

# Editorial

Dear Villagers,

The contents list is in small print again. There's quite a bit going on in March, not to mention that March finishes on Easter Sunday.

I have included a notice about a funeral this month. I am always willing to do this, although the timing of publication may not always work out so well. I am also willing to publish, as space permits, information on the lives of residents.

Harlington in Bloom, having been missing for two months has two slots this month. They do a great deal to beautify the village. Mind you, so do the litter pickers, at least as far as trying to keep it looking beautiful.

The village pond has water in it, at least for a while. Perhaps someone can find out how to keep it there this time (preferably without us having to have so much rain that all the rest of the village is flooded too!) Clive.

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# Letter from the Life Church

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A few weeks ago we celebrated Christmas, a time when Christians remember the birth of Jesus, God coming as a baby. As you read this letter we are celebrating Easter, when Christians remember that Jesus died on the cross and then on the third day rose again. Following his resurrection, he met with lots of different people.

Meeting someone may change your life. I look at people I have met and how they have influenced and changed me. My husband for example, I met as a teenager when he was receiving an award in Scouting. Forty nine years later we have three amazing children and also three grandchildren.

Who have you met who has impacted and changed your life? Now, if you met somebody who was dead but is now alive how would that impact you? Jesus met with people following his death on the cross and it impacted lives and the world. The people must have wondered if he is dead or alive? What am I seeing, hearing, is this really Jesus? Jesus is recorded in the



Bible as meeting with many people following his death and lives were changed. On one occasion he met with his disciples whilst they were fishing and they were having a bad night as they hadn't caught anything. He tells them to cast their nets to the other side of the boat and they caught so many fish the net was heavy and full. He then sat with them to share breakfast. I would have loved to have been there and hear the conversations with Jesus and each other. Jesus met with them in their workplace, over a meal and also challenged them, particularly asking Peter if he loved him.

Read the story for yourself in the Bible in the book of John chapter 21.

We can encounter Jesus today in our everyday lives and we can be changed. I remember the day I met with Jesus and how my life was changed. I know how he loves me and he is there in every detail and part of my life.

Easter is a time not just about eating chocolate, sharing a meal and spending time with family, although this is all very nice and important. I encourage you to meet with Jesus who once was dead but is now alive and He wants to meet with you this Easter time.

A meeting with Jesus changes everything.

Love and prayers

Carol Gibbs

Leader Life Church.

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# Harlington In Bloom

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Just a quick update as we recently had the AGM. Last year's committee all stood again for this year. I will list them once the minutes are finalised next month. A wet evening ensured low turnout but thanks to all who came! Chairperson David

Kingham gave a pleasant round up of the past year, noting that the wet/warm conditions of summer resulted in spectacular growth of the summer bedding plants and that the autumn bulb planting on Goswell End Road already is showing rewards of shoots. David handsomely thanked the committee for their efforts and our stalwart volunteers for planting, weeding and watering as well as various 'unseen' activities behind the scenes. The Awards evening in September was well attended with a good atmosphere and we enjoyed a few words from Matt Harris (Parish Council Chair), Joe, landlord at the Old Sun, as well as David. It will be no time before we are looking at Spring Gardens to start the process again! Spring is looking early this year unless we get another cold snap!

You will have noticed the rebuilding this year of the Village Carpark planter which had deteriorated. Thanks to the Parish Council for getting this addressed. It also entailed some hard physical work by David Kingham, Steve Jackson, and Anthony Price – saving the winter planting, dealing with compost and rubble, and replanting! Hopefully the plants will rally quite soon. They look slightly shell shocked as I write!

We will be welcoming sponsors again for our activities to make the village decorative. While Harlington Parish Council pays for the main bedding plants for the village, sometimes we need a little extra for maintenance or capital expenditure on equipment such as the bowser and irrigation systems, extra bulbs, planter renewal etc. Would you like to be a sponsor? Contact Rosemary Tuohy (Secretary) 07793 016207 for further information.

