

# Editorial

Dear Villagers,

And so things start again! Many groups are restarting after their summer break, others are starting to plan for the next set of activities. I hope you are all refreshed from your breaks, whatever they were. (I wish I could remember mine!)

Work has started then stopped west of the station. Please keep an eye out for what is happening. It seems to me that it is easier to change planning than it would have been to get the same scheme approved in the first place. We don't want a restart with radical changes—unless they represent an improvement, of course, but in my cynicism I don't see that.

Congratulations to all who entered the village show. Winning is nice, taking part is more important. Congratulations or commiserations to all who had exam or other results in August. Here's to the future. Clive

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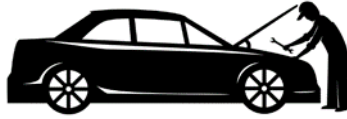
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## Letter from the Life Church

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In May, as a family, we went on holiday to the Isle of Wight. While sitting outside enjoying a drink one evening, watching the sunset, our eyes were drawn to a lighthouse flashing its warning of the danger in the waters of the Solent to craft both little and large.

On trips around the island we also saw the famous lighthouse at The Needles. Sadly over the past few years they are no longer manned and their number has declined due to the cost of maintenance and the advent of much cheaper, more sophisticated and more effective electronic navigational systems. I found seeing the light was reassuring though, knowing that it was guiding sailors to avoid having any major disasters.



The role of a lighthouse is highlighted in a true story of a young lady called Grace Darling and a shipwreck of a paddle steamer called SS Forfarshire. It was sailing from Hull to Dundee when the ship got caught in a storm and was pushed south towards the Farne Islands where, at around 4.30am, the Forfarshire hit the Big Harcar rock, breaking it into two. Grace and her parents were in the Langstone Lighthouse and they saw movement on the rocks at around 7 o'clock in the morning. Grace and her father rowed out in the storm to the rocks to rescue the people, as there were too many to fit in the boat Grace's father jumped onto the rock and left Grace trying to keep the boat steady, while her father put some of the survivors into the boat. They then returned back to the lighthouse where Grace and her mother started to care for the survivors, her father returned to rescue the remaining people.

In the recent years a song called My Lighthouse by Rend Collective has become very popular and often sung during times of worship. It has lots of actions and it's enjoyed by both young and old. It's main theme is that God is a beacon of light, a fortress that defends, protects and rescues us from our own doubts.

As Christians, we are encouraged to keep our eyes focused on God, in his word we are reminded that he is the light of the world, a place of refuge and strength. As the lighthouse shines it lights across the water, guiding the ships on their journey.

God will guide us through our life journey. In the story of Grace, she took the survivors back to the lighthouse to nurse and restore them to health. Life showers us all with lots of different challenges and times where we feel we have no strength or ability to continue. God is there and as the song says, "he is our peace in the troubled sea".

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## Letter from the Life Church *Ctd.*

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Who is your lighthouse? As Christian's we know these words are true as we trust in God, our lighthouse.

Love and prayers

Carol Gibbs

Leader of Life Church Harlington

In my wrestling and in my doubts  
In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

In the silence, You won't let go  
In the questions, Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

My Lighthouse, my lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You  
My Lighthouse, my lighthouse (oh oh)  
I will trust the promise,  
You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh oh

According to Homeric legend, Palamedes of Nafplio invented the first lighthouse, although they are certainly attested with the Lighthouse of Alexandria (designed and constructed by Sostratus of Cnidus) and the Colossus of Rhodes. However, Themistocles had earlier established a lighthouse at the harbour of Piraeus connected to Athens in the 5th century BC, essentially a small stone column with a fire beacon. Wikipedia

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## Harlington in Bloom *plus* Toddington Rambling

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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, and will be focusing on the bed by Orchard House, across the road from the Harlington Surgery. Please do put your name forward to assist.

Our next event will be the Awards Evening on 27 September. Winners have been adjudicated and will have been notified in advance. We look forward to seeing you.

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)***

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

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## Toddington Rambling Club

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We shall be holding a Garden Party for past & present members on 28<sup>th</sup> September starting at 3pm. Past members will be particularly welcome. This will be held in my garden (120 Goswell End Rd), weather permitting, otherwise inside. Those attending are requested to bring their own mugs & some cakes.

