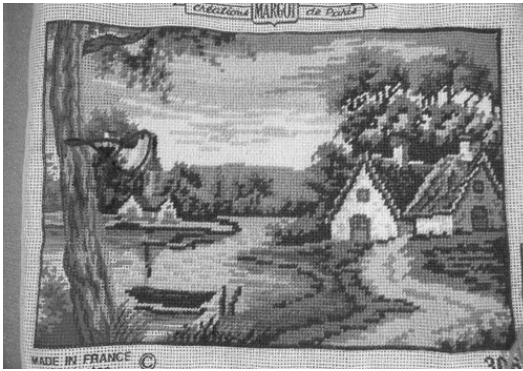


AGM

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

Tony Roberts – HGS Secretary

Crafternoon Tea *plus* HVH 100 Club



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. You may find all sorts of crafts on the go, and if you want to learn a new craft, there may well be someone who can help. Refreshments will be served at each meeting.

The last time I took a picture of this tapestry was in March 2019. It has progressed since then – if you still have your Contact for April 2019, you can see the edge of the cottages completed, and most of the water still incomplete. (That picture only shows a small area.)

However, I hadn't touched it for over a year when I got it out a week ago for something to do at the other craft club I am a member of.

As you can see, it is almost complete. I have been asked what I will do with it – how do I prepare it for framing. The answer is, that I don't! I take it to Flitwick market, where there is a picture-framer's stall, and arrange for it to be stretched and framed. They are really good, so if you are not up to framing your work, but would like to display it, that is one suggestion!

Our November meetings will be 7th and 21st. The first meeting in December will be 5th. 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>

HVH 100 Club

The August winner of the 100 club was no 22 held by Rita Hart. The September winner was no 82 held by Ron Kennedy.

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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Jean Carrington 23rd Oct 1934 - 20th August 2022

This is an abridged version of a tribute written by Jean's daughter Dawn, and read at Jean's funeral.

Jean, christened Jean Mary Miller was born in Southall, West London in 1934. She was a talented athlete and sportsperson, and loved to be physically active. She shared a lifelong love of square dancing with her older brother Ken, and met her husband Roy at a square dance in the mid 1950s. They married in 1960, and moved to Luton.

Their daughter Dawn was born in 1964 and Jean was a stay at home mum. She was very artistic, but was unable to pursue a career in her favourite subjects of needlework or art. This didn't stop her expressing her creativity, and she made most of the family's clothes. Then in 1974, Jean won a house buying competition in the Daily Express which meant they could move to Harlington, where houses cost a bit more!

Jean threw herself wholeheartedly into village life, making many new friends, participating in and helping to organise countless clubs and activities including the WI, Arts and Crafts, and a badminton club. She attended square dancing groups as well as volunteering for numerous committees including the Village Fete and annual Flower and Veg Show. After Roy's death in 2005, Jean continued to be very active in the village; in St Mary's Church, the choir, an art class, a music class, the U3A, a debating group, and the Strollers walking group.

Jean was always beautifully dressed and known for her sense of style. She was also very caring, with a beautiful smile, and had the ability to talk to anyone and put them at their ease. She loved and valued her family and friends, and especially her daughter Dawn. Her compassion extended to animals and wildlife. She fed generations of hedgehogs and birds in her garden and particularly loved rabbits and budgies. Another of her great loves was Cliff Richard - she had been a fan of his since 1958. Jean was still going to his live concerts in her 80s.

Dawn moved to America in 2000, and Jean travelled to New York annually until prevented by health. She suffering a stroke early in 2022, and moved into a care home, where she gained a reputation for being 'the resident with the most friends and visitors'. She is now reunited with her husband and soul mate Roy.

