

Editorial

Dear Villagers,

Thank you to those people who volunteered to help delivering Contact. Your names have been passed to Debbie.

Nobody seems to be organising anything for Valentine's Day this year. Is that because it coincides with Ash Wednesday, a day of penitence? Or is romance dead among the winter gales (named storms)?

February will be a little longer this year. Does anyone have that "once in four years" birthday?

Do look at the Directory Corrections at the back of this issue. I am told that we should have replaced Aragon Housing, but haven't had the details. If anyone knows them please email me. I gather our MP will be changing again come the general election.

All the best,
Clive.

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Letter from the Methodist Minister

“ I haven't reached the finish line yet... But I continue my race... I forget what's behind me and I rush towards what's in front of me. (Philippians 3, 12-15)

Dear brothers and sisters,

another year is over, the Christmas holidays are over... Our life resumes its daily rhythm, with work, commitments, many problems set aside for a while.

Volunteer work in our village and work in different churches also resumes. Restart our journey to support Harlington and all those who live here and far from here. At the end of the year we raised funds through a concert to build an organ for a church in Sri-Lanka... there are many initiatives that start from here.

Many different groups also work separately, collaborating for the good of all.

To use the expression of the apostle Paul, our race begins again. We all together and separately think about the need to protect the nature that surrounds our village, we think about the elderly and people in difficulty through various initiatives.

The apostle Paul compares his life as a believer to an athlete's race to the finish line. He doesn't believe he can do it alone as happens to any athlete who, taking part in a race, can only count on himself, on his skill and speed, so reaching the finish line depends only on him and a bit of luck, he trusts in God.



And he feels that he needs God's help, without which he could never reach the goal. But the goal of a non-believer is no less, I have seen in my life a lot of commitment even on the part of non-believers who have given time and effort to others, to peace, to non-violence, to justice and to nature. I learned a lot from the secular environment which is sometimes much busier than the ecclesiastical one.

We can apply this image of the race that the apostle uses to our lives as believers and non-believers because we are all engaged in the same race.

Faced with this new year that has just begun, perhaps there is someone in our village who does not intend to participate, someone else who already feels tired or the weight of the commitment; someone else who doesn't expect anything because they are convinced that everything is always the same, that every year is the repetition of things already done, already said, already seen, already experienced... But many others are certainly waiting for the start of many initiatives also linked to charity, to the uniform groups with joy and enthusiasm, because they do not feel the commitment as a burden but as an opportunity for growth and solidarity.

Letter Ctd. plus Wednesday Coffee and Jigsaws

Friends in our race we need everyone.

No one should fall behind, stop, stand on the sidelines or retreat.

No one should think that they are inadequate, secondary or weak, like some athletes who compete thinking that others are more skilled, faster and that they will never cross the finish line.

It is not so. We all have gifts and we must all respond, with our commitment, service and testimony.

For this reason, no one should feel discouraged, tired, disheartened or inadequate...

May we all start our race together in this new year, united by joy and enthusiasm for the good of our neighbours, our environment and our village so dear to our hearts!

Claudia Lupi

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.



Jigsaws

There is now a wide variety of subjects and sizes of jigsaws available, from fairly easy to very difficult, and for children or adults.

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

Harlington Neighbourhood Help

HARLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HELP



Notice of Annual General Meeting 2024

**Thursday 15th February from 7.30pm
at The Hub and Spoke Café Lincoln Way**

Everyone welcome!!

Harlington Neighbourhood Help (HNH) started in May 2000 as a pioneer group for Bedfordshire with initial funding of £200 and 80 volunteers.

We currently have 22 volunteers, most of them drivers, but we also have non-drivers as we help with forms, prescription collections, shopping etc.

We have had over 400 'jobs' this year in the village.

Transport requests are for anyone who has difficulty using local public transport, but tend to come from some of our older residents. They are driven by DBS checked **volunteer drivers** who wait during the appointment, and are currently offered reimbursement at the rate of 45p per mile. We always need more drivers. Most local journeys are currently completely free thanks to donations.

Our committee has 7 members including a Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Minutes Secretary. All are volunteers and are elected at the AGM each year.

If you'd like to get involved in any way contact Suzan Whittle,
Secretary, on 07887 708304

"February, when the days of winter seem endless and no amount of wistful recollecting can bring back any air of summer."