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of one of our committee members during a walking holiday in Scotland. Ruth Betts, who lived in Toddington, was well known in the district as she was an HF Holidays walk leader, a DoE award trainer, a church bell ringer, a Greensand Trust volunteer & a member of U3A.

Tony Roberts – Chairman TRC

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# Harlington Village Show *plus* Harlington Hotshots

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

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



I'm writing this before the Show actually takes place, so hopefully the weather will have been warm and dry and we had lots of exhibits for everyone to admire.

It's been a rather odd year weather wise, with long periods of rain interspersed with very hot, sunny days, which then meant lots of watering to keep things alive. Some plants have produced crops earlier than usual, whilst many were affected by the large number of slugs and snails – at least in my garden. I'm sure the hedgehogs were happy though!

Because of submission dates for Contact, the full results from the Show will be printed in the October issue of the magazine.

Tricia & the HVS Committee

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## Harlington Hotshots

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# Brain Tumour Research



A report on our visit to a centre of excellence where research into a cure for Glioblastoma brain tumours is underway.



On 10th July my daughter Emma and my sister in law, Sue and I were invited to the Brain Tumour Research centre of excellence at Queen Mary University of London to find out how our fundraising is helping support scientists leading the way in research into Glioblastoma GBS brain tumours.

We were given the opportunity to tour the labs at Queen Mary University of London, led by principal investigator Professor Silvia Marino. We spoke to scientists about their work to find a cure for the disease and placed 11 tiles on the Wall of Hope in Pete's memory.

What an amazing day. I didn't know what to expect but I wasn't expecting to be in such an amazing building with such incredible scientists, celebrating our fundraising efforts, and sharing the same sense of loss with so many other families.

To date we have raised in excess of £42,000. This allowed us to add 11 tiles in



memory of Pete on the wall of hope. For every £2740 raised a tile can be placed on the wall of hope.

It was a privilege hearing from the researchers and the incredible work that they do, how far they have come and some of the thinking behind what they do. Being present in that inspirational building where this all takes place felt monumental.

Seeing the wall of hope makes you realise how many lives are touched and



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## **Brain Tumour Research & CTiH Prayer Weekend**

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affected by this awful disease and knowing some of the pain those families are feeling.

We enjoyed tea and cakes during the presentation as we sat in the neuron pod ( see picture opposite).

It was an opportunity to take time to reflect, consider and “be” in the environment of the work that will take us closer to a cure from this dreadful disease.

It allowed us as a family to focus on Pete, our journey, and to give credit to our fundraising and hope on what we want to achieve by it. It was a very worthwhile day which has provided some sense of healing, knowledge and a feeling of community as those affected are collectively gathered under one amazing roof, with those who are organising the funding for the research, BTR, and those who are enabling progress to achieve our motives, to find a cure.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for making this day of reflection, celebration and unity possible, and for supporting our efforts to make a difference to those who suffer from a brain tumour and their families living with the loss. Your continued love and support brings us hope, joy and confidence that we are one day going to reach our goal to find a cure. To this end we thank you for helping us to reach our current total of £1693.84 for plants, produce and gardening sundries this year from my front garden. It is a fairly certain prediction that we will break the record of £1700 recorded last year. I also plan to have a garage sale at the end of September to raise further funds for the charity, please look out for posters, and also hold a coffee morning in November as in previous years to launch and sell this year’s Christmas card collection for Brain Tumour Research. I do hope to see you at one or both of these events.

Our thanks

Jane and Emma Barltrop and Alice Sulaj.

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## **CTiH Prayer Weekend**

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The weekend starts at 2pm on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept and finishes with a Service at 10am in the Methodist Church on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Each year a ‘Prayer Tent’ is erected in the Sanctuary for quiet personal prayer and we also have a creative prayer area. If you would like to spend time in during our Prayer Weekend go to one of the Church Websites where you will find a link to the Time Slot Sign-up Sheet which will show you times available.

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The return journey will depart from St Mary's Square in Hitchin at 12:15 pm.