Jean is very much missed by her many friends and family and I shall fondly remember Jean greeting me at her front door with her house rabbit cradled on her shoulder, and her budgie calling in the background. I knew Jean through several groups, including the Village Show Committee and St Mary's Church. She was unfailingly kind, generous and caring, making time for everyone. Thank you Jean - we shall miss you. Tricia Murphy

Harlington in Bloom, HAC, Wellbeing Walks



Thanks again to the Harlington Upper School students helping us out on a Wednesday.

We had a good evening for the AWARDS in late September. Congratulations again to

everyone for their successes. After the presentations, we enjoyed some refreshments. It is great now having a dedicated screen in the Village Hall for the PowerPoint! We look forward to seeing you at the Winter Bed planting and the final work party in November.

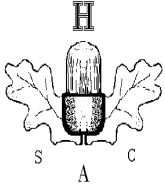


Dates for your Diary

12 November 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!

Harlington Art and Crafts



In September we had an interesting demonstration by Nicky Hunter, a watercolour artist who specialises in flowers.

On Thursday 24th November we have a Wire Linked Jewellery workshop with Lyn Symonds.

We meet in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Members free, and non-members £8. Everyone welcome.

Ramblers Wellbeing Walks—Walking 4 Health



We always aim to offer two Walks each week, 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.

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The good news is we have a five year plan being prepared to preserve our little piece of local history, and we also have a very small team of volunteers with a variety of skills who have come together from the village and surrounds who are passionate about maintaining our precious church.

Please contact us if you would like to make suggestions or join our team of volunteers in any capacity by contacting admin@harlingtonchurch.org.

Messy Church News *plus* Christmas Toy Appeal



September's Messy Church had a harvest theme. Our key story was the parable of the wheat and the weeds, but our activities covered animals as well as plants, since God made them too. We had chocolate mousse to represent soil, with green coconut (we couldn't

find green sugar sprinkles!) scattered on top to look like plants growing. We planted cress seeds, made leaf prints, coloured pictures of animals, made marzipan fruit, made collages and wheat and weeds headdresses to help with the story. We sang harvest songs in the celebration as well.

Then we had tea.

Our next Messy Church will be on the 19th November, when we will get ready for Advent, which starts on the last Sunday of November. Advent is the time when we get ready for... (but perhaps we won't mention that yet). 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 still available if you want to find it. 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.

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



Luton Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal

St Mary's Church is collecting toy donations again this year, for the Salvation Army appeal. In December 2021, Luton Salvation Army provided toy parcels for 1400 children in and around Luton, with the donations totalling about 6000 toys. The presents are for children unlikely to receive any this year for various reasons, which is so sad. It's so hard for all families this year, but just one present would mean so much.

Toys should be for children from birth to 16 years. Presents must be new and unwrapped, and can be delivered to the church when open for a service, or left in the labelled collection box in the south porch entrance any Sunday between now and November 27th from 9 - 5pm. Alternatively, please drop any donations off at 70 Lincoln Way or 43 Barton Road. Just to know a child is going to have something to open on Christmas morning is very special.

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The Great Big Garage Sale *plus* CAB

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Garage Sale, which raised a fantastic £1090.00, thanks to all the amazing things we were given to sell, and the very generous 40 Raffle Prizes. Everything that wasn't sold has been passed on to other charities, including Keech Hospice Care, Age UK Luton, the Keech Charity Shop, Sundon, Barnardo's Charity Shop, Sue Ryder Charity Shop, Hula, and the Homeless in Bedford, also a couple of local fund raisers have taken several items, so nothing has been wasted.

As always my thanks go to the many helpers who worked so hard setting up, selling on the day and later dismantling everything, and delivering to the charity shops.

Again we were able to add a further £710 from the sale of Jam, Marmalade and donations, making a Grand Total of £1800.00 which has been divided between the MS Therapy Centre in Bedford, and four local groups.

Thanks again to everyone who supports us.

Gwen Gray.