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

***We'll be setting up dates for the year at the first committee meeting in March. Look out for posters at the shops etc. and dates in April Contact!***

*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); Rosemary Tuohy (Secretary) 07793 016207*

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## Harlington Neighbourhood Help

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# HARLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HELP



**Invitation to meet some of the volunteers and  
find out what HNH and other services are  
available**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March from 6pm  
In the Harlington Methodist Church Hall  
Sundon Road Harlington**

Harlington Neighbourhood Help (HNH) started in May 2000 and has 21 volunteers, mostly drivers who take residents to appointments, but we also have non-drivers who help with forms, prescription collections, shopping etc. We completed over 400 'jobs' in 2024 in the village.

We are delighted that Sarah Neighbour, the Community Development Manager from Small Acts of Kindness will be there to tell us more about their activities and their expansion into Bedfordshire, and we will have information about Flittabus, IT support available, Age UK, Sight Concern, the Social Prescribing Service and others.

**HNH number: 07849 835410**

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# World Day of Prayer, Wednesday Coffee & Jigsaws

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## (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 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 1<sup>st</sup> March, at St. Mary's Church, Harlington at 2 pm.

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## Wednesday Coffee Mornings and Games

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If you 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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## Jigsaws

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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

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# Brain Tumour Research

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**Brain Tumour  
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## Highlights for January



Highlights for January are Flitwick Rotary Cub cheque presentation evening where all charities who had collected at Tesco Flitwick or accompanied the Christmas float around the local towns and villages received a cheque for £150. The Rotarians decided to present a further £500 to a charity of their choosing and Brain Tumour Research was their chosen charity so £650 was banked and was very much appreciated and will help to fund a further 2 hours research. Thank you to Elliot for offering to water the charity plants during the summer months as part of his community service for his Duke of Edinburgh Award; this help will be very much appreciated and benefit the plants allowing me more time for stocking the stall, pricking out plants and setting additional seed trays, welcome aboard. The joy of Elliot offering to help, fired me up to tidy the plants and restock, which seemed to arouse an interest in the plants and this year £15.75 has been raised so far; it also started me planning what seeds to sow and I have decided on 4 varieties of tomatoes: Moneymaker, Tumbling, Gardeners' Delight and my favourite, Marmande, as well as courgettes, pumpkins, leeks, cabbage, cauliflower, runner beans, chillis, zinnias, marigolds, cosmos, wallflowers and love in a mist and anything else that takes my fancy. Thank you to John for supplying Aloe Vera houseplants currently being nurtured indoors but which will be available with the other houseplants at the end of May when frost free nights are guaranteed.

I have now booked our tour of the laboratory at Queen Mary University of London where Professor Silvia Marino and her team, in collaboration with University College London, are studying glioblastoma multiforme (GBM) brain tumours, (this is the Brain tumour Pete, my sister Anne and cousin Peter suffered) the most aggressive and most common primary high-grade tumour diagnosed in adults, as well as some rarer primarily childhood tumours such as choroid plexus.

The team are aiming to establish the difference between tumour stem cells, which help drive uncontrolled tumour growth, and normal brain stem cells, which stop dividing once they naturally evolve into specialised brain cells. With this knowledge, the team can identify new and/or existing drugs that can halt or slow down the rapid spread of these invasive types of brain tumour, whilst also potentially reducing the side effects of existing chemotherapy treatments. This is where we will also place the tiles in memory of Pete, Anne and Peter on



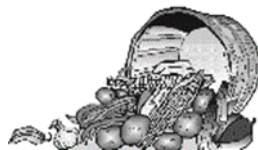
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## Harlington Village Show *plus* BTR *ctd.*

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

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2024



Signs of Spring are well and truly here, and it's time to think about planning for the Annual Village Show to be held on Saturday 24th August. Time to plant seeds, care for your favourite pot plant, or perhaps research some recipes. The Village Show is for the whole village to enjoy. Entering for the first time might seem a bit daunting, but the committee are a very friendly bunch and we'll answer any queries via our Facebook page. Here you'll also find updates on this year's show and classes, plus photos from last year's Show.