Here is the full timetable:

FL7			
From Sept 2024			
Weekly Service, Fridays Only			
Maulden White Hart	08:52	Hitchin St. Mary's Square	12:15
Maulden Snow Hill	08:53	Hexton Mill Lane Crossroads	12:28
Amphill Post Office	08:56	Barton-Le-Clay Pharmacy	RR
Amphill Cottage Bakery	08:58	Barton-Le-Clay Wagon & Horses	RR
Flitwick Station Interchange	09:07	Sharpenhoe Sharpenhoe Rd. Jcn.	12:41
Westoning Opp.The Chequers	09:12	Harlington Goswell End Rd. (School)	12:46
Harlington Goswell End Rd. (School)	09:17	Westoning The Chequers	12:52
Sharpenhoe Opp. Sharpenhoe Rd.	09:22	Flitwick Station Interchange	12:58
Barton-Le-Clay Opp. Wagon & Horses	09:27	Amphill The Albion	13:06
Barton-Le-Clay Opp. Pharmacy	09:28	Amphill Post Office	13:08
Hexton Mill Lane Crossroads	09:33	Maulden Snow Hill	13:10
Hitchin St. Mary's Square	09:50	Maulden White Hart	RR
RR = Rider Request			

Please note that the only pickup point in Harlington will be at the Upper School. That is the current plan. However once we get a feel for how many passengers use the service, especially in the earlier part of the route, we may be able to include more pickup points in Harlington at a later date.

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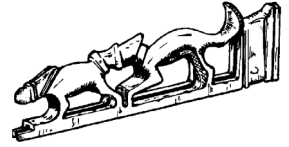
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Monday 7th October 2024

## Tales from Bedfordshire Churches – The Admiral, The Rector and Long John Silver



All Saints, Little Staughton



St Leonards, Old Warden

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Speaker: David Longman

Flitwick Library Lecture Theatre, MK45 1QJ 7.30 for 7.45 pm start.

Members are free, visitors are very welcome £5.00 payable at the door.

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

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



Look up the origin of “pour encourager les autres”.

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# Harlington Brownies

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The end of another school year at Brownies. It was a really fun term to finish the year.

Eight girls and 3 leaders survived camping in tents at Windy Sayles on district camp. It was fun if rather wet overnight and, on the Sunday, we had a trip to Bottoms Corner Wood owned by Was-sledine farm. The girls enjoyed storytelling and marshmallow toasting.



We played our annual friendly rounders match against the cubs. Brownies are getting better at rounders and thank you to cubs for hosting this.

Guiding Bedfordshire arranged a day out for all units at Bletchley park and we enjoyed code breaking, swing dancing and a walk around the park finding out about the war activities.



Then it was the awards evening,

Charlotte got enrolled.

Here she is enjoying a marshmallow. She also joined us for camp for the day and has already been enjoying lots of Brownie activities



Grace, Maisie, Felicity and Elsie got their Bronze awards. Jonida received her silver



award. Plus for the first time in our Brownies we got 2 Gold awards. Abbey and Georgia

were proud to receive these. Abbey and Georgia have been brownies for nearly 3 years and we will miss them as they move on.

Jane (Otter) has been a leader for 8 years and retired at the awards evening with various presentations. Thank you to everyone.

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# Harlington Brownies Ctd. plus Crafternoon Tea

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But then there was a big surprise on the final meeting. Brownies went to the chip van after a play in the park and then hosted a surprise drink and cake party at the Hub and Spoke for Otter. Thank you to Hub and Spoke and cakes



by Josanne . Jane hopes to enjoy life and possibly move to Cheshire but leaves Brownies in safe hands with Laura (Fox) Jane B (Bear) and Judie (Squirrel)

If anyone wants details of Brownies please email 2<sup>nd</sup> Harlington brownies @gmail.com

or register your daughter for Brownies [Register your daughter | Girlguiding](#) and you will be contacted, to arrange a visit.

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## Crafternoon Tea

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September 2024 sees the start of our 9<sup>th</sup> year of existence. I looked up the first advert – it appeared in the September 2016 issue of Contact.



Have you been part of our journey? We will meet on 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September this year, in person and on Zoom. Of course, in 2016, Zoom didn't exist – or if it did, it was in work places, for business, not for hobbies and Covid. We survived Covid as a group because of Zoom – but getting back to face to face meetings was wonderful.