New CAB Advice Surgeries in Toddington

Working with the Dunstable Citizens Advice Team, we are delighted to bring a trial service to Toddington. This was something I was keen to promote, especially as it will bring advice at a time when so many are worried about coping with the cost of living increases and fuel price rises etc. However, the CAB advisers are able to provide advice on many issues, including **Benefits, Housing, Debt, Consumer, Employment, Relationships & Family** and much more!

Please share this with family, friends and neighbours that might also benefit.

Best Regards, Cllr Silvia Collins (silvia.collins@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

If you live in Harlington and transport to your appointment is a problem, then Harlington Neighbourhood Help (HNH) have kindly offered to try and help out. Please contact them on 07849 835410



Toddington Advice Surgery dates:

- Monday 31st October, 3pm – 6pm
- Monday 28th November, 3pm – 6pm
- Monday 19th December, 3pm – 6pm

To book an appointment please call the reception team at Dunstable Citizens Advice on 01582 670003

LIFE Church *plus* Roads etc. Correspondence



LIFE CHURCH HARLINGTON

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

Everyone welcome

NOVEMBER

6th - Polly Oliver

13th - Remembrance Sunday

20th - Dan Harris

27th - Trevor Withers

Wednesday 7pm Prayer meeting continues to meet on Zoom.

For more information check us out on our website.

You can also contact us through our website if you have any prayer requests or would like to talk to someone

www.life-church-harlington.com

Roads and Traffic Correspondence

Ben (Callender CBC Area 2 Team),

I would like to thank you and your team for the prompt attention to the median line on Church Road adjacent to Harlington Church where the road does a dog-leg.

The work was executed well, quickly and is already serving its purpose judging by the limited observation of a couple of dozen cars that were keeping (more or less) to their side of the road as a result.

Please pass on my thanks to all those concerned.

Best Regards

Graham Cooper

Dear Sir

I am not a Parish nor County Councillor and judging by correspondence re Roads and Traffic in your September issue, who would want to be?

Yours faithfully

Brian McFarland

Methodist Church *plus* Pram Service

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.



NOVEMBER preachers are:

- 6th 10 am Come and See led by Clive and Tina
6 pm Evening Service with Holy Communion led by Rev Claudia Lupi
13th 10.50 am at War Memorial followed by United Service in St. Mary's
6 pm United Bunyan Service at St. Mary's
20th 10 am Service including Holy Communion led by Rev Claudia Lupi
27th 10 am Tina Salmon

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 our printed service emailed to you.

COFFEE MORNING 26th November, 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

- 3rd Hilary Tuohy from Age UK
10th Catherine Roots
17th Sam Walters from Azalea
24th Russell Preston



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

Pram Service (0-4 Carol Service)

Our Carol Service for the 0—4 s and their mums, dads or others will be at the Methodist Church on Friday 2nd December, at 10 for 10.15 am, followed by refreshments in the Hall. Songs, music, story, mince pies. All 0—4s welcome (bring your own adult!)

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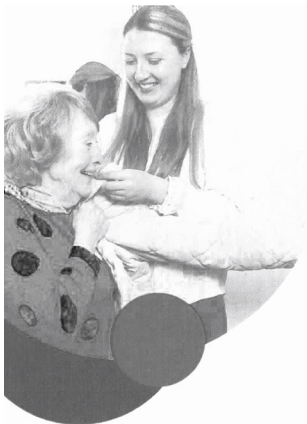
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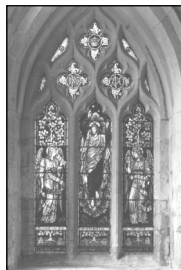


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St. Mary's Church Services

Everyone is welcome to attend the services in our beautiful village church. This month includes Remembrance Sunday when we have two special services. November's services are:



- 6th 8 am Book of Common Prayer service
9 am Family Breakfast Club in Parish Rooms
9.30 am Holy Communion
- 13th 10.55 am Remembrance Sunday at the village war memorial
11.10 am Remembrance Sunday service in church
6 pm Bunyan Remembrance Sunday joint service with Methodist Church including contributions from the Quintet choir
- 20th 9.30 am Holy Communion
27th 9.30 am Holy Communion

Wednesdays

Every Wednesday 10 am 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: there's not quite so much going on at this time of year with the wildlife, although with all the leaves steadily falling, it's time to check the drain-pipes, gutters and drains to prevent them getting blocked! We'll also be carrying out our annual hedge trimming one Saturday morning, hopefully at the end of October, but it may be into November. We really appreciate drivers slowing down and taking care when they pass by.

