

# Editorial

Dear Villagers,

There is not much on in August, so do make the most of the things that are happening, particularly the Village Show.

Despite that, there is a lot in this issue, notably the reissue of the Directory. There is an introduction to the new Vicar, but not a letter from the churches, as I would have been writing it and space did not permit. I would have written about holidays, and if I get inspired on mine you will get a double dose next month!

Another Society is closing. The Heritage Trust is on its final year and will formally close next March. What do we want to see in our village? Will we support things or risk being an expanded dormitory village? A commuter is: "A man who shaves and takes a train, and then goes home to shave again." I'm not sure how to adapt that to include women!  
Clive.

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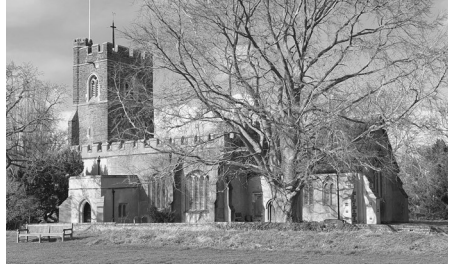
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## Fr. Mark Edwards

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As I begin to write this article, it is just about six weeks since I made the move up from Gravesend in Kent, and three weeks on from my Licensing Service where I was installed as Priest in Charge to the Benefice of Harlington, Tingrith and Westoning. There has been a lot for me to take in and process over these past few weeks, but I am slowly beginning to get settled. I've already met some of you and as the weeks and months pass, I hope to meet more of you and get to know you.



Here is just a little about me. I was born in South Wales and spent the first 15yrs of my life there before moving to London. My parents went into training at this time to be ministers in the Salvation Army. My early church life, and where I received the foundation of my faith, was therefore in the Salvation Army. But I moved on from the Salvation Army and spent 13yrs worshipping in a Baptist Church before moving to the Church of England. I did feel God call me to ministry in the church when in my late teens, but it was many years later before I took the first step to explore what this would mean. It was a long wait but timed perfectly. And I think many life experiences gained over the years are helping as I minister to others. Prior to ministry, and since leaving school, I worked for The Salvation Army, the latter 20yrs as Head of Travel at their International Headquarters. I was responsible for the day-to-day business travel but was also involved in the travel side of disaster relief. I enjoy trying to keep fit and you may find I will occasionally use an analogy of working out in a gym to help show that as well as our physical fitness, we also need to maintain our spiritual fitness.

Well, that was just a very short taster about me. We will, I'm sure, get to know more about each other in due course. I believe God has placed me here and put us together at this time for a reason. I am excited to see what God's plans are, and where they will take us. We can liken our move through life as pilgrims on a journey, and as we walk together, we share our stories and help each other as we journey on.

With every blessing

*Fr Mark*

Fr Mark Edwards  
Priest in Charge  
Harlington, Tingrith and Westoning

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# Harlington in Bloom

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We are pleased to say that we have several more expressions of interest from residents to enter Open Gardens 2025.

Thanks to all. Think it is going to happen! It helps if we can do a circular walk for some visitors to do a walking tour, with some people able to provide parking nearby for less abled

visitors. So far we have interest from two gardens in Bury Close, and one in the following roads: Oak Close, Sundon Road, Brian Road and Westoning Road under the Bridge. So do get in touch if you are interested. Vivienne 01525 633290/07758575715 or any committee member, All sizes from pocket handkerchief, cottage, suburban, dry gardens or larger all welcome for consideration! Thank you so much everyone who has offered!

Thank you to our volunteers who came to plant the 80 summer planting along with the committee on 1 June. Two Ann's and a Carol. We really appreciate it! Thanks also to Steve Jackson who has done a great job tidying up the hedge at the War Memorial. Gill and Rosemary have also done amazing and heavy work on the bed down on Goswell End Road. We plan to have an All Village Effort day, aiming for Saturday 5 October. We really need more help on the bigger beds and large shrubs, focusing on the bed by Orchard House, across the road from the Harlington Surgery. Please do put your name forward to assist.

We are also looking forward to doing the kerbside summer judging. So it would be great if you can get last year's medals/trophies to Judy Harfield on Goswell End Road ASAP.

