

# Editorial

Dear Villagers,

Tina and I were just thinking about services at the Methodist Church over the next couple of weeks. We've recently looked at "The Methodist Way of Live" (check past services on YouTube!!). One of the (twelve) points in this is "Look after yourself and others".

Harlington is a good village for this. It is a place you can look after yourself. There are walks to take, fitness activities of various sorts, places and groups to meet other people, and so on.

But it also provides opportunities to look after others and many people do this, although, as you can see in this and previous editions, there is always a need for more.

I might also mention the other dimension of care, mental and spiritual. We all need these as well. We have the churches, what else might we have?

Clive.

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# Letter from the Life Church

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A few weeks ago great fun was had during a car journey with two of our grandchildren. They were both very tired and as it was late afternoon we were trying to keep them awake to avoid a nap so close to bedtime. We started singing loudly, any song we could remember much to the amusement of anyone who could hear or see us. During the journey we came across a series of traffic lights that drew the car to a stop and we waited for the lights to turn from red to green.

We had also come to a halt with the singing as our repertoire had come to an end. Suddenly a new song started to emerge involving red, yellow, green lights and stop, wait and go. From that moment every time we make a journey with the grandchildren and we encounter traffic lights the song is sung with great gusto and laughter.

Reflecting on this experience reminds me of when I pray. I love to spend time talking and listening to God our Heavenly Father, I will talk about my day and the challenges ahead, my family, friends, and anything that is on my mind. I will also listen and pray for his guidance.

As a child I attended Sunday school and I have clear memories of being taught to put my hands together, then simply construct my prayer by saying sorry, thank you and please. Praying is not all about presenting a shopping list of all our desires and wants to God but also a time to listen to his heart for us.

Just like the traffic light song, God will answer our prayers with the traffic light - red is a no, yellow is wait a while and green is yes go for it. Often we don't understand why he answers our prayers in unexpected ways but we need to remember that he knows the future and the bigger picture. We need to trust his answer as he is our Heavenly Father and knows what is best for us. September is the start of new beginnings for many of us - a new school year or the start of autumn. It can feel daunting and overwhelming as we all step forward but keep praying and trusting our Heavenly Father.

Love and prayers

Carol Gibbs

Leader Life Church Harlington

*Proverbs 3.5*

*Trust in the lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.*

If you are interested in praying daily but find it hard to do, a thing I have found useful is an app called Lectio 365. You will find it guides and leads you as you pray daily.

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## How It All Began - Part 2

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Summer of 1977 brought the Revd. Peter Stokes and his wife Margaret to Harlington. Having given them time to settle in I met with Peter and he enthusiastically agreed to speak to the Revd. D. Ford and members of the Christian Council (CTinH now) everyone agreed and so the work began.



We had a large team of people from both churches and it all seemed to work like clockwork. Articles were written, interviews given, reports from the organisations and the Lower School received.



The text was typed on my portable typewriter on A5 sheets which then went into the 'Blue Folder', passed to Kathy Webster who then typed up the pages on a Roneo 'skin'. The skin was then put into the machine and the pages printed. The Roneo machine in the Vicarage was vintage, there was never a month when the printing was straightforward. We spent



many an hour coaxing and persuading the machine to print. I believe we even kicked it a few times! However in the end we managed to print the pages ready for collating.

A team of eight sat around the dining room table in the vicarage to collate all the pages. Margaret Stokes was known to be a wonderful baker and she kept the team going with her tea and cakes. I cannot remember all the team members but I do know Stella Inwards was there as we still reminisce occasionally. There was always a great deal of fun and laughter. When all was collated and in bundles according to roads, they were taken to the distributors, much as they are done today by Debbie Miles, after she receives them from the printers.

The first CONTACT magazine was free but we had to charge 5p a copy to cover our costs thereafter as our advertising was minimal. By the time we changed to being a free magazine we were charging 50p. The challenge of a second magazine in the village caused us to rethink how we would keep CONTACT going and we have survived. There are many people in the village associated with the magazine throughout the years including our current management team, who deserve our thanks that Contact is still in paper format and online today.

Vicky Yorke

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# Harlington Lower & Sundon School Football Club

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School's back and so are we! Football - more than most sports - provides kids of all ages with the chance to enjoy themselves, learn skills and make new friends. At HL&S FC we offer children an introduction to football, allowing them to have fun with their classmates whilst learning a new sport. Any child from reception class to year 4 (4-9 years) can join us for free on a Saturday morning at Harlington Lower School. We have mixed teams for each age group and are growing our all-girl teams. As kids get older and progress through the club, they have the chance to play matches against other teams, helping them



develop an understanding of teamwork and improve communication skills and confidence.