- Shirley Jackson, Raising Demons

World Day of Prayer *plus* Pancake Parlour



(A women led, global, ecumenical movement)

The Christian Women of Palestine are calling us to connect with the land from where Jesus came; where he was born, ministered and died – and from where our faith began and is rooted. Despite living in an area of the world where there is ongoing conflict and the future is uncertain, the women of Palestine are sharing with love a reminder that they are

there, and they want to give hope to everyone. The theme of the service 2024 ‘bear with one another in love’ seems very appropriate for these women who will not give up witnessing the love of Jesus Christ.

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation led by women which enables us to hear the thoughts of those women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns, and prayers. The preparation for the day is vast. An international committee is based in New York and there are national committees in each participating country. Regional conferences meet to consider the service and then local groups make their plans.

Our local service this year will be on Friday 1st March, at St. Mary's Church, Harlington at 2 pm.

Pancake Parlour

13th February at the Methodist Church Hall 3.30 pm till 6 pm

Christmas has barely gone (if you're a purist, it hasn't gone till Candlemas) when along comes Easter. But before that there's Lent, and before that

Pancake Day

Pancake day, or Shrove Tuesday, was when people ate up all the things they weren't allowed to eat during Lent. Out of this came pancakes!



Come and join us.

All profits go to our church charity for the year

Brain Tumour Research



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Round up 2023



And we are off again 2024 has begun but first let's round up 2023.

So my last total given to you was in the December Contact but I am proud, thrilled and amazed to say we left 2023 having raised a total of £50,408.48. It had been my dream and hope to reach £50,000 but I honestly thought it was unrealistic so the moral of the story is to dream. Thank you all so much for making it come true.

The total raised in the sale of cards and merchandise was a mighty £1204.85.

The total raised in plant sales from outside my house in 2023 is £1700.11 and I think that is a record, I will check that and report in a later edition of Contact.

The White Hart, Newport Pagnell hosted a fundraiser for Brain Tumour on 10th December where I raised £101 selling my plants, it was a lot of hard work but I met lovely people and the whole event was organised by the very enthusiastic Emma Jolly, Community Fundraiser for Brain Tumour Research. It was a lovely way to raise funds and to get in the Christmas spirit: there were art and craft workshops, a visit from Father Christmas, carol singers, an opportunity for Christmas present shopping with a crochet bag stall, pottery stall, limited prints, Jewellery, body shop products and many others. There were free refreshments including a traditional hog roast and entrance to the event was free, I would recommend it, so if it is organised next year I will give you all more notice, I can't offer a lift because my car will be packed to the gills with plants!

My Christmas card delivery service was a bit of a damp squib, but it was planned a little late on my part, so I hope to try it one more time next year and give you a bit more notice but thank you Mary for encouraging me and letting me try it out and for your very generous donation to the charity.

Finally in 2023 we have been able to arrange Tiles of Hope. The charity will provide a tile for every £2740 raised.



Here is one of the tiles we will place at the Queen Mary hospital, London. We will have the opportunity to meet one of the scientists and visit one of the centres of excellence. So hopefully more to report on in a later edition of Contact.

Finally can I thank the person who left some pots, trays, decorative garden plant

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We hope to hold our wear a hat event in March so check out the March edition of Contact for further details.

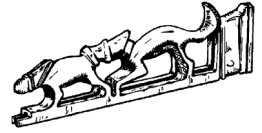
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Best wishes

Jane and Emma Barltrop and Alice Sulaj

ADALHS *plus* Wellbeing Walks

Ampthill & District Archaeological & Local History Society



Monday 5th February 2024

Archaeology of the Route of HS2 in Buckinghamshire



Stoke Mandeville
Roman Bust

Buckinghamshire has a rich archaeological history which is being added to with the construction of the HS2. The significant archaeological finds of the route will be shown in this talk.

Speaker: Lucy Lawrence, Archaeology Officer, Buckinghamshire Council

Flitwick Library Lecture Theatre, MK45 1QJ 7.30 for 7.45 pm start. Members free, visitors very welcome £5.00 payable on the door.

The talk will also be broadcast live via Zoom to Society members.

Next meeting: 4th March - Going Like the Clappers – the 1907/08 Sharpshoe Speed Motor Hill Climbs

Speaker: Bryan Marsh

www.adalhs.org.uk

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.

