

Editorial

Dear Villagers,

We move into October and the nights draw in. It will soon be dark by the time we get home, and we start looking forward to all the things that brighten the winter months, although shops full of Christmas things before September is even out of the way is perhaps taking things a bit far.

November brings Remembrance Sunday. If anyone want to lay a wreath apart from the usual organisations, please let me or the Parish Clerk know.

Some of you may be surprised to see the first part of an article about Paganism in here, but we are a village magazine (see disclaimer on backcover!) If others want to express something of their faiths, please write.

Finally, there has been some trouble linked to Paxton Approach, but remember, we had local based trouble before. Practice welcome ready for the next big expansion. Clive.

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Letter from the Methodist Minister *plus* HNH

Dear community

It is nice to be back to work after a time off.

We all need to get out from the environment we live in to refresh ourselves and to get new ideas and energy.

I visited 8 countries with my husband and three daughters this summer and I have really enjoyed it!

I hope you all had a time of peace and why not fun!

We are about to start another new 'academic ecclesiastic year' and I hope we, all together churches and community will cover a path of peace and testimony to others. I hope we will continue to be united through activities with young people and children and gathering with elderly people and dinner around a friendly chat of middle age women of different background continue to grow and express the unity of our village.

May all this and more continue in harmony in our churches and village hall.

Finally may the solidarity for those in need, the desire to share what we own and the care for an eco village be our priority.

That the Lord bless us all

Rev Claudia (Lupi)

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Harlington Juniors FC *plus* Congratulations



The first two weekends of September and the football season is underway again in weather more suited to cricket. We have two adult teams playing in the Beds County League this season with the first team in division 1 and the second team in division 3 this season. Both teams played a couple of friendly to prepare for the new season, sadly second team captain, Dan Jump sustained a bad broken leg in one of them, putting him out for the season.

The first team started the season away at Cranfield and came away with a 1-1 draw, Jamie Small with a injury time goal to earn a point. Second game away at a strong Renhold side we went down 2-0. Second team made a winning start to their campaign with a 3-0 win against Leighton Woodside Rovers including a spectacular bicycle kick goal from Harry Flavell.

In the juniors Harlington U11 took on formidable opponents Ashwell Academics but ran out 4-0 winners. A brace from Charlie and a goal each from Harry and Idress did the job. An amazing last ditch tackle from Tommy and a great save from Alfie kept a clean sheet. U13s first game of the season ended in a 8-1 victory over Stotfold. All the new boys settled in nicely to the U13s team, two goals from Ikobi, a hat trick from Jack Haselton and a goal apiece for Jude Cronin, Jack Wingell and Oliver Rulton secured all 3 points for the team.

U14s played their first league game against Tattenhoe. It was a well matched game that swung back and forth, but ended up with Harlington edging the result 4-3. A great effort from everyone. U18s played their first game of the season away at Bedford Park Rangers. It was the first game back in the Beds Saturday Youth League, having moved to the Milton Keynes league for a couple of seasons. In a even game the points were shared in a 1-1 draw.

If you would like to keep up to date with upcoming fixtures or maybe sponsor a game, team or even a player check out our website harlingtonjuniorsfc.com or contact our chairman karlos@harlingtonjuniorsfc.com

Congratulations to Margaret and Derek Hull

Married on the 6th September 1952 at Harlington Parish Church by the Rev. William P. Ind.

In the years they have been married they have received 3 congratulations from the late Queen and 1 from King Charles.

Margaret was born in the village and remembers the cottages that were where The Gables is now, and which burnt down.

Harlington Lower School *plus* Badminton Club



At the time of writing, school has just returned for the new school year. Parts of the school have been repainted, the whole school has been deep cleaned and the classrooms have been revamped with a natural theme.

It is wonderful to have all the children back in school and to hear their stories of their summer holidays and to hear their laughter.

We have lots of exciting events planned for the coming year. Please do read our monthly articles in Contact and keep an eye on our website

www.harlingtonlower.co.uk for information about community events.

If you would like to volunteer in school – either on a regular basis hearing readers or on a one-off basis to share your expertise in a particular area, please contact the school office at office@harlingtonlower.co.uk We are always grateful for volunteers who are able to share a skill or knowledge of a particular topic with the children.

Harlington Badminton Club 50th Birthday



All past and present members

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Harlington Badminton Club's 50th Birthday !