The club is affiliated to the two village schools, but is not a school team, and accepts any children from the two villages, or local area. We are an FA-accredited club, run by volunteer parents, with fundraising events helping to cover running costs. All

the coaches and assistants are DBS-cleared and hold FA safeguarding and first aid qualifications. Several of the coaches have chosen to test themselves by qualifying as FA coaches, which allows the club to operate and compete in the county mini leagues. So, if your young player is interested, bring them along on a Saturday, and the coaches will be only too happy to see you. Times for each year group will appear in the schools' newsletters for the first few weeks of the new term, but as a rule the sessions are 9-10am, and 10-11am. There's no need for new kit - we can provide pre-loved boots to allow players to see what they think before committing to a new pair. Any sports kit is fine, and for those years that play league matches, team shirts and shorts will be provided.



We look forward to seeing lots of new players joining us on 9<sup>th</sup> September, with reception year following a couple of weeks later.

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## Harlington Village Show *plus* HHT

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

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2023



I am writing this in early August as we head rapidly towards Showtime on the 26th! A few entries have been received already, but the majority will have arrived just before the deadline on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>. This leads to a frenzy of writing entry cards – one for each exhibit, which can number over 500. I do hope there were that many to write, and that lots of you enjoyed entering your veg or fruit, craft, photos, etc. The winners and final results will be published in the October Contact magazine, but also on our Facebook page, which will include some photos from the Show.

The Committee would like to thank everyone who helps or contributes to the Show in any way – whether setting up, exhibiting, making cakes, serving refreshments, writing the prize cards, organising the judges etc. The list is far too long to include everything, so many thanks to everyone who helped in any way. We couldn't do it without you!

Harlington Village Show Committee Queries: Tricia 07711 511729



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## Harlington Heritage Trust

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Our next talk is Sunday 17 September in Harlington Village Hall at 15.00. John Hele will be speaking about “Seventeenth Century Ampthill – A Lively Time for Ampthill”.

The talk on Sunday 15 October has been rescheduled from last year. Mike Payne will be speaking about “The History of Pinewood Studios” in Harlington Village Hall at 15.00.

The cost to attend a talk is £4 for members and £5 for non-members, including refreshments after the talk. Other HHT events for 2023 will be publicised in the HHT members' newsletter, “Contact” magazine and the HHT website.

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# Crafternoon Tea

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Crafternoon Tea met for the first time on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016. It will be, therefore, our 7<sup>th</sup> birthday on 11<sup>th</sup> September! When we started, I didn't know how it would go – or whether anyone would come – but we have survived COVID, and thrived.

We meet fortnightly on Monday afternoons, between 2 and 4 pm, at the Methodist Church on Sundon Road. You may find all sorts of crafts on the go, and we are happy to share what skills we have with others. We have had organised lace-making sessions – but still only one of us makes lace regularly; we have had impromptu knitting and crochet lessons for individuals. Sometimes it sticks, and sometimes not! We have shared projects – knitting baby blankets and bonding squares for the neo-natal unit at the L&D; and we have admired someone else's work – this is a very frequent activity!



We have acquired materials, tools and magazines from friends, and from time to time have contributed to each other's success in finding just the right needed item – from orange yarn for chicken beaks, to a pattern for a jumper or cardigan. We have watched in awe and fascination as a doll's house was refurbished, and when the poppy wreaths from 2021 were re-purposed for Remembrance Sunday 2022.

We have inherited materials, and half-finished items, from friends and families, some of which have been completed, some await completion (like this quilt), – and some of which have been pulled apart and the materials made available for re-use. Some of us have just one craft skill, and others like to try a variety of skills.

If you are interested in craft of any kind and would like to meet with like-minded people, or would like to try a new skill or refresh an older, underused one, please drop in to any meeting. If you would like to come, but find it difficult to get to the church, please let me know – we are still operating on Zoom as well as face to face. If you would like help with transport, again, please let me know, and I will try to arrange something.

Our September meetings will be 11<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> on Zoom as well as in person, and refreshments are served at each meeting.