We have now started to prepare the schedule and finalise classes. You wouldn't believe how much thought and preparation goes into this! Currently, the veg, fruit and flower classes will be the same as 2023. There might be one new class added, tbc. The only craft class confirmed so far is a Christmas greetings card. Preserves and cookery classes will be: Apricot fruit loaf (to recipe), 5 pieces of ginger parkin, 1 Apple pie (top and base made from homemade pastry), 1 home made cheese bread loaf, 5 Chocolate chip cookies. Preserve classes remain the same as 2023. Please note that exact details of tin sizes and number of items in a class etc will be in the schedule, and it's really important to check these before you enter. The schedules will be delivered in early July and will also contain a few tips on showing and preparing for the Show.

If you have any queries, please contact us via our Facebook page. More class details will be in the April Contact magazine.

HVS Committee

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## Brain Tumour Research *ctd.*

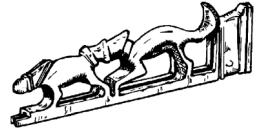
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Wednesday 10th July.

We have decided to delay our coffee morning fundraiser usually held on the last Saturday in March, which would be Easter weekend, until June, date to be confirmed.

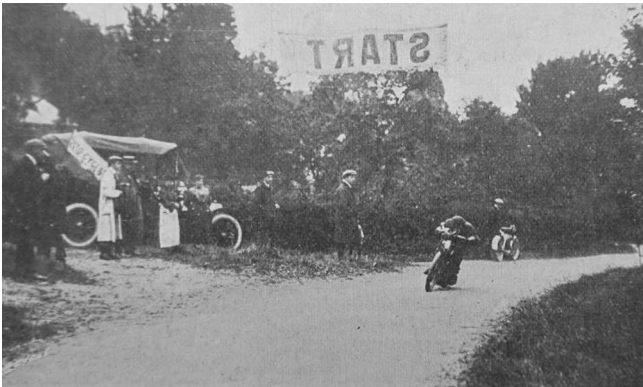
Thankyou for reading this and your continued support.

Jane and Emma Barltrop and Alice Sulaj.



Monday 4th March 2024

### Going Like the Clappers – the 1907/8 Sharpenhoe Speed Motor Hill Climbs



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Speaker: Bryan Marsh

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

Next meeting: 8th April – AGM followed by Earl de Grey, Sailor

Speaker: Richard Luscombe

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## Crafternoon Tea *plus* Wellbeing Walks

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In my last article, I mentioned the jewellery making equipment we have been given. Although this may be the largest single gift we have been given, we are regularly given craft equipment and materials that are no longer in use by the giver – if they ever were. Quite often we are the recipients of other people's need to give away what older relatives no longer have a use for – hence the jewellery stuff – and

the yarn I have acquired from my mother, which I am delivering to Crafternoon Tea in bits and pieces. If you are interested in acquiring tools or makings, please do not hesitate to contact me, or any other member of the group. If you are interested in learning a new skill, and need tools or materials to proceed – just contact me, and if we don't have what you need immediately on hand, we (collectively) may be able to source it for you.

Our March 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.

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.

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

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## Harlington Ramblers Wellbeing Walks

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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.

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# Harlington In Bloom Annual Report

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## HiB Annual Report 2024

Looking back over 2023 I think it's fair to say the last 12 months have been successful.

Summer bedding was particularly impressive, due to the moister weather last summer.

Planting up the autumn also went very smoothly, followed by a couple of sessions renewing daffodils down Goswell End Road, and under planting village signs with dwarf narcissus Tete a Tete.



More recently, due to the PC wishing to rebuild the bed opposite The Carpenters Arms, we had to unplant the aforementioned bed, remove the compost and reverse the whole process when the bed was rebuilt. This has just been completed.



The Awards Evening went well, the feedback was positive, it was good to see some new faces and to hear from Matt (HPC) and the landlord of the Sun.

At our last AGM Rosemary was installed as our new secretary and has taken on the role with enthusiasm and professionalism. Judy continued her role as treasurer which she fulfilled with her usual dedication, Martin our minute man has done a sterling job with minutes and work schedule, and Viv has kept the village in touch with what we do and propose to do, and indeed did a great job with the Awards Evening PowerPoint presentation. I would like to thank you all for your hard work and commitment over the last 12 months especially as some of you have had health issues, (and bank issues!).