We are delighted to have received some Sponsorship donations from **Harlington Village Shop (Sanjeev), Hub and Spoke Café, Top Man Cleaners, Green Valley Construction (Gary and Lisa Fountain), and Wednesday Morning Coffee group.** Thank you so much. It is very much appreciated and will be put to work in keeping the Village Blooming purposes in addition to regular planting. Very pleased to receive more!

All very welcome to our work parties below. Secateurs, trowels, spades, clip-pers, gloves, green bags all handy. Stop by and say hello even if you are not free to help. Working party dates for the rest of the year are now on the events tab on the facebook page!

***Dates for your Diary (Some dates may be amended or added nearer the time)***

Sat 24 Aug Village Show Display boards, gazebo and maybe a Quiz!!! 2.00 pm

Fri 27 Sept Awards Evening All Welcome 7.30pm

Sat 5 Oct (date to be confirmed) Village Effort Day to tackle the Bed near Orchard House *ctd page 22 & 23*

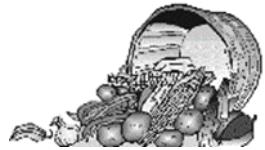
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# Harlington Village Show *plus* Heritage Trust

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

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



Hopefully you're making final decisions about what you can enter in the Show? The schedule has some guidance about how to exhibit in various classes and you'll need the information to see what the classes are, plus the instructions for sizes, numbers and how to display your exhibits. If you need any help at all, contact us via [harlingtonvillageshow@gmail.com](mailto:harlingtonvillageshow@gmail.com) or visit our Facebook page. If you can't find your schedule or entry form, Sanjeev at the shop has some spare entry forms and the list of classes. This could be the year you win your first red rosette!

It's important that you get your entry forms in by 5pm at the latest on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August, and ideally as early as possible so that exhibitor cards can be written in plenty of time.

We will again have a super raffle, so do bring along some change. Some of the prizes already confirmed are a £50 lawn treatment voucher, fish & chip supper for two, £50 Top Man Dry Cleaners voucher, plus various filled baskets, with more prizes to be confirmed.

If you have problems with mobility, or perhaps use a wheelchair, please come slightly earlier to enter at 1.45pm. The Show officially opens at 2pm, and entry is £1 for adults, children are free.

Tricia & the HVS Committee

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## Harlington Heritage Trust

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Regretfully due to falling membership, increasing costs and the failure to attract younger members, it has been decided by the Trustees and Committee that after 43 years of existence now is the right time to begin winding up the Trust.

To ensure that this is carried out in an orderly manner our membership will continue to derive full benefits for the following 8 months with the Charity ceasing operation on 31st March 2025.

Members will continue to receive the Quarterly Newsletter throughout the year with the Final Edition being issued in March 2025.

John Thurston

Chairman and Trustee of the Harlington Heritage Trust

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# Mr Peter Davies

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We sadly lost Peter who passed on the 20th April 2024.

Peter was born in July 1942 in Swansea, Wales, one of 4 brothers born to Stan and Dorothy Davies

He was married for over 60 years to his beloved wife Bronwen having met when they were teenagers in Swansea 66 years ago. They were married on his 21st birthday at St Peters church in the parish of Crockett, Swansea by Fred Secombe – Harry Secombe’s brother no less. A little claim to celebrity status!

He spent his early years in Swansea working in what was the GPO as a dispatch rider, sales counter clerk, and manager. Following a promotion to BT in London he moved in the early seventies to Leagrave, making a difficult decision to move away from family in Wales with Bronwen and three small children. Buying a house without his wife even seeing it, He was obviously a brave man. In 1976 the family moved to Harlington and lived in the village ever since.

He worked at BT for many years and in numerous roles making many lifelong friends eventually retiring from BT at the early age of 48. Retirement however was short-lived as he took on the role of Library Manager at Toddington library, a job he loved and where he stayed until he retired again at 65!

His passing showed to us his family how much he was liked and well regarded in the village and the local community, and many people who he grew up with and worked with made long journeys to attend his funeral on 22nd May.