Saturday 7th October 7.30-11.30pm (partners welcome)

Harlington Village Hall



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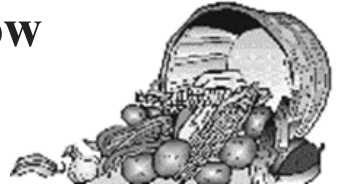
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Harlington Village Show

37th Harlington Village Show

Saturday 26th August 2023



We hope you all enjoyed the Show this year – there were plenty of things to admire. We had an amazing number of 515 entries across the different classes. The weather also thankfully stayed dry until late afternoon, with rain starting just as the Show finished. Well done to all the exhibitors, and especially to those entering for the first time. We hope you enjoyed the Show and we'll look forward to seeing you again next year! A huge “thank you” to everyone who helped set up the hall, who exhibited, judged or served refreshments. Special thanks to our guests who presented the trophies; Ms Paulding, Head Teacher at Harlington Lower School and one of the Show judges, John Carter. Here are the prize winners for 2023.

Flower Arranging Cup: Sara Waldron
Vegetable Cup: Sara Waldron
Vegetable Collection: Tricia Murphy
Photography: Jackie Gray
Craft: Sara Waldron
Preserves & Cookery: Sara Waldron
Fuchsia Cup: Tricia Murphy
Dahlia Cup: David Blain
Flower Cup: Sara Waldron
Longest Runner Bean: Tricia Murphy
Heaviest Marrow: Tony Roberts
Children Pre School: Chloe Lawrence
Children age 5-8: Ben Hopton
Children age 9-13: Marcus Gray
Best Scented Rose: Rosie Hughes
Best Grown (veg & fruit): Claudia Harfleet (aubergines)
Best Flower exhibit: David Blain
Overall winner: Sara Waldron
Harlington Village Show Committee



Crafternoon Tea

For the first time in a very long time, on 11th September 2023 I hadn't picked up any knitting or crochet for a week! It has been too hot to knit, even with bamboo needles! Knitting and crochet, for me, used to be autumn, winter, spring activities, until I discovered bamboo needles. Then I could work with yarn all year round – I have very hot hands, and traditional needles got sweaty and sticky. Bamboo needles mostly solved the problem. The early September heat wave this year required me to find different craft activities. (If you want to know how I dealt with the same heat in August last year, you can ask me!)



Do you have different craft activities for different weather, or different seasons? Or do you finish one project before you start another? Or are you the sort of person who likes to have several different things on the go, and do a bit of this and then a bit of that?

Crafternoon Tea meets 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 and tools we have with others. We have materials, tools and magazines available, some always on the premises, and some which can be brought in if required.

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 October meetings will be 9th, and 23rd, on Zoom as well as in person, and refreshments are served at each meeting.

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

Brain Tumour Research



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I am writing this on the hottest and stickiest day of the year in September; how bizarre. It has been a good summer for flowers and vegetables. The rain and warmth have been the best for our plants, crops have been good and flowers bright and vibrant and I think we will have a longer season than usual due to this.

The flower and vegetable show was a roaring success and I would like to thank all those folk who put vegetable entries into the show and left them afterwards. These were offered to me by the committee to sell at my house so those of you who indulged had the opportunity to donate for produce that was the pride of those exhibiting, a huge Thank you. Thank you to the committee for inviting me to sell my plants, produce, jam and pots at this event; £62 was raised. I met lots of lovely people who were interested and supportive of my fund raising efforts so that makes it all worthwhile. A special thanks to Judie who helped on the stall and all those who donated plants, produce, macrame pot holders and jars of jam.

Looking to the future I will be joining the gazebo sale organised by Harlington Lower School on Sunday 1st October 11am -3pm. I will have plants, games, tools and Bric a brac available for donations to the charity. I am also planning to organise a coffee morning to be held in November where Brain Tumour Christmas cards will be on sale as well as the usual raffle, what's in the box game, crafts, plants and of course tea and coffee with home made cakes. Let's make this the best ever. Please look out for further details on posters and support if you are able.

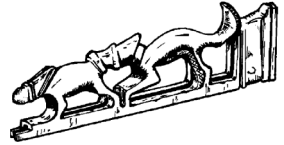
On a final note Thank you to all those who support the plant sales outside my house and donations for vegetables and fruits, the total for which currently stands at £1514.25, a magnificent effort by all those who donate items for sale and those who come to browse.

Finally a huge thanks to Paul who took my tools to a car boot sale this morning and raised a huge £37 for the charity and created some spaces in my garage for me. It is really nice to hear from him that those purchasing were excited by the tools which I knew nothing about or their use so they have found good homes and usage rather than just being stored, a good job all round, many thanks Paul Please keep visiting and supporting. Thank you.