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



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# Brain Tumour Research

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**Brain Tumour  
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**Oh yes! Do let the rain fall down!?!**



I am taking this opportunity of a rainy day to get on with indoor jobs including writing my article for the September Contact. (I'm sure Clive will be thinking I could have written it any day this month there has been so much rain most days, but the gardens are looking good for it and now the produce is rewarding us all for our labours in the garden.) Anyway, I had earlier in the day, when it was grey but dry, been down to the allotment and picked a handful of beans, odd shaped carrots and an armful of rhubarb. I went down with my cart, a little optimistic, as I had hoped to be picking lots of courgettes and instead could have filled a carrier bag with my crop. Still, I picked more this week than last Thursday, when I went down with my grandson and he ate last week's crop of 2 carrots and 2 beans and the handful of raspberries! So do visit 132 Goswell End Road as I am hoping I will have an excess to share with you all, and I must say the flavour of homegrown fresh produce is really delicious! On this note I would like to thank Jackie and Marcus for delivering courgettes and squashes and David who brought about 10 cucumbers to support the charity and all these have been purchased and I'm sure consumed!

Thanks also to Barbara for her lovely card showing appreciation for her plants, including marigolds that she bought from outside my house and are looking "beautiful" in her garden, and also the words of encouragement for my charity work.

Thank you also to those who visit and buy plants; to date you have raised £1355.41 this year. I never cease to be amazed at the generosity of you all.

I apologise that no date has been set for a gazebo sale - I was hoping there might be some forecast of a barmy warm summers day when you could sit awhile in my garden with a cup of tea and slice of cake and browse the plants and items for sale and help to raise further funds for Brain Tumour Research, but there hasn't been any consistent weather pattern to allow this so continue to watch this space! And I look forward to welcoming you some time soon.



Until then I hope you will find peace and rest if you are holidaying and those still at work grateful not to be working in the summer heat.

Best wishes

Jane

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# Flittabus *plus* CTH Prayer Weekend

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## Prayer Weekend 21st -24<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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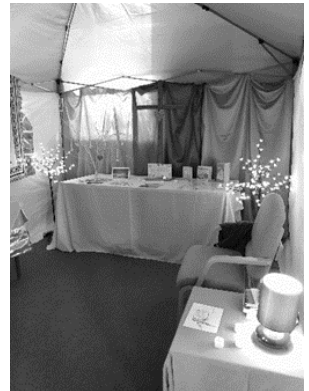
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Prayer Weekend 21st -24<sup>th</sup> September 2023 -

### HOMELESSNESS

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Each year has a different theme, this year our theme is 'HOMELESSNESS'. The weekend starts at 2pm on

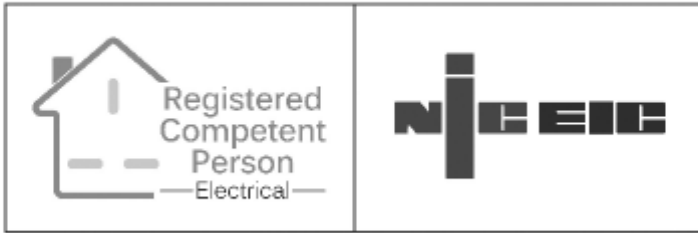
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept and finishes with a Service at 10am in the Methodist Church on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Each year a 'Prayer Tent' is erected in the Sanctuary for quiet personal prayer and we also have a creative prayer area. If you would like to spend time in prayer for the Homeless or for any other reason during our Prayer Weekend go to one of the Church Websites where you will find a link to the Time Slot Sign-up Sheet which will show you times available or contact Vicky Yorke on 07984762567 for further details.



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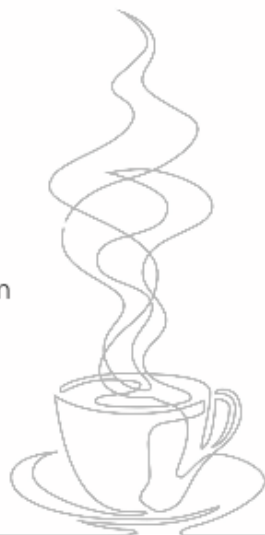
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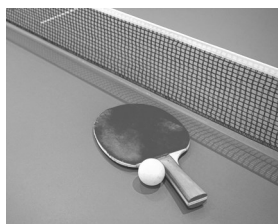
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If you have not been before and would like to join us for coffee/tea, a chat or a game of table tennis we would love to see you. We meet every Wednesday in the Parish Hall from 10 am until 12 o'clock.



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.