Harlington Upper School students have again given help on some Wednesday afternoons for which we are very grateful

Also grateful thanks are due to our team of volunteers who help to speed up planting and weeding days, and water some of the containers. It is with sadness we record the passing last year of one of our most loyal volunteers Anne Clark.

On a lighter note our "Christmas Dinner" took place this January at The Raven in Hexton which proved to be a rather pleasant evening.

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## Flittabus *plus* Christine Ward

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- \* Summer Garden Open Day at Thenford – Fri 24 May 2024 – £38pp

For late-breaking news on our excursions, please phone **Derek Wood** on **07563 170 067** or email him at [excursions@flittabus.co.uk](mailto:excursions@flittabus.co.uk)

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## Christine Ward

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The death has been announced of Christine Ward. Her funeral will take place at the Methodist Chapel on Tuesday 5th March at 11 am.

No flowers, donations split between the Royal British Legion and the Methodist Church.

Dress colourful, not sombre.

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# Harlington Brownies

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Brownies have been having lots of fun and earning awards. Sophia gained her Bronze Brownie and Ava the first Silver award for Harlington. Ava has just moved to guides in Barton and was an amazing Brownie. She joined during lockdown and made her promise on zoom. Ava enjoyed many brownie activities and we wish her well in Guides. Sophia gained her Bronze award in record time and we hope she will soon be collecting her Silver, Congratulations to both girls.



At the end of last year, we enjoyed a Christmas party at the Hub and Spoke café. Thank you to Sue and Rob for hosting us. Lovely hot chocolate, sandwiches, brownies. craft and games.

We were proud to win the Children's Christmas tree in the church with our Aladdin tree.



Now we are working on our feel-good theme badge and found out how much water we need to drink, where our muscles are and are boosting our self-esteem and confidence. Next, we will move onto skills for our future and learn some DIY and money related skills. We also will have a fun Science activity with the Rainbows and later in the year are planning to attend division camp.

We have welcomed 6 new Brownies who will soon be enrolled, there are only a few spaces left this year but should be a few more in September as our older girls move to guides,

Happily, we have found a new leader and she is working hard to gain her leadership award ready to takeover in September.

Meetings are Harlington Village Hall Thursdays 6.30 to 7.45

Girls can be aged 7 to 10

Further details from Jane Stynes 01525 753612

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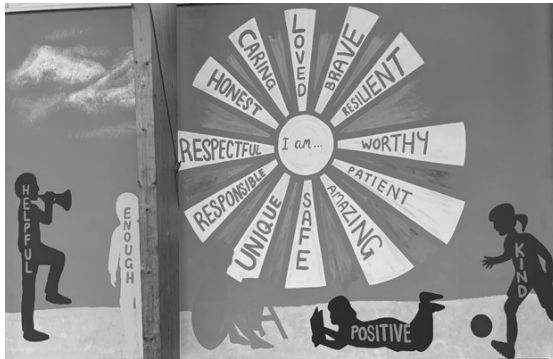
# Harlington Lower School

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It has been another busy half term at Harlington Lower School!

As of 1st February 2024, the Harlington and Sundon Academy Trust merged with the Pyramid Schools Trust. We are looking forward to working with the Pyramid Schools Trust for the benefit of everyone. We have also been busy making improvements to our school library. With the help of a generous contribution from our supportive FRIENDS of Harlington School Association, we have been able to install some new book storage furniture. We have also invested in a wide range of books, in particular a selection



of science books suitable for our younger readers and a broad collection of recently published fiction. These changes are already proving very popular with our current pupils, and we are confident that they will continue to benefit cohorts of children for years to come. We are also very pleased to

have a new mural in the school hall.

This year, each class is holding a charity week, spread out across the year. The class choose their own charity and their own fundraising idea and then plan and run the event themselves. January saw Year 3's turn. They have written their own summary:

“Last week Year 3 at Harlington Lower School raised £602.58 for Save the Children as part of our Class Charity Week. We ran 1 mile which is 20 laps of our playground. We asked our family and friends to sponsor us and we couldn't believe that we raised that amount of money. It will make such a difference for so many children.”