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 September meetings will be 9<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</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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# Commonwealth War Graves

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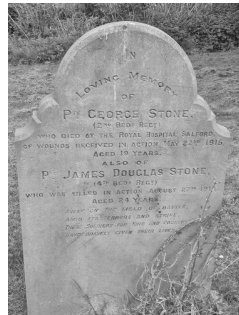
Recently the Commonwealth War Graves Commission replaced the headstone of Able Seaman N. Jeffrey in the Barton Road side of the cemetery.



## Able Seaman Norman Jeffrey.

‘Merchant Navy. S.S.. Dartmouth Park, (Montreal) 21<sup>st</sup> August age 35, Son of Alexander and Ethel E Jeffrey, husband of Susan Jeffrey. Susan was a teacher at the village school. Norman came from Barton and died of consumption. They lived at the top of Sundon Road beside Jimmy’s shop. (Now Number 2?), later living in Wingate Road. They had two sons, Colin and Bruce. His wife survived him. S.S. Dartmouth Park was originally launched in Canada as Camp Sussex in 1943. Harlington Divided Cemetery. Barton Road. Left of gate entrance. Plot 91. Church of England. Commonwealth War Grave.’ (Information from November 2019 exhibition in the Parish Hall.)

I asked Steve Peck, the guy doing the job, why he was replacing the headstone, he shrugged and replied ‘I’m just doing my job.’ I then asked what was the criteria for a Commonwealth War Grave? With a cheeky grin he pulled from the van dash a doubled sided sheet which I was able to copy at the Estate Agents. The list contains about 40 categories, for example, Boston & Spalding Pilotage Authority, War Correspondents 3rd Sept 39 to 15 Aug 45, or Friends War Victims Relief Committee (Quakers), to name but a few.



We have three Commonwealth headstones in the cemetery. They are all different. The three Graves are; the above, Leslie George Kent, north of top path. George Stone, in west part. Further information: go to Commonwealth War Graves Commission Harlington Bedfordshire.



Hopefully to be published in November at the Remembrance Day Exhibition this year is a facsimile copy of ‘MEN OF HARLINGTON’. Fifty eight pages of listed lads who gave their lives in the Great War. Plus a six page commentary and local cemetery information. There are two versions of the book, it is thought



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# Harlington Lower School, HGS, War Graves

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Welcome back for a new school year! We hope that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. It is lovely to have all of the children back in school.

We have lots of exciting events planned for the coming year. Please do read our monthly articles in Contact and keep an eye on our website [www.harlingtonlower.co.uk](http://www.harlingtonlower.co.uk) for information about community events.

We are holding open days for families looking for 2025 Reception places on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 9:30am-10:30am and on 21<sup>st</sup> November at 2pm-3pm. If you would like to look round our school, please do come along.

Also, 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.

If you wish to join our school, please contact the school office to have a tour and to meet with the Headteacher.

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## Harlington Gardeners' Society

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### ANNUAL MEMBERS BBQ

26 members attended a very enjoyable BBQ on 10<sup>th</sup> August. The weather was kind to us and we discussed & filled in a questionnaire about members' desires for a coach outing next year. Thanks to Peter Warren for cooking the meat & Carole Allen for providing the rest of the food.

Tony Roberts – HGS Secretary

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## Commonwealth War Graves *Ctd.*

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that only around fifty were printed. I must point out that much of this information is now on line.

I hope to print a 100 hundred copies in order to keep the price at £10.00. Any body interested, message Russell Preston on Facebook. Or 01525 874841. Cut off date. 1st Oct 2024.

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# Flit Vale Wildlife Group

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Wildlife Trust for  
**Beds, Cambs  
& Northants**

## Wildlife walks & talks

**September 19<sup>th</sup> Thursday, Priory Country Park, Bedford at 7pm**

### **Bat Walk with Colin Carpenter\***

We will meet by the car park on the first left after turning into Priory Park from Barkers Lane, (by the bottle banks) at 7.00 pm. The road is opposite the drive to Priory Marina. This car park stays open. Please be aware the gates to the main car park at Priory Country Park will be closed before our walk ends.

Priory Country Park is an excellent area for bats, and we hope to see and identify several species. If you have a bat detector, please bring it along but Colin will bring some bat detectors with him for use by participants. A torch is essential and insect repellent is a good idea at this time of year!