Crafternoon Tea

Writing this on a freezing though sunny January morning, I wonder what to focus on today. You won't read the article until February, when it may be warm, or wet, or still freezing. What part does craft play in your winter life?



Over the years I have knitted, crocheted, tatted, made cross-stitch and tapestry pictures – I don't think I have ever, in my adult life, not had at least two craft activities to hand. And I know I am not the only one – though others may have a different list of crafts – lace making and building dolls houses are certainly among the ones I either haven't tried, or found I have no real skill for! But one of the things I most enjoy about Crafternoon Tea is seeing what other people do – whether it is in a skill I use, or not. Over the

years we have been running, I have shown you some of these things too. Here is a piece of cross stitch done by a member who has relatively recently discovered the fun of this particular craft activity.

We have recently received a large amount of jewellery making equipment – copper wire in assorted colours is the largest amount, along with beads of semiprecious stones, and other decorations. If you are interested, please contact me by email – more reliable than the phone!

Crafternoon Tea meets fortnightly on Monday afternoons, between 2 and 4 pm, at the Methodist Church on Sundon Road. There are likely to be all sorts of crafts on the go, and we are happy to share what skills 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, so let me know if there is something you are likely to want.

Our February meetings will be 12th and 26th, 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>

"The February sunshine steeps your boughs and tints the buds and swells the leaves within."

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2024 New Year's Day Walk

This year several potential walkers had told me that 5 miles was too far for them so I decided to try a new format with 2 walks, a normal one of 5 miles & a shorter one of half that distance. I decided that the first section of both walks would be identical so at 11 o'clock on New Year's Day 16 walkers set off from the Village Hall car park, we walked along the pavements of Barton Road with a clear view of Sharpenhoe Clappers to the right & then a descent down the VERY muddy bridleway down to Willow Farm. We soon arrived at the Bottoms Road which we walked along for a while before turning off over a plank bridge. After passing a couple of apple trees we crossed a substantial bridge over the mill stream. Here we turned right to follow the brook to the next bridge where we stopped to have a photo & a drink & for the 2 parties to split.



Tony Price led the larger group on the longer walk parallel to the brook before turning right just before the new footbridge. They followed field tracks back to the Bottoms Road, back to the concrete bridge & hence along the footpath back to Bury Orchard. I led the smaller group doing the shorter walk. We crossed the bridge & almost immediately crossed another bridge. This led to a footpath leading back to the Bottoms Road which we followed for a short distance before taking the path over the concrete bridge & hence back to Bury Orchard. This path was extremely waterlogged with a great deal of mud. I felt that the walk this year was the muddiest that I have ever walked & it makes me wonder if it is worth carrying on the tradition of the Harlington New Year's Day walk.

Tony Roberts – Harlington Resident & Chairman of Toddington Rambling Club.

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A Special Announcement from Flittabus

Recently there have been fears expressed about a possible reduction in funding from Central Bedfordshire Council, which could have affected Flittabus operations.

We have now had clarification of CBC's position on funding for Community Transport Operators for 2024/25 budgets, and have been given the following assurances by CBC:

Harlington Juniors Football Club & Flittabus Ctd.



Karlos Williams, Chairman of Harlington Juniors Football Club, was accompanied by his son Alfie when they presented selection boxes for the children's ward at the L&D Hospital; received by Megan Peach. He was encouraged in his plan by James Cook, the manager of Tesco Flitwick who went above all expectations by fully supporting the donation.

Megan wrote on behalf of the L&D a letter of appreciation“On behalf of the Luton & Dunstable Hospital, I express our deepest gratitude for your Christmas generosity.”.....



Karlos, Megan and Alfie



Flittabus Ctd.

CBC is not consulting on, or intending to, prevent concessionary bus pass users travelling before 9.30am. They will be able to travel before 9.30am should they wish.

CBC is not reducing the concessionary fare subsidy. What it is doing, as per government legislation, is returning to the practice of reimbursing bus operators for the actual number of journeys taken so they are no better and no worse off. As part of the post-Covid recovery, the government encouraged local authorities to provide reimbursement for journeys that were never taken, based on the higher pre-Covid passenger numbers. The government's position is to return to payments based on actual usage.

Furthermore, CBC is not considering removing funding to Community Transport at all in this budget.