Peter and Maisie his beloved Maltipoo were seen as minor celebrities in Harlington village often chatting and talking to people as they went on walks around the village. He will be sorely missed and fondly remembered by many as a true gentleman of the village.

We would like to thank everyone that attended the funeral service and the wake. It was comforting to see so many family and friends in attendance in what was a lovely celebration of his life.

Peter was a devoted husband and father, a loving family man, and a great friend. He leaves a hole in all our hearts that will never be filled but he will be remembered every day.

The Davies Family.

"In August, the large masses of berries, which, when in flower, had attracted many wild bees, gradually assumed their bright velvety crimson hue, and by their weight again bent down and broke their tender limbs."

- Henry David Thoreau

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# Brain Tumour Research

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## Quietening Down



June has been busy particularly when we had our hot week, busy trying to keep things

watered that is! I managed to empty all 4 of my water butts; panic set in as my watering system in the garden was failing me and I am not keen on using mains water knowing all plants thrive better on rain water. So after watering one night and feeling drained and exhausted I indulged in a nice soaky bath during which I had a thought if I save the water overnight it will be cooled then in the morning shower over the top of this, then bale it out and water all the plants and vegetable patch which I did but it took about 2 hours and then I felt hot and sticky from all the to-ing and fro-ing but it was a good feeling not to be wasting water!! I would like to make a special mention and thank you to David for helping me to sort out the watering system which will be my back up if that heatwave ever returns!

It was a good month fundraising with £622.50 raised on plants and items from outside my house and £129.50 from sales of plants at Brain Tumour Research Headquarters in Milton Keynes.

I have received some super donations of perennials, vegetable plants, trees and beautiful pots (these don't hang about, so if you need any ceramic pots keep visiting and don't miss out) Thank you to all those people who have donated; I don't always get to see you to thank you or indeed know who has delivered but please know it is very much appreciated. I do know and want to thank Duncan for his donation of 8 bags of home made compost. That was a huge help and has saved me from buying even more compost, I have bought about 11 bags to date so almost 20 bags including Duncan's, BIG BIG thank you! Also thanks to Jim and Sandra who are delivering regularly bags of Redcurrants and Blackcurrants they have been stored in my coolbox outside my house for the last 3 weeks and have been well received by the jam/jelly makers in the village, thank you.

And now the complete opposite JULY and it really couldn't be much wetter. I am not complaining as my water butts are full again and I have only had to water a few things as everything out in the open is swimming and I am having to find pots to decant this water into, such extremes. Does this mean we are going to have proper sunny summer holidays for our school children? It would be so nice if it was. The mixture of the heat from the very hot week and now the rain has made all our vegetables green up and fatten up, tomatoes are looking good and courgettes and cucumbers are also producing their fruits; that is if the slugs haven't got them first. It has been a big battle getting the plants to this stage and some poor folk having to replant 2 and 3 times before seeing success.

July has also seen generous individual donations to the charity, thank you; a



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## Brain Tumour Research *ctd.*

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plant stall at the Harlington Lower School Fair on a very wet and soggy 6th July



and I would like to say a very BIG thank you to the 7 families or individuals who braved the outdoors and came to support where £42 was raised, that was very generous of you all;.

I will be reporting next month on the table top sale organised by Friends of Harlington Lower School and our visit to the Queen Mary lab tour taking place on 10th July, where we will meet Dr Silvia Marino who will explain her work. We will have a tour of the labs and then visit the wall of hope

where we will place the plaques in memory of Pete, each plaque represents £2740 raised for the charity and will fund a day's research we will be placing 10 plaques on the wall and you have helped us to achieve this. Thankyou.

Finally thank you to Elliot who has worked tirelessly on Sunday afternoons sowing seeds, potting on, watering, weeding, to create the immense display outside 132 Goswell End Road. I have had a number of people comment on the array and variety of plants available and it has been a bumper fundraising season as a result. Elliot also set up a community group called Jane's plants where we will be posting any interesting plants, pots, tools, available fruit and/or veg that arrive, so that you will be the first to know. So if you wish to join the community go to Communities and find Jane's plants. Elliot will allow you in and you can be the first to know. He is also going to help me for a couple of Sundays in July and August but I would publicly like to recognise the contribution he has made to the charity, his dedication to his community service towards his Duke of Edinburgh Award and the lovely conversations we have had whilst working in the cold, wind, rain and sun, on a couple of occasions, whilst gardening. It has been great to have your help, Elliot, and I thank you very much.