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## HVH 100 Club

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The 100 club winner for January 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.

*Dave Thew, Treasurer, HVH Management Committee*

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## Directory Amendments

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Harlington Village Show....Tricia Murphy....[tricia.murphy5@ntlworld.com](mailto:tricia.murphy5@ntlworld.com)

Delete Harlington Society

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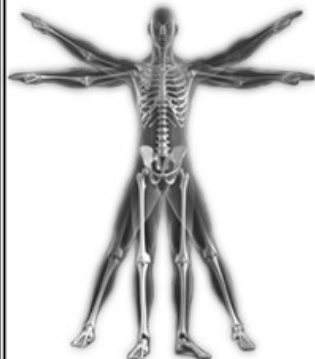
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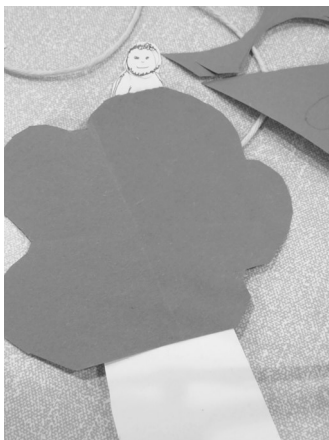
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# Messy Church

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In our January Messy Church we looked at the story of Zacchaeus who “climbed up into a Sycamore tree” to see Jesus—we didn’t sing the song, much to some peoples’ disappointment. We did a lot with trees, tax collecting, tea and the things that make the story so fascinating, as Jesus showed the power of forgiveness and the way it could change lives.



Our next Messy Church, at 4 pm on 16th March, is not long before Holy Week and Easter. We will be looking at those two parts of Jesus life and his death, and, as always, what it means for us today.

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

"Winds of March, we welcome you,  
There is work for you to do.  
Work and play and blow all day,  
Blow the Winter wind away."



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# LIFE Church *plus* Harlington Heritage Trust

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Sunday services at 10.30 am in The Parish Rooms

**All Welcome**

## **March 2024**

3rd – Pioneer Sunday

10th – Carol Gibbs

17th - Family Service with Rebecca Caird  
Join us for songs, activities and story

24th – Worship

31st – Easter Celebration

Wednesday 7.15pm Prayer meeting 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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## **Harlington Heritage Trust**

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On Sunday 17 March we welcome back Jean Yates, renowned local history author and speaker, for a talk on “English Idioms, Idiotic 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.

In April Harlington Heritage Trust will hold its AGM. The date will be announced in next month’s “Contact” magazine.

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# Methodist Church

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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.



## **MARCH preachers are:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 10 am Rev. Claudia Lupi. ‘Come and See’  
6 pm Rev. Claudia Lupi. This service includes Holy Communion  
10<sup>th</sup> 10 am Mothering Sunday Angela Brydon  
17<sup>th</sup> 10 am Rev. Claudia Lupi. This service includes Holy Communion  
24<sup>th</sup> 10 am Steve Rogers  
31<sup>st</sup> **9.30 am** Rev. Claudia Lupi. This service includes Holy Communion

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 March, from 10 am to 12 noon, in the hall

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## **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 **March** :

- 7th. March - Jenny Spouge  
14th March - Joanne Sherwood  
21st. March - Diane Maple  
28th March - Maundy Thursday Doreen doing Easter table decorations



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## **ROOM BOOKINGS**

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# St Mary's Churchwarden

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## St Mary's Church



**Quiz Night:** **Saturday 3rd February** We raised some much needed funds for our Restoration Fund with our quiz in Harlington Village Hall. Many thanks to those who supported it and made it such an enjoyable evening. Special thanks to Neil for being our Quiz Master, scorer Judith, Anne Brown for baking delicious home made food, and our helpers; Julie, Madelene, Teresa and Sue. Donations on the evening totalled £659, which was brilliant (with some gift aid to be added). But most importantly, many congratulations to our winning team, 'Brocketts United'. Well done, and thank you to everyone for your support. By the way, I didn't do well at the pub quiz.....turns out I don't know much about pubs!