Harlington Lower School *plus* Quiz



Following our community forum in January, we are trying to further develop the links between Harlington Lower School and the community of Harlington Village. We are particularly looking at how we can extend our extracurricular offer. We currently provide children with opportunities to take part in clubs such as choir, recorders, dance and art. We would like to extend this offer to include clubs such as photography, gardening, cooking and/or knitting. We would be interested to hear from anyone in the local community who might be interested in volunteering some time at either a lunchtime or after school to help us offer a wider range of experiences to our children. If you are interested, please contact the school office at office@harlingtonlower.co.uk.

Please note that Harlington Lower School is committed to safeguarding and any volunteers would be subject to checks including a DBS check.

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Flit Vale Local Group
www.flitvale.org.uk

HVH 100 Club

The Dec winner of the Village Hall 100 club was No.78 belonging to Liz Stokes of Greenfield.

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.

'Dave Thew, Treasurer, HVH Management Committee

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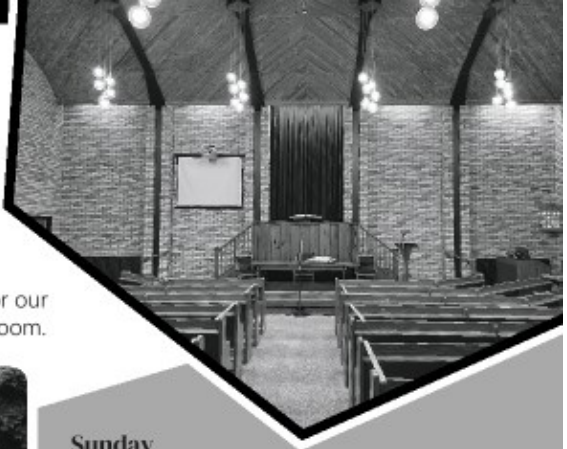
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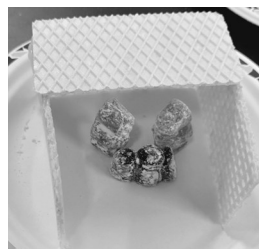
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Messy Church



Surprise, surprise! In our December Messy Church we thought about Christmas. Angels figure quite a lot in the Nativity story. We made tiny angels inside transparent baubles to hang on a Christmas tree. We made 'stained-glass' stable pictures (the ones we put on the church windows project beautifully onto the blinds on sunny days), stables with ice cream wafers and jelly babies, pompom peg dolls for Mary, stars, and story wheels for the full story. So as not to forget Joseph, we also decorated Yule logs (I know that Yule is the Norse winter festival, but as Joseph was a carpenter logs seemed appropriate).



Our next Messy Church, at 4 pm on 17th February, is just after the start of Lent, so we will be thinking about that time in the Church year. Lent is an interesting time. At the beginning of Lent we think about the start of Jesus' ministry and by the end we're thinking of Easter, which comes at the end of his ministry.

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 have a Zoom link for those who can't get to the chapel, and 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 with the Bible stories, Messy Church may be for you.

Clive

"If apples were pears
And peaches were plums
And the rose had a different name.
If tigers were bears
And fingers were thumbs
I'd love you just the same."
- Valentine's Day Songs and Poems



LIFE Church *plus* Harlington Heritage Trust



LIFE CHURCH
HARLINGTON

Sunday services usually at 10.30am in The Parish Rooms

All Welcome

February

4th - }
11th – } To Be Announced
18th - }
25th – }

Wednesday 7.15pm 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

On Sunday 18 February the storyteller Mark Steinhardt will be entertaining us with “The Scandal of Frank Spooner”. Frank Spooner was a school headmaster, and ultimately a Director of Education, who disappeared with nearly £3,000 of County Council money in Edwardian times.

On Sunday 17 March we welcome back Jean Yates, renowned local history author and speaker, for a talk on “English Idioms, Idiomatic and Engaging; the Things we Say!”

The cost to attend a talk is £4 for members and £5 for non-members, including refreshments after the talk. Other HHT events for 2024 will be publicised in the HHT members’ newsletter, “Contact” magazine and on the HHT website.