To you all thank you and I hope to see you at either the Methodists coffee morning on the last Saturday of each month 10-12 noon or at the Flower and Vegetable Show on 24th August. Till then happy gardening, happy harvesting and happy eating! Don't forget to come and get your fresh fruit and vegetables from the trug outside my house, 132 Goswell End Road, and all donations will be passed on to the charity.

Best wishes Jane and Emma Barltrop and Alice Sulaj

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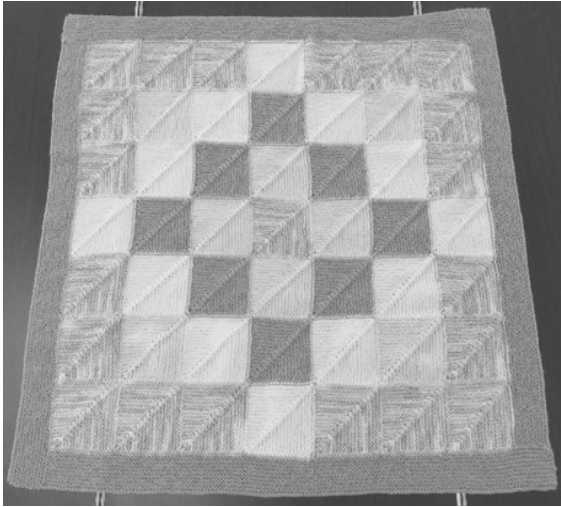
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## Crafternoon Tea *plus* Remembrance Wreaths

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Here we are, in the height of summer! If you are wanting something to do, or somewhere else to be for a couple of hours, Crafternoon Tea is one of those few things that does not take a break in August. We will be at the Methodist Church on 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> August (yes, 26<sup>th</sup> is the bank holiday – but I'm not going anywhere else that day). 26<sup>th</sup> will be two days after the village Summer Show – are you entering any of the craft classes? Come and share your successes – or failures – and a cup

of tea or coffee.

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 August meetings will be 12<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>. Both meetings will be on Zoom as well as in person, and refreshments will be served at each meeting.

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

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## Remembrance Wreaths

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The poppy wreaths have now been removed from the War Memorial, and have been placed under the Roll of Honour in St Mary's.

In September they will be re-purposed at the Crafternoon Tea group to make more poppy trails, which will be placed throughout the village in October and November. If you would like to join us, look out for dates in Contact nearer the time.

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Liberal Democrats Central Beds Liberal Democrats.....[www.centralbedslibdems.org.uk](http://www.centralbedslibdems.org.uk)

## PRE-SCHOOL

Harlington 0-4 Club (Playgroup) ..  
Harlington Village Pre-School .....[staff@harlingtonvillagepreschool.org.uk](mailto:staff@harlingtonvillagepreschool.org.uk) 07963 534038

## SOCIAL AND WELFARE SERVICE

Harlington Neighbourhood Help.....07849 835410  
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Mon –Thurs .....[www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk) 402742  
Royal British Legion –

## TRANSPORT

Mid-Beds Link-A-Ride Community Transport .<http://www.link-a-ride.co.uk> 01525 840511 (for people with personal mobility problems)

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# Harlington Directory *plus* Jenny McDouall

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If you spot any errors or omissions in this list please let me know as soon as possible. I will publish changes each month and a new full issue will come out in January.

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## Jennifer Ann Lingard McDouall

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8<sup>th</sup> December 1043 – 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Many readers may remember the McDouall family. Alan, Jenny, Alec and Mowenna, residents of Harlington between 1974 and 1998.

Jenny, a Laboratory Technician in Leeds Hospital before she married and an amateur artist was an active member of the Christian community in the village and I well remember her amazing sewing talents when we produced a children's musical called 'The Burning Bush' at the Upper School in 1981.