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# Flit Vale Wildlife *plus* HVH 100 Club

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## HVH 100 Club

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The 100 Club winner for July was number 11 belonging to Ian Finn of Sundon Road. If you wish to be part of the 100 Club and have the chance to win £50, please contact me at: [hvhtreasurer@btinternet.com](mailto:hvhtreasurer@btinternet.com). The money raised each month helps to fund the upkeep of the Village Hall.

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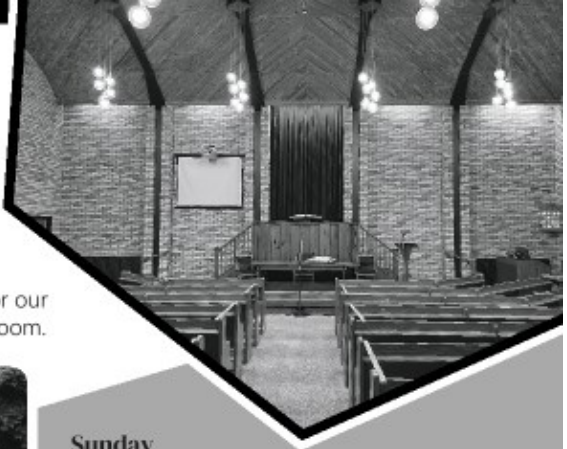
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Clinical Psychology/Deep Tissue Massage



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## Messy Church News *plus* Wellbeing Walks

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There are no pictures this month as Messy Church took a break in August. Isn't it a good thing that, while the Bible tells us that God rested on the seventh day, which became the Jewish Sabbath, and links up with us needing to rest, God doesn't, in fact, just go on holiday and leave us alone.

And while we think of Creation, our next Messy Church, at 4 pm on 16th September, will have a Harvest theme to remember all God has given us.

We try always to have a Zoom link for those who can't get to the chapel, and to livestream the celebration to YouTube, which also provides a recording. 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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## Harlington Ramblers Wellbeing Walks

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### Group Walk leaders needed for the Harlington

#### Ramblers Wellbeing Walks!

The Harlington walks happen every Friday morning and start from the Village Hall Car Park at 10.30am. They are a great way to stay fit, enjoy the village, and meet fellow residents. It is almost impossible not to feel good when we're walking outdoors – it's a natural mood-booster and a tonic for mind and body.



Whether you used to enjoy walking but have lost your fitness or want to get started to improve your wellness, we're all in it together. We're a friendly bunch so you'll get the warmest of welcomes. Everyone walks for their own reasons, whether to ward off illness, manage health conditions or boost their wellbeing. Yet we all get more out of it by walking together.

**We are now recruiting for new walk leaders to share your passion for walking as several have moved away or are unable to continue. You will get full induction training in all aspects of walk leading and lead several supervised training walks before leading a group, and we always have a back-up walk leader.**

**If interested please call 07887 708304 for more information**

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# Harlington in Bloom

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We will have had our stall at the Village Show by the time you read this. We hope people enjoyed dropping by the gazebo to chat with us about Harlington in Bloom projects. Our next event will be a weeding day on Sat 9 September: Trowel and secateurs,



spades, forks, loppers, shears, gloves, green bags all handy. We usually spend a couple of hours, but all help is welcome!

Following on from that will be the Awards Evening when we will celebrate, winners, runners up and commendations. Not all the Award winners' names/addresses are available as we go to press. Individuals will be contacted personally. But for the moment, we are delighted to share with you the following:

## Best Dry Garden.

Winner - 65 Lincoln Way (a clear winner with a good mix of features).

## Best Hanging Baskets / Containers.

Winner - 1 Daubeny Close (an exceptionally good mix of plants and colours)

2nd - 33 Lincoln Way

3rd - 43 Barton Road

## Best Front Garden.

Winner - 5 Kent Court (an excellent mix of plants for all seasons)

2nd - 9 Brian Road

3rd - 41 LincolnWay

Everyone very welcome to our events below:

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

9 September - Weeding morning Meet Village Hall car park 10am-12.00

29 September – Awards Evening 2023 Village Hall 7.30pm

11 November - Weeding/Tidy of War Memorial Meet Village Hall car park 10am-12.00

*Vivienne Dunlop on behalf of HiB Committee <https://www.facebook.com/HarlingtonInBloom/> or [judy.harfield@apertech.co.uk](mailto:judy.harfield@apertech.co.uk) (Treasurer)*

"September fattens on vines.  
Roses flake from the wall.  
The smoke of harmless fires drifts to my eyes.  
This is plenty. This is more than enough."  
- Geoffrey Hill, *September Song*

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## HNH Good Neighbours *plus* HGS

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### Volunteer drivers needed - Harlington Neighbourhood Help Good Neighbours



**Tel: 07849 835410**

We are a group of residents who drive villagers to and from appointments – for example at the doctors, hospital, dentist, optician, the vets, to go shopping, or to collect and pick up prescriptions.