In Loving Memory Service: Sunday October 30th at 5pm. If you would like a loved one remembered, please give their name(s) via rob-ert@harlingtonchurch.org. This is a service of reflection and thankfulness for the lives of those who have meant so much to us. It is a simple, short service with candles lit for every life remembered. Email us if you'd like further information, and see posters for details.

Remembrance Service: Sunday 13th November 11.10am in church after the service at the War Memorial. This is followed in the evening with a special reflective **Bunyan Remembrance Service** at 6pm.

History Exhibition: Sunday Nov 13th 11.15am – 4pm in the Parish Hall. A free exhibition with historical information about Harlington, past residents, and various aspects of villagers' lives, including the various churches. Stalls for honey and preserves, reps from the Beds Family History Association, and a model train layout. Refreshments available including 'Harlington pasties' and home made cakes, teas, coffees.

Christmas Tree Festival: Sat 3rd and Sunday 4th December. Many thanks to everyone who sent an entry form promptly – you're definitely more organised than I am! If your group or business etc hasn't received the Festival information and you would like to join us that weekend, please do get in touch. tricia.murphy5@ntlworld.com. **Celebration Finale:** the Festival ends on Sunday 4th at 5pm with a celebration of carols, stories and poems to which all are welcome. Also, if you would like to donate a raffle prize beforehand, any would be gratefully received, thank you. Do you know why the choir cancelled their carol concert? They all caught tinsellititus!

Christmas services and events: please check our website, or the noticeboard outside church, for Christmas service information.

Best wishes, Tricia Churchwarden

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Village Diary *plus* Harlington Performs

November

1 st Flittabus Milton Keynes	Village Hall Car Park 9.15 am
6 th Family Breakfast	Parish Hall 9 am
7 th Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 - 4 pm
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
19 th Messy Church	Methodist Church and Halls 4 – 6 pm
20 th HHT Talk	Harlington Village Hall 3 pm
21 st Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 - 4 pm
21 st Wildlife Talk	St. Mary's Church Hall, Maulden
23 rd Light Supper	Friends of St. Mary's
24 th HAC Workshop	Parish Hall 7.30 pm
26 th Coffee Morning	Methodist Church 10 am – 12 Noon
28 th CAB Advice Surgery	Toddington (See ad re booking)

December

2 nd Pram Service(0 – 4s Carol Service)	Methodist Church 10.15 am
4 th Family Afternoon Tea	Parish Hall
5 th Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 - 4 pm
10 th HHT Members Social	Harlington Village Hall 7.30 pm
17 th Messy Church	Methodist Church and Halls 4 – 6 pm
18 th Outdoor Nativity	Harlington Village Hall 6.30 pm
19 th CAB Advice Surgery	Toddington (See ad re booking)
21 st SA Carols	Outside Shops 6.30pm
29 th Play in a day	Harlington Village Hall 10 am

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

Harlington Performs Pantomime

Harlington Performs is back for its 36th year with their annual pantomime. This year we present Jack and the Beanstalk on the 2nd December 7.30pm and 3rd December with a 2pm matinee and a 7.30pm evening performance. Tickets will be going on sale on Friday 4th November from Bradshaws and online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/harlington-perf. £9 adults and £7 concessions. Do please buy in advance as we tend to sell out. We look forward to kick starting your Christmas countdown at the village hall.