Jenny will be remembered as 'The Lollipop Lady' along with her friend Joan during the 1980s. Later she took a Degree Course at the London Bible College and went on to teach ESOL courses in Bedford. In the 1990s Jenny left Harlington to live in Ilkley to look after her mother but after she died, returned to Sharnbrook to be near her Daughter, Grandson and Alec, her son. Jenny was a member of the Sharnbrook Evangelical Church for many years before moving to St Peter's Church, Sharnbrook. Jenny served the church in numerous ways. And she was once part of the "Open the Book" team at John Gibbard School in Sharnbrook. She will be remembered for her many acts of kindness, especially in visiting those who were housebound, and when possible, taking them out in her car and visiting a café. Her lovely smile could light up a room and she will be missed by her family and friends.

Her funeral took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> July at The Church of St Peter, Sharnbrook. Friends from Harlington were at the funeral.

Vicky Yorke

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# Harlington Lower School

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July was yet another busy month of Sports Days, performances and end of year productions!

## The Grove Theatre

Year 3 enjoyed singing at the Grove Theatre in Dunstable as part of the 'Something for Summer' concert, organised by Inspiring Music. It was a wonderful experience for the children to perform on a theatre stage!



## Sports Day

We recently enjoyed our Sports Day with a number of different races. Thank you to everyone who came to support the children!

## End of term

The end of term is also an emotional time when we enjoy watching the end of year performances and seeing the achievements that the children have

made, but also when we say goodbye to our Year 4s who are moving onto Middle School. This year we also said goodbye to some staff members who are moving onto new pastures. We wish them all well in their next adventures.

## **Harlington Lower School Admissions!**

We have a few spaces available in Reception and other year groups for the 2024-2025 academic year.

For more information about our school, please contact the school office at 01525 752500 or [office@harlingtonlower.co.uk](mailto:office@harlingtonlower.co.uk)

Applications can be made via [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk) - search for school admissions.

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# Harlington Village Hall 100 Club

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The winner of the June 100 Club was No. 81 belonging to Cara Thurston-Lack of Luton.

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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# Flit Vale Wildlife Group *plus* HGS

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## Wildlife walks & talks

**August 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, Jack Crawley Barn, Brook Lane, Flitton, 10.00am**

### **Dragonflies and Damselflies\* with John Curd**

Come along to this lovely reserve and join John as he shares his expertise and enthusiasm for these charismatic creatures. We hope to see several species this morning.

\*£4.00 per adult

Booking for outdoor Flit Vale events is essential, as places are limited.

Please contact Ann by email: [flitvale.info@gmail.com](mailto:flitvale.info@gmail.com) or

Phone (leave a message or text if you prefer) 075801 78889 to reserve your place.

The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire

Registered charity number: 1000412

[www.wildlifebcn.org](http://www.wildlifebcn.org)

Flit Vale Local Group

[www.flitvale.org.uk](http://www.flitvale.org.uk)

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## Harlington Gardeners' Society

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### **ANNUAL COACH TRIP**

On Saturday 22th June we had a very successful coach outing to RHS Hyde Hall. Despite drizzle in Harlington whilst boarding the coach the weather was kind to us and the day was enjoyed by 33 members, many bringing home plants from the RHS sale.

### **ANNUAL MEMBERS BBQ**

This will take place at 118 Goswell End Rd. on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August starting at 5 pm. In the event of bad weather we shall hold it inside in 120 GER. Please bring your own seats, glasses and drinks. Cost will be £5 per person.

Tony Roberts – HGS Secretary

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- Joseph Wood Krutch

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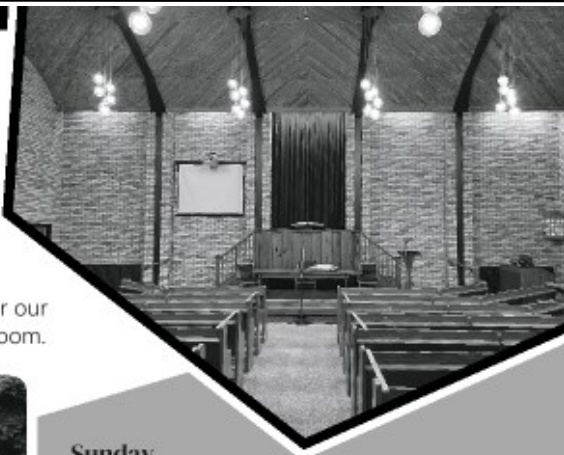
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Any questions or require transport? Please email [shopkins@westoningbaptistchurch.org](mailto:shopkins@westoningbaptistchurch.org)  
All volunteers are DBS checked.