Best wishes

Jane

Ampthill & District Archaeological & Local History Society



Monday 2nd October 2023

150 Years of Flitwick Methodist Church 1873-2023



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Next meeting:

6th November – Flitton and Greenfield in WWII (part 2)

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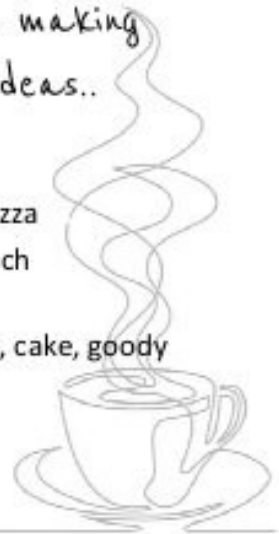
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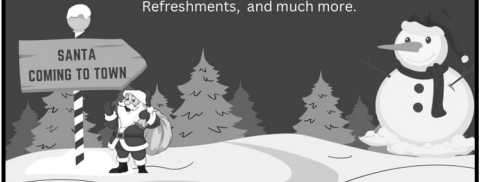


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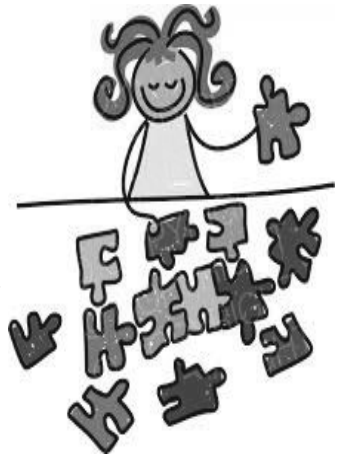


Jigsaws *plus* Wednesday Coffee Mornings

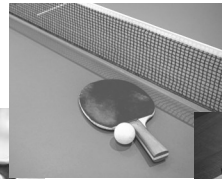
First of all, a warm welcome to any new borrowers and I hope you enjoy making the jigsaws. There is now a wide variety of subjects and sizes available, from fairly easy to very difficult, and for children or adults.

Sadly I cannot accept jigsaw donations at the moment because of a lack of storage space. So please, if you have a puzzle you wish to give a good home, may I suggest taking it instead to a local charity shop, as they would be really grateful for your donation.

Please contact me if you'd like to borrow a jigsaw. Just call/ text or email your request; approximate size, "normal" or larger pieces etc and I will then deliver to your home. You're welcome to collect if you prefer. When returning a jigsaw, just let me know if there are any missing pieces or any other problem. Thank you. Tricia 07711 511729



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.

Flit Vale Wildlife *plus* HVH 100 Club



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Colin will be there at about 9.30am to give directions on where to park.

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No charge, but donations welcome.

Sunday, October 8th, 9.30am for 10am start, Ampthill Park, West Car Park Seed Collection with Colin Carpenter

Park and meet in the west car park at TL0242 3820 (the one nearest the A507) at 9.30am onwards for a 10.00am start.

We will be collecting English Oak, Beech, Hawthorn and Sweet Chestnut.

No charge, but donations welcome

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HVH 100 Club

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. The money raised each month helps to fund the upkeep of the Village Hall.

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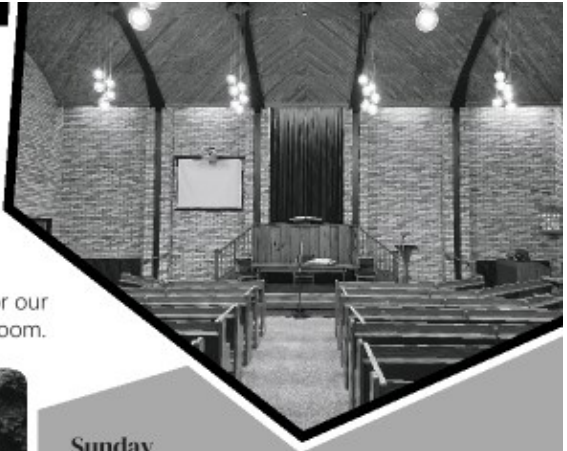
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Messy Church News *plus* Open The Book



I didn't show you any pictures from our July Messy Church—there wasn't a lot of space in the September Contact. We were thinking about holidays and people who keep us safe, so here are lighthouses and a combined ambulance

and fire engine picture—if you look at it one way you see one and from the other end, the other. Pictures from September will



come next month.

In our next Messy Church, at 4 pm on 21st October, we will consider the story of the Good Samaritan, as we think about the story Jesus told to teach people about helping others.