**Our numbers have reduced recently due to other commitments and illness, and we *need more drivers to share the load*. It is very rewarding, and you make a big difference and get to meet new people. We pay for new volunteers to be Disclosure and Barring Service checked and are fully insured. Out of pocket expenses are reimbursed, including mileage paid at 45p per mile.**

It is up to you how much time you can commit and when, and we can accommodate drivers who only want to do very local trips.

**Please call the number above to find out more.**



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## Harlington Gardeners' Society

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Following our successful coach outing to Wisley last month we held our annual BBQ on 5<sup>th</sup> August. Due to the wet weather we had to move it inside, however 28 members enjoyed burgers, sausages and a variety of salad. We thank Peter Warren for the BBQ cooking and Carole with help from Marie for the rest of the food.

Our AGM will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> November at which we hope to have a speaker. Roger Allen has indicated that he wishes to step down as Chairman, but fortunately another member is willing to step up. However in order to continue and maintain our programme we really need other members to join the committee.

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## LIFE Church *plus* BRCC

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## LIFE CHURCH HARLINGTON

Sunday services usually at 10.30am in The Parish Rooms

All Welcome

### September

3rd - Communion, Prayer and Share

10th - Word Sunday

17th - Carol Gibbs

24th - Prayer Weekend United Service at Methodist Church 10am  
Speaker Christian Bredenkamp

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](http://www.life-church-harlington.com)

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## Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity

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Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity is 70! Celebrate with their Platinum Ball on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Beds RCC was originally set up in 1953 as part of the Rural Community Councils set up across the United Kingdom. The Platinum Ball is Beds RCC's main celebratory event of the year and will be held at The Bedford Swan Hotel, overlooking the River Great Ouse.

There are limited tickets available, so book your ticket soon. Tickets are £85 per person and include a drinks reception, three course dinner, after dinner entertainment, DJ, silent auction and raffle. Purchase your ticket here:

[www.bedsrcc.org.uk/ball](http://www.bedsrcc.org.uk/ball)

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# Methodist Church

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We meet in person in the church and also have people join on Zoom, or view the service on YouTube for morning services. Everyone is welcome.



## SEPTEMBER preachers are:

- 3rd 10 am Come and See led by Clive and Tina  
6 pm Evening Service with Holy Communion led by Rev. Claudia Lupi  
10th 10 am Local Arrangement  
17th 10 am Morning Service with Holy Communion led by Rev. Claudia Lupi  
24th 10 am United Service to celebrate the end of the 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](mailto: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.

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**COFFEE MORNING** 30th September, from 10 am to 12 noon, in the hall

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## LADIES BRIGHT HOUR

- 7th. - TBA  
14th - Nigel Bibbings  
21st – Colin Quine  
28th - Patrick Kandeh



Why not come and join us at 2.45pm in the Methodist Hall for an interesting and informative afternoon, friendliness and tea and biscuits

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## ROOM BOOKINGS

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

"Happy we who can bask in this warm September sun, which illumines all creatures, as well when they rest as when they toil, not without a feeling of gratitude; whose life is as blameless, how blameworthy soever it may be, on the Lord's Mona-day as on his Suna-day."

- Henry David Thoreau, 1817-1862

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# St Mary's Churchwarden

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## St Mary's Church



**Churchyard:** the Pyramidal Orchid is one of our commonest and most widespread wild orchids, but it was still lovely to see some flowering in the churchyard recently among the primrose plants. Unfortunately, the churchyard isn't the quiet oasis it normally is, with the stone masons on site, but I have to say they are doing a challenging job with cheerfulness and good humour. By the way, why did the rock go to jail?.....The quartz found him guilty!

**South porch repairs and restoration:** I know some folk who saw the uncovered stone work have expressed disappointment that it will eventually be hidden under new rendering – but this time the breathable kind thankfully. The original stone work consists of Ironstone and Totternhoe clunch, both of which 'weather' badly and tend to crumble and split. The safest and most cost effective way of making it secure and weatherproof is to use breathable rendering. It makes me wonder how long the original builders thought their handiwork would last! Did they think it would last for 850 years? We are so very grateful to the following charities who have awarded grants towards this work, (which will cost around £60,000); the Benefact Trust, the Francis Charitable Foundation and the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust.