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## Messy Church News *plus* Toddington Ramblers

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Jeremiah is a prophet who is known for (correctly) prophesying doom and gloom. We also tend to think of him as old, as we do for most prophets. But his protest to God was that he was just a young man. God gave him prophesies to act out. He also got thrown down a dry well with spiders and snakes in it!

Our next Messy Church will be on 21st September as we take a break in August. However, if you want to, you can look at some of our old Messy Churches and Celebrations on YouTube on the Harlington Methodist Church channel, some were recorded and some live.

Clive



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## Toddington Rambling Club

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We are a small independent walking club with about 81 members in Harlington, Toddington and the surrounding villages. Our walks range from 3 to 12 miles .



*Starting from Legrave station in the rain*

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June we hosted the London Blind Walking Group. We met them at Legrave station in the rain and escorted them along 6 miles of footpaths to a dry Harlington where we had afternoon tea in our Chairman's garden. Afterwards we escorted them to Harlington station where they caught their train back to London.

Further details of this walk and other recent walks can be seen on the club website [www.toddingtonramblingclub.co.uk/2024](http://www.toddingtonramblingclub.co.uk/2024)

19 members have just returned from our annual club holiday at Bourton on the Water where a variety of walks was enjoyed by all.

In September we shall again be leading a couple of walks on the Beds Walking Festival see [www.bedswalkfest.co.uk](http://www.bedswalkfest.co.uk)

Tony Roberts – Chairman TRC

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# LIFE Church *plus* HiB Pictures

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LIFE CHURCH  
HARLINGTON

Sunday services at 10.30 am in The Parish Rooms

**All Welcome**

## **August 2024**

We have no formal meetings this month

For further info email: [contact@life-church-harlington.com](mailto:contact@life-church-harlington.com)

Or 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)



**Coming up in September**

**Lighthouse Café Church**

**For all the Family**



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## Methodist Church *plus* Harlington in Bloom

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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.



### AUGUST preachers are:

- 4<sup>th</sup> 10 am Chris Berry  
6 pm Service of Holy Communion led by  
Rev. Margaret Newman
- 11<sup>th</sup> 10 am Sheila Norris
- 18<sup>th</sup> 10 am Rev. Tim Haines. This service includes Holy Communion
- 25<sup>th</sup> 10 am Tina Salmon

If you want to join us on Zoom, the Zoom link is normally sent out the day before. Email me, [clivedsalmon@aol.com](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** 31st August, from 10 am to 12 noon, in the hall.  
Proceeds to our project which this year is Brain Tumour Research

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### BRIGHT HOUR FELLOWSHIP

The Bright Hour Fellowship will not be meeting during August. Our meetings will begin again in September.

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### ROOM BOOKINGS

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

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## Harlington in Bloom *ctd from page 5*

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- Sat 26 Oct Winter planting All Welcome 10.00am
- Sat 9 Nov War Memorial Tidy Up in advance of Remembrance Sun  
10.00am

*Vivienne Dunlop on behalf of HiB Committee* <https://www.facebook.com/HarlingtonInBloom/> messenger or [judy.harfield@apertech.co.uk](mailto:judy.harfield@apertech.co.uk) (Treasurer);  
Rosemary Tuohy (Secretary) 07793 016207 Follow us on facebook page  
Harlington in Bloom for calendar events, nice pics and news updates!