For those who don't know, from 4 pm we have activities, including painting, cooking, model making or similar, then at 4.45 pm we go into our celebration, with stories, songs and some more activities. While we're doing that, someone else is setting out tea, which we have from 5.30 pm to 6 pm.

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

Open The Book 20th Birthday

There will be a celebration of the first 20 years of Open the Book at Harlington Lower School on Sunday 1st October at 6 pm.

You may well ask what it is. A group from the churches goes into the school once a week and tells a Bible story, but with drama, costumes and scenery.

Open the Book started at Kempston but is now part of the Bible Society.



Harlington in Bloom



We had our recent September weeding/tidy up day on an incredibly hot day. Thanks to all who braved the heat and for the hard work and chat! We will have a planting day towards the end of October (date to be confirmed). Look out for



posters and information on the Harlington in Bloom facebook page. The bed opposite the Carpenters is to be renewed as the brickwork has become unsafe. So winter planting date will have to be factored in around the work.

Full list of award winners next month. Well done to everyone.

Everyone very welcome to our events below:

Dates for your Diary

29 September – Awards Evening 2023 Village Hall 7.30pm

October: Winter planting day - date to be confirmed Village Hall carpark

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

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

Friends of St Mary's Church, Harlington



It seems a while ago since the launch event for 'Friends' in July, but we now know that the Friends raised over £1000 in donations towards the repair and restoration work in the church. Well done to all involved, and special thanks to Barton Community Choir and local band 'The Cheats' for performing brilliantly during the evening. If you'd like information about St Mary's Friends, please contact us via friendsofharlingtonchurch@gmail.com

What is Paganism

Pagans worship the divine in many different forms, through feminine as well as masculine imagery and also without gender. The most important and widely recognised of these are the God and Goddess whose annual cycle of procreation, giving birth, and dying defines the Pagan year.

Paganism strongly emphasises equality of the sexes. Women play a prominent roll in the modern Pagan movement, and Goddess worship features in most Pagan ceremonies.

Paganism is a growing faith with numbers recorded in the November 2022 census of 74,000.

In medieval times the main talking point of the faith was of course Witchcraft, but let us move away from the imagery of an old lady with warts on her nose, transported by a broomstick and a black cat hanging on for dear life.

Witches or Wise women as they were known, were the NHS of the time, with their immense knowledge of plants and natural healing which was handed down from mother to daughter . Most were the midwives of the day offering plant remedies to ease the pain of childbirth and other ailments.

But as we know if things went wrong, they would be called Witches and they would face the wrath of the judiciary and possible death.

Many of those mentioned would of course be old and defenceless, I do hope that such a scenario would never happen again but who knows.

But we know have the scourge of social media where we are again ridiculed for our beliefs, I am at a loss to know why, misinformation being the primary cause, by those who don't have time to listen.

(The Sabbats) Pagan celebration days

The first of these based on where we are on the Wheel of the Year, is Samhain, or if you are from the USA Halloween.

We have a gathering where we remember loved ones who have passed on to the summerlands, we also lay a place for them at the table so that they can be near and part of the celebration where we reminisce with memories and laughter.

In December we celebrate the Winter Solstice where the dark days are at their longest, as we look forward to the return of the lighter days.

On the second of February we celebrate Imbolc which means to milk, which is very apt as this is the time when the first lambs appear and enjoy their first milk from their mothers, regardless of the surrounding outside temperature.

To be continued

Andy Bishop (Pagan)

LIFE Church *plus* HHT



LIFE CHURCH HARLINGTON

Sunday services usually at 10.30am in The Parish Rooms

All Welcome

October

1st - Carol Gibbs

8th – Paul Wilson

15th - Family Service with Rebecca Caird

22nd – Rose Agnew

29th – Vicky Yorke

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

Harlington Heritage Trust

Our next 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.

On Sunday 19 November Janice Tuckett will be giving a talk on “Monarchs in Beds – English Kings and Queens who have visited our county” 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 2023/2024 will be publicised in the HHT members’ newsletter, “Contact” magazine and the HHT website.

Methodist Church

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.



OCTOBER preachers are:

- 1st 10 am Harvest led by Frederick Cole
- 6 pm Open the Book in Harlington 20th Anniversary
- 8th 10 am Worship Group
- 15th 10 am Morning Service with Holy Communion led by Rev. Claudia Lupi
- 22nd 10 am Geoff Best
- 29th 10 am Rev. Claudia Lupi

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 28th October, from 10 am to 12 noon, in the hall

BRIGHT HOUR FELLOWSHIP

The Bright Hour Fellowship meets every Thursday afternoon at 2.45pm at the Methodist church Hall. Members have the opportunity to hear from a variety of invited speakers, share in the company of others and enjoy a nice cup of tea.