\*£4 per adult

**September 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 10am to 12:00, Flitwick Moor (TL045354)**

### **Fungal Foray with Steve Kelly**

A combined event with the Herts and Beds Fungi Group (HBFG). Hoping for a mix of damp and mild weather to guarantee a good showing of mushrooms and toadstools. Steve and other experts will help you identify your findings and tell you more about the wonderful and sometimes weird world of fungi.

Free but donations welcome

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

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

Flit Vale Local Group

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

" Sorrow and scarlet leaf,  
Sad thoughts and sunny weather.  
Ah me, this glory and this grief  
Agree not well together!"  
- *Thomas Parsons, 1880, A Song For September*

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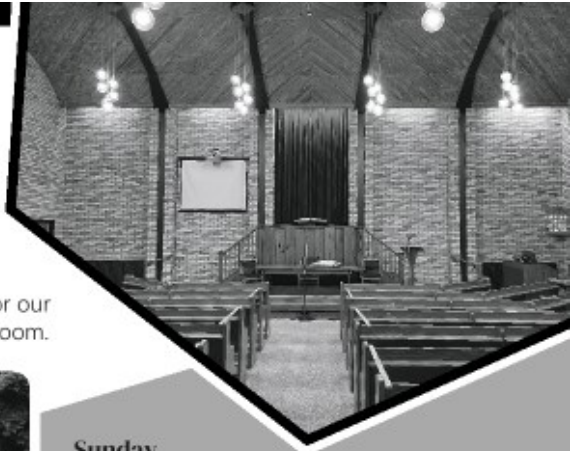
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help. (Former Harlingtonian with  
retained family connections).

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## Messy Church News *plus* Bowls Club

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Having thought about holidays and picnics in July, we took a holiday in August

Our next Messy Church will be on 21st September at 4 pm in the Methodist Church and Halls. As it is Harvest Time we will be thinking and



having activities around Creation and Harvest.

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.

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## Lancaster Avenue Bowls Club

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Lancaster Avenue Bowls Club is a friendly mixed outdoor bowling club situated in Lancaster Avenue Recreation Ground, Warden Hills, Luton LU2 7AD. All are welcome, absolute beginners to more experienced bowlers. Just come along and give it a try on a day during the season.

For more information contact either of the following

Adrian Cook, Club Secretary

Tel 01582 655321

Email [adrian.cook23@virginmedia.com](mailto:adrian.cook23@virginmedia.com)

Phil Eccles

Tel 01525 873601

Email [ecclescakes5@hotmail.com](mailto:ecclescakes5@hotmail.com)

Web site <http://lancasteravenuebowls.co.uk>

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# LIFE Church *with Baby & Me*

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## LIFE CHURCH HARLINGTON

Sunday services at 10.30 am in The Parish Rooms

**All Welcome**

### September 2024

8th – Carol Gibbs

15th – Lighthouse Café church with Rebecca Caird

22nd– Polly Oliver

29th – Prayer Weekend United Service at Methodist Church 10am



Wednesdays 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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A promotional graphic for a 'BABY & ME' event. The background is a wooden surface with various baby toys including a rattle, blocks, and a stacking ring. A baby is lying down in the center. The text reads: 'BABY & ME for parents and babies 0 – 12 months coffee cake TOYS Harlington Parish Rooms Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 10 – 11.30'. At the bottom right is the Life Church logo and name.

**BABY & ME**  
*for parents and babies*  
0 – 12 months  
coffee cake TOYS  
*Harlington Parish Rooms*  
*Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September*  
10 – 11.30  
Life Church

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## Methodist Church *including Bright Hour*

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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.



### **SEPTEMBER preachers are:**

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| 1st  | 10 am | Come and See led by Martin Wallis                       |
|      | 6 pm  | Service of Holy Communion led by Rev. Joanne Sherwood   |
| 8th  | 10 am | Colin Quine   |
|      | 6 pm  | Circuit Service (also on Zoom)                          |
| 15th | 10 am | Rev. Claudia Lupi. This service includes Holy Communion |
| 22nd | 10 am | Peter Baker   |
| 29th | 10 am | United Service to close the Prayer Weekend              |

If you want to join us on Zoom, the Zoom link is normally sent out the day before. Email me, [clivedsalmon@aol.com](mailto:clivedsalmon@aol.com), or phone 874481 to be added to the Zoom email list, or if you would like our printed service emailed to you.