**Restoration work:** by the time you read this, the south porch and grounds should be mostly ship shape again except perhaps for some drain pipes which can't be fixed in place whilst the rendering dries out. We hope to have a 'bit of a do' to celebrate completing this work, so watch out for more information in due course. Thank you for bearing with us whilst the work was being carried out, especially those who had weddings or other life events taking place. We'll now be looking forward as we prioritise the next phase of work. Our sincere thanks again to 3 charities who supported this restoration work; The Benefact Trust, Herts & Beds Historic Churches Trust and the Francis Coales Charitable Foundation.



**St Mary's Friends Group:** if you'd like to be a supporter of the church building and churchyard, why not join our Friends Group? You'll receive newsletters 3 times a year and will be invited to Friends get-togethers where we give updates on the building work and plans for the future. Contact us via [friendsofharlingtonchurch@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofharlingtonchurch@gmail.com)

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

Best wishes, Tricia Churchwarden

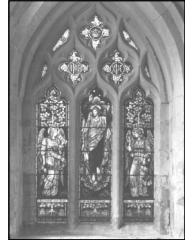


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# St. Mary's Church Services

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Everyone is welcome to attend the services in our beautiful village church. This year March is an important month in the church's calendar as it includes Holy Week and Easter. Look out for special events at this important time of year, including Mothering Sunday on 10<sup>th</sup>. which we celebrate with a service that includes gifts of flowers. Services in March are:



## Sundays

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 8.00 am Book of Common Prayer Morning Prayer  
9.30 am Morning Service
- 10<sup>th</sup> 9.00 am Families' Messy Breakfast  
9.30 am Mothering Sunday Holy Communion
- 17<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am Morning Prayer
- 24<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am Holy Communion
- 28<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
- 29<sup>th</sup> 9.45 am Good Friday Walk of Witness from Methodist Church  
2.00 pm Good Friday Last Hour on the Cross
- 31<sup>st</sup> 9.30 am Holy Communion for Easter Day

## 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/>

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# Village Diary *plus* Good Friday Walk of Witness

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## March

1 <sup>st</sup> World Day of Prayer	St. Mary's 2 pm
4 <sup>th</sup> ADALHS Talk	Flitwick Library Lecture Theatre 7.30 pm
5 <sup>th</sup> Flittabus	Station Road bus stop 9.15 am
10 <sup>th</sup> Messy Breakfast	Parish Hall 9 am
11 <sup>th</sup> Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm (plus Zoom)
11 <sup>th</sup> Wildlife Talk	Malden Church Hall 7.30 pm
14 <sup>th</sup> HNH Get together	Methodist Church Hall from 6 pm
16 <sup>th</sup> Messy Church	Methodist Church and Halls 4 – 6 pm
17 <sup>th</sup> HHT Talk	Village Hall 3 pm
25 <sup>th</sup> Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm (plus Zoom)
28 <sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday Communion	St. Mary's 7.30 pm
29 <sup>th</sup> Walk of Witness	Starts at Methodist Church 9.45 am
29 <sup>th</sup> Good Friday Last Hour	St. Mary's 2 pm
30 <sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning	Methodist Church Hall 10 am to 12 noon

## April

2 <sup>nd</sup> Flittabus	Station Road bus stop 9.15 am
8 <sup>th</sup> ADALHS AGM & Talk	Flitwick Library Lecture Theatre 7.30 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 APRIL 2024 DATES TO THE MAGAZINE BY  
10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024**

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## Good Friday Walk of Witness

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Churches Together in Harlington are holding our annual Good Friday Walk of Witness around the Village.

We start at the Methodist Chapel at 9.45 am, and stop at various places round the village where we read parts of the Easter story and pray, finishing at St. Mary's Church at about 11 am, depending on how quickly we walk. St. Mary's provides us with tea, coffee and Hot Cross Buns!



In recent years we have added more drama and costumes to the walk. This year the drama will be focused at our stop outside the shops at about 10.30 am.