**Social events:** *Harlington Manor Tour.* Many thanks to David Blakeman for kindly leading 2 guided tours of Harlington Manor in August, in aid of our Restoration Fund. The house has an absorbing history through the centuries, not least the association with John Bunyan, and David is very knowledgeable when explaining its fascinating history. Both tours were fully booked and I think the final raised will be over £500 which is amazing – thank you David.

**Gift Day 2023:** **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 10am-4pm.** At the end of August, you'll receive a letter through your door explaining what our Gift Day is all about. The church will be open from 10am-4pm, with live organ music at various times, refreshments and home made cake, and different activities for children and families. Help us finish our 'Church of Coins' as we complete a picture of the church with any spare change. There will be nature quizzes and craft activities in the churchyard if the weather is fine, and a treasure hunt and crafts in the church if it isn't! There will also be information and pictures of the work progressing on the south porch. And we'd love you to join us for refreshments, or to enjoy activities in the churchyard.

Please check the Contact magazine, our website [www.harlingtonchurch.org](http://www.harlingtonchurch.org), or

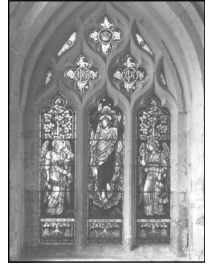


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# St. Mary's Church Services & Churchwarden Ctd.

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Everyone is welcome to attend the services in our beautiful village church. On the fourth Sunday of this month, all churches in Harlington come together for a joint service at the end of a weekend of prayer. September's services are:



## Sundays

3 <sup>rd</sup> September	8 am	Book of Common Prayer service
	9.30 am	Holy Communion
10 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am	Holy Communion
17 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am	Holy Communion
24 <sup>th</sup> September	10 am	Joint service (at the Methodist Church) to mark the end of Churches Together prayer weekend

## 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](mailto:tricia.murphy5@ntlworld.com) or Neil Walter [walterfamily@btinternet.com](mailto:walterfamily@btinternet.com), or the Church Reader Dr. Robert Johns [robert@harlingtonchurch.org](mailto:robert@harlingtonchurch.org). Alternatively email [admin@harlingtonchurch.org](mailto:admin@harlingtonchurch.org)

For personal enquiries, for requests for prayer, or for enquiries about baptisms, weddings or funerals please contact Dr. Robert Johns [robert@harlingtonchurch.org](mailto: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/](https://www.facebook.com/stmarysharlington/)

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)**

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the noticeboard outside church for our service information. If you'd like to speak to someone, or arrange a wedding, baptism etc, contact myself or Churchwarden Neil Walter, or email our Lay Reader Robert: [robert@harlingtonchurch.org](mailto:robert@harlingtonchurch.org)

Best wishes, Tricia Churchwarden

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# Village Diary *plus* Advertisement

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## September

5 <sup>th</sup>	Flittabus Milton Keynes	Village Hall Car Park 9.15 am
6 <sup>th</sup>	Wildlife Walk	Priory Country Park 7.15 pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	Weeding morning	Village Hall Car park 10 am
9 <sup>th</sup>	Gift Day	St. Mary's Parish Church 10 am to 4 pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	Garage Sale	31 Lincoln Way 10.30 am to 4 pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Garage Sale	31 Lincoln Way 10.30 am to 4 pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm (plus Zoom)
17 <sup>th</sup>	HHT Talk	Village Hall 3 pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Messy Church	Methodist Church and Halls 4 – 6 pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Wildlife Walk	Flitwick Moor 10am to 12 noon
25 <sup>th</sup>	Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm (plus Zoom)
29 <sup>th</sup>	HiB Awards Evening	Village Hall 7.30 pm
30 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee morning	Methodist Church Hall 10 am – 12 noon

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 2023 DATES TO THE MAGAZINE BY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

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## Harlington Upper School VACANCIES

**School Minibus Driver – Term Time Only**  
To drive the school minibus to surrounding villages to collect Harlington Upper School students in time for the school day, and return them at the end of the day.

**Teaching Assistant - Term Time Only**  
To support Teachers and help students in their educational, social and personal development.

Full details of these vacancies and how to apply can be found on the school website:

<https://www.harlington.org/admissions-join-us/work-for-us>