And see pictures opposite (*page 22*)

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# St Mary's Churchwarden

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## St Mary's Church



**Antiques & Afternoon Tea** at Harlington Manor, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August, pop in anytime between 12-4pm. *Ticket price for the event is to be confirmed*, but please book or enquire via [tricia.murphy5@ntlworld.com](mailto:tricia.murphy5@ntlworld.com). Nick Gent, an antiques expert, will be there to appraise your items. Bring along up to 2 items for free appraisal, any extra item incurs a £1 fee. He'll be able to give you information about most antiques, although his specialism is porcelain. He's unable to assess jewellery or dolls. Nick and David Blakeman will also talk about various antiques. So come along with your heirlooms whilst you enjoy a lovely Afternoon Tea.

**Churchyard:** The birds have been making good use of the bird bath and nest boxes this year. We've had some tits in the boxes and a blackbird nest inside the south porch. They've all fledged now so the churchyard is a bit quieter! The lady's bedstraw is putting on a good show in the longer grass near the south porch – If you're passing through, it's a pretty yellow flower on a longish stalk. It's always worth looking around as different plants and various fungi pop up all the time. Do you know what a fungus buys when it's having a mid-life crisis.....  
.....a spores car.

**Food Bank:** just a reminder that we are still collecting for our local foodbank, and they are very grateful for any donations. The items most needed include tinned solid meat and tinned meat meals eg stew, carton long life fruit juice and milk, tinned fruit, and sponge puddings. They cannot accept perishable food stuffs which need to be stored in a fridge or freezer, fresh fruit or veg. You can take donations to Sanjeev at the local shop or to the church when open. Thank you so much for your support.

For service and event information, either check Contact, the noticeboard outside church or our website: [www.harlingtonchurch.org](http://www.harlingtonchurch.org). If you'd like to speak to someone about a life event or for prayer, please contact [revmarkedwards@outlook.com](mailto:revmarkedwards@outlook.com), or our Lay Reader, [robert@harlingtonchurch.org](mailto:robert@harlingtonchurch.org). You can also contact myself or fellow Churchwarden Neil.

Best wishes, Tricia Churchwarden



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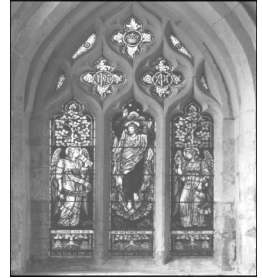
# St. Mary's Church Services

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Everyone is welcome to attend Sunday services in our beautiful village church. August's services are:

## Sundays

- 4<sup>th</sup> 8 am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion  
9.30 am Morning Praise service  
11<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am Morning Praise service  
18<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am Morning Prayer service  
25<sup>th</sup> 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](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 Fr. Mark Edwards [revmarkedwards@outlook.com](mailto:revmarkedwards@outlook.com) 07305 822186 or Dr. Robert Johns [robert@harlingtonchurch.org](mailto:robert@harlingtonchurch.org) 01525 873214.

## Further information and useful links

The church noticeboard is kept regularly up-to-date as is the church website which is at <https://www.harlingtonchurch.org>

The church Facebook page is: [www.facebook.com/stmarysharlington/](https://www.facebook.com/stmarysharlington/)

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

Remember that we are here for you.

**Fr Mark Edwards, Dr Robert Johns (Reader), Tricia Murphy and Neil Walter (Church Wardens)**

"How sociable the garden was.  
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- Thomas Gunn, Last Days at Teddington

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# Village Diary *plus* Ramblers Wellbeing Walks

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## August

6 <sup>th</sup> Flittabus	Station Road bus stop 9.15 am
10 <sup>th</sup> HGS Members' BBQ	Goswell End Road 5 pm
12 <sup>th</sup> Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm (plus Zoom)
15 <sup>th</sup> Antiques and tea	Harlington Manor 12 – 4 pm
24 <sup>th</sup> Village Show	Harlington Village Hall 2 pm
26 <sup>th</sup> Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm (plus Zoom)
31 <sup>st</sup> Coffee Morning	Methodist Church Hall 10 am to 12 noon

## September

3 <sup>rd</sup> Flittabus	Station Road bus stop 9.15 am
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Don't forget the regular weekly things that aren't shown here.  
You can send things just to be entered here.

**GET YOUR SEPTEMBER 2024 DATES TO THE MAGAZINE BY 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2024**

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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.