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**COFFEE MORNING** 28th September, 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 meets every Thursday afternoon at 2.45pm at the Methodist Church Hall each week (unless shown otherwise)

Members have 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.

Speakers/activities for September are

- 12<sup>th</sup> Patrick Kandeh to speak to us.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Tea Party at Jo Golby's in Hitchin.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Claudia to speak to us.

Helen James

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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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# St Mary's Churchwarden

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## St Mary's Church



**Churchyard:** The birds and insects are less busy now, but I'm still waiting to see if the ivy bees come back. I looked at the beginning of August to see if any were around yet, but I think it was a wee bit early. Maybe by the time you receive your magazine, they'll be back. Please look out for the signs warning you where not to walk!

**Gift Day:** **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September**, church open 10am – 4pm. Refreshments, mini church tours, activities in the churchyard (or indoors) and a short 'celebration' for the south porch completion. Gift Day also coincides with the Bike 'n' Hike, where people are sponsored to walk or bike to different churches. Last year, 2 people started out from St Mary's on their walks. The sponsorship is shared between the church and the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust. The Trust kindly awarded us a grant for the south porch restoration.

**Toddington Town Band:** **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October** in the church. This is always a popular event and well supported. The band plays entertaining music which will brighten your day. Tickets on the door. How do you make a bandstand.....take away their chairs!

**Christmas Tree Festival:** **Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Nov & Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December.** If your village group, business, or group of friends would like to decorate a tree for display in the church please register your interest via email - [booking@harlingtonchurch.org](mailto:booking@harlingtonchurch.org). The church is open between 12-5pm on both days and the theme this year is 'Christmas Around the World'.

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

"But now in September the garden has cooled, and with it my possessiveness. The sun warms my back instead of beating on my head ... The harvest has dwindled, and I have grown apart from the intense midsummer relationship that brought it on."

- Robert Finch



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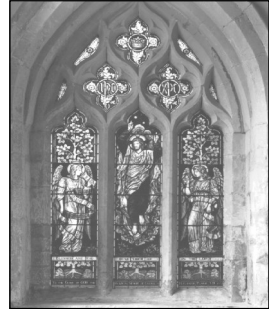
# St. Mary's Church Services

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

## Sundays

- 1<sup>st</sup> 8 am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion  
9.30 am Morning Prayer
- 8<sup>th</sup> 9 am Family Messy Breakfast in Parish Rooms  
9.30 am Holy Communion
- 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am Holy Communion
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.30 am Holy Communion
- 29<sup>th</sup> 10 am Churches Together prayer weekend service at Methodist Church



## 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/>

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# Village Diary *plus* Directory Changes

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## September

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Flittabus MK	Station Road bus stop 9.15 am
6 <sup>th</sup>	Flittabus Hitchin	Upper School 9.17 am
8 <sup>th</sup>	Messy Breakfast	Parish Rooms 9 am
9 <sup>th</sup>	Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm (plus Zoom)
14 <sup>th</sup>	Gift Day	St. Mary's Church 10 am – 4 pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Garage Sale	31 Lincoln Way 10.30 am to 4 pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Garage Sale	31 Lincoln Way 10.30 am to 4 pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Netball	Lower School 10.30 am
19 <sup>th</sup>	Baby & Me	Parish Rooms 10 am
19 <sup>th</sup>	Wildlife Walk	Priory Park, Bedford 7 pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	Messy Church	Methodist Church and Halls 4 pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	Quiz Night	Village Hall 7.30 pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm (plus Zoom)
27 <sup>th</sup>	HiB Awards Evening	7.30 pm
28 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning	Methodist Church Hall 10 am to 12 noon
28 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Party	Past and present members of TRC at 120 Goswell End 3 pm
29 <sup>th</sup>	United Service	Methodist Church 10 am
29 <sup>th</sup>	Wildlife Walk	Flitwick Moor 10 am

## October

1 <sup>st</sup>	Flittabus MK	Station Road bus stop 9.15 am
5 <sup>th</sup>	Village effort day	Orchard House flower bed TBC
7 <sup>th</sup>	ADALHS	Flitwick Library 7.30 pm

Don't forget the regular weekly things that aren't shown here such as the Wednesday Coffee and the Wellbeing Walks.

You can send things just to be entered here.

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

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## Directory Changes

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**Remove:** Living Testimonies

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