Methodist Church

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



FEBRUARY preachers are:

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| 4 th | 10 am | Rev. Claudia Lupi. ‘Come and See@ |
| | 6 pm | Rev. Nigel Bibbings This service includes Holy Communion |
| 11 th | 10 am | The Worship Group |
| 18 th | 10 am | Rev. Claudia Lupi. This service includes Holy Communion |
| 25 th | 10 am | Richard Armiger |

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 24th February , 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 February .-

- 1st. - Barbara with John Sorsby
- 8th - Tamsyn Filby from the Leprosy Mission
- 15th. - Sheila Norris
- 22nd. - Geoff Best
- 29th - 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

HAPPY
NEW
YEAR

St Mary's Church



Concert of Sacred & Popular Music Friday 29th December. What a brilliant evening with fantastic entertainment. Firstly there was Leo, an amazing 18 year old organist from Rome - what a star and what talent! There was music performed by the Dunstable Town Band wind ensemble, some cheery Christmas classics sung by members of Harlington Performs, and finally local band The Cheats who brought the house down. A huge 'thank you' to the Friends of St Mary's group members, who organised or helped in any way, and also Steve Thornton-Greet who brought things together. Donations were divided equally between St Mary's Church, repairing a Sri Lankan historic organ, and supporting a Sri Lankan Childrens' Home. Thank you to everyone who supported this.

Quiz Night: Saturday 3rd February PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE. Starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Contact me please beforehand if you possibly can, to help with catering. Teams of up to 6 people, suggested min donation £5 pp to include light refreshments. If you don't have a team already, or haven't been able to register, don't worry, do pop along and we'll find you a team. Either bring your own drink, or tea and coffee are included. tricia.murphy5@ntlworld.com. All donations will go to our Restoration Fund.

Restoration work: sadly, the stonemasons didn't manage to finish before Christmas, so they are still working during January at least, weather permitting. The wait will be worth it to see everything eventually repaired and restored, although the downside is that costs have risen, mostly in association with the extent of damage discovered when the rendering was removed. The last stones making up the porch arch were finally put in place today, in early January, with some final finishing off still to be completed. The new sundial is now sitting proudly above the porch. There's also a documentary about sundials on TV soon.....It's about time!

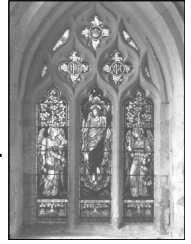


For service and event information, check the Contact magazine, the noticeboard outside church or our website: www.harlingtonchurch.org. If you'd like to speak to someone, please contact myself or Churchwarden Neil Walter, or email our Lay Reader Robert: robert@harlingtonchurch.org

Best wishes, Tricia Churchwarden

St. Mary's Church Services

Everyone is welcome to attend the services in our beautiful village church. This year 14th. February is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, in addition to being Valentine's Day. On Sunday 18th. we have a Benefice service (joint service with Westoning and Tingrith churches) which will be held in Tingrith.



February's services are:

Sundays

Please note that the first Sunday 8 a.m. service resumes this month.

- 4th 8.00 am BCP Holy Communion
9.00 am Messy Breakfast
9.30 am Extended Communion service
- 11th 9.30 am Holy Communion
- 14th 7.30 pm Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
- 18th 10 am Benefice service at Tingrith
- 25th 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 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.

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

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Village Diary *plus* Directory Amendments

February

2 nd	Quiz Night Flit Vale	Maulden Village Hall 7 pm
3 rd	Quiz Night St. Mary's	Village Hall 7.30 pm
4 th	Messy Breakfast	Parish Hall 9 am
5 th	ADALHS Talk	Flitwick Library Lecture Theatre 7.30 pm
6 th	Flittabus	Station Road bus stop 9.15 am
10 th	Band Concert	Barton Village Hall 7.30 pm
12 th	Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm (plus Zoom)
13 th	Pancake Parlour	Methodist Church Hall 3.30 – 6 pm
15 th	HNH AGM	Hub and Spoke 7.30 pm
17 th	Messy Church	Methodist Church and Halls 4 – 6 pm
18 th	HHT Talk	Village Hall 3 pm
24 th	Coffee Morning	Methodist Church Hall 10 am to 12 noon
26 th	Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm (plus Zoom)

March

1st World Day of Prayer St. Mary's 2 pm

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

You can send things just to be entered here.

**GET YOUR MARCH 2024 DATES TO THE MAGAZINE BY
10TH FEBRUARY 2024**

Directory Amendments

Harlington Lower School contact email address be changed to office@harlingtonlower.co.uk

Contact for all matters regarding the Scouts should be Kate Nippard. Her number is 07908168412

If you have any other amendments or organisations you want to add please email on the Contact email.