So why not join us? New members are always made very welcome. No need to book ahead, just come along! We look forward to seeing you soon.

Speakers for October .-

- 5th. Russell Preston
- 12th. Frederick Cole
- 19th. Rose Agnew
- 26th Claudia



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)

St Mary's Churchwarden

St Mary's Church



Gift Day 2023: Saturday 9th September Thank you to everyone who braved the heat to visit us on the day. Whether it was the draw of a really cool church or scrummy home made cake, it was lovely to welcome you all. Our organists did us proud with a varied programme of music and we're also grateful to all the children who found the teddies hiding around the churchyard. How do you make a teddy bear?.....Take off his clothes!

If you'd still like to make a donation to the church but have mislaid your envelope, please email Robert (details below) or you can donate via our website.

Harvest Supper: Saturday 30th September at 6pm. A bring & share meal to celebrate Harvest, with our Harvest service taking place the next day at 9.30am.

An Afternoon with Bunyan : 3pm on **Sunday 22nd October** in the church. A talk about Bunyan's life, & association with Harlington. Refreshments.

Christmas Tree Festival: Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd December. Maybe your group would like to be involved and enter a tree this year? Groups who have entered previously should have received their entry form by now. If you haven't, or wish to take part this year, please do get in touch with us. It's an enjoyable weekend with a Festival Finale celebration on Sunday 3rd at 5pm.

Foodbank: we collect for the local Foodbank, which is a really worthwhile cause. You can leave food or toiletry donations at church when open, or at Sanjeev's shop. The Foodbank is unable to accept fresh produce, unsealed items or anything requiring fridge storage.

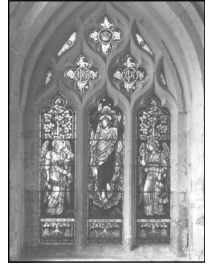
For service and event information, check the Contact magazine, the noticeboard outside church or our website: www.harlingtonchurch.org. If you'd like to speak to someone, or arrange a wedding, baptism etc, contact myself or Churchwarden Neil Walter, or email our Lay Reader Robert: robert@harlingtonchurch.org

Best wishes, Tricia Churchwarden

"Listen! the wind is rising,
and the air is wild with leaves,
We have had our summer evenings,
now for October eves!"
- *Humbert Wolfe*

St. Mary's Church Services

Everyone is welcome to attend the services in our beautiful village church. On the first Sunday of this month, all 3 churches in our benefice come together for a benefice communion service which is also our Harvest service.



October's services are:

Sundays

- 1st 8 am Book of Common Prayer service
9.30 am Benefice Harvest Holy Communion service
- 8th 9 am Families Messy Breakfast (NOTE: timing is provisional)
9.30 am Holy Communion
- 15th 9.30 am Holy Communion
- 22nd 9.30 am Holy Communion
- 29th 9.30 am Holy Communion

Wednesdays

- 4th 10 am Holy Communion
- 11th 10 am Holy Communion
- 18th 10 am 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 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/

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

Remember that we are here for you.

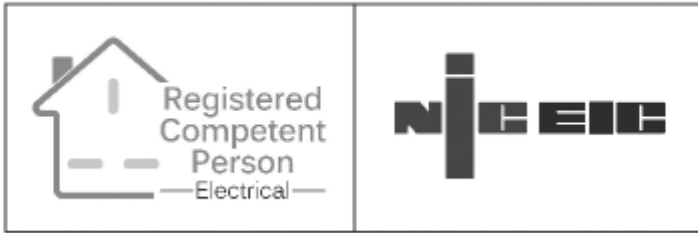
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Village Diary *plus* 0-4 Club

October

1 st Wildlife Walk	I ckwell Bury Nature Reserve 9.30 am
1 st OTB Celebration Service	Methodist Church 6 pm
2 nd ADALHS Talk	Flitwick Library Lecture Theatre 7.30 pm
7 th HBC 50 th	Harlington Village Hall 7.30 pm
8 th Wildlife Walk	Amphill Park, West car park 9.30 am
9 th Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm (plus Zoom)
15 th HHT Talk	Village Hall 3 pm
21 st Messy Church	Methodist Church and Halls 4 – 6 pm
23 rd Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm (plus Zoom)
28 th Coffee morning	Methodist Church Hall 10 am – 12 noon
29 th Halloween Fayre	Harlington Village Hall 1 – 5 pm

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

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0—4 Club



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