

Editorial

Dear Villagers,

Harlington Upper School (HUS) is celebrating 50 years this year with a number of special events. We are lucky to have an Upper School in the village, and it is good to see them being part of our community. They are now part of the Pyramid Schools Trust, which covers HUS and all of its feeder middle and lower schools.

Another village organisation is set to close shortly, with the winding up of Harlington Heritage Trust. It is sad to lose such groups, particularly one dedicated to the history of the village.

Harlington goes back a long way, being mentioned in the Doomsday Book, but founded long before that. More recent history of the village is also important, though, and as the older folk go, this history is lost. How many villagers don't know where Bury Orchard is or the date the Village Hall was opened?

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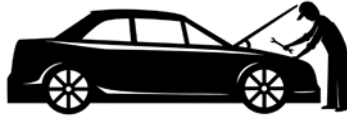
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A letter from St. Mary's Church

*January brings the snow
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This musical concise summary of the weather comes from my late father-in-law's favourite comic duo, Flanders and Swann. Their song never ceased to amuse audiences who could identify with the British preoccupation with the weather and the constant moaning about how awful it is. Added to that, the nights seem long and drawn out, and when daytime seems like night because it is so damp and dreary, our spirits tend to drop. Yet, as any scientist will tell you, cold is how the weather is meant to be in winter, and its coldness is important to maintain a healthy ecological balance. Long dark nights come with the season, but on a clear, crisp, cloudless night offer the opportunity to see the stars more clearly, or even occasionally meteor showers or perhaps the stunning Northern Lights. Then there are the wonderful very early spring flowers, most especially snowdrops, peeping through the soil and hinting at the pleasures to come of the later spring flowers. Plus, the good news that every single February day brings 2 or 3 minutes more daylight.

For some churches February is particularly significant. The season of Epiphany, which follows straight after Christmas and focuses on the signs that Jesus was truly the saviour of the world, ends with a celebration of light at Candlemas on the first Sunday of February. The baby Jesus is recognised by the devout Simeon and Anna when he comes to be presented in the Temple as 'a light to lighten the Gentiles', but Simeon also recognises that Jesus can only save the world through suffering. So then our attention finally moves away from the celebration of Christmas towards preparations for Easter, which formally begin with the season of Lent that starts this year in March.

In the meantime, let's use this month as an opportunity to reflect on ways in which we can shine a light in other people's lives. Let's celebrate the light, the light that even shines in the dark night sky. Or as the poet Gerard Manley Hopkins would say:

*The world is charged with the grandeur of God
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil.*

Robert Johns
Reader, St. Mary's Church

Harlington Upper School

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FLITTABUS ROUTE MAP

Flittabus has updated its Route Map. (See opposite) It now includes route FL7, which goes from Harlington to Hitchin (via Sharpenhoe and Barton) on Fridays, leaving from the Upper School on Goswell End Road at 09:17am. See the full map in colour at flittabus.co.uk/route-map

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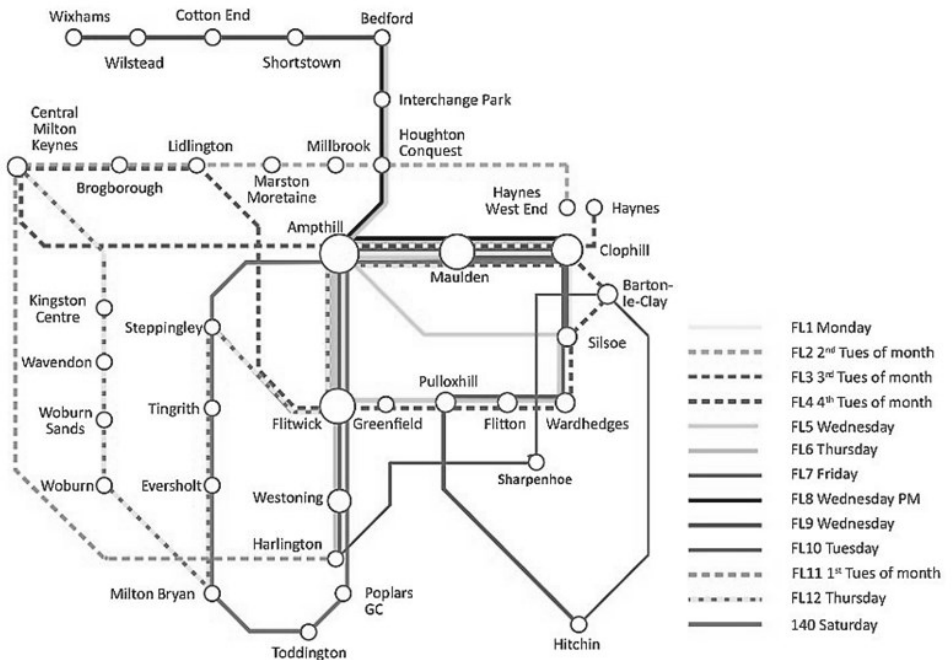
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Flittabus *plus* Harlington Gardeners' Society



Harlington Gardeners' Society



We had our annual New Year social on 11th January which was one of the coldest days of the winter. Despite this we had a good attendance for the excellent illustrated talk by Felicity Brimblecombe, who is secretary of the Bedfordshire Gardens Trust. Members brought a variety of dishes so we were well fed during the evening.

The forthcoming coach trip was mentioned & it appears that the proposed date is 17th May which clashes with the FA cup final at Wembley. Most members did not consider this a problem as they would prefer to visit RHS Wisley in the spring rather than watch the football, especially as Luton Town have already been eliminated.

Tony Roberts – HGS Secretary

Brain Tumour Research



**Brain Tumour
Research**
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Getting Ready



2025 has arrived, my usual preparations for a new year are to set up my new calendar, transferring important dates to mark birthdays, anniversaries and preset events for the new year ahead. I received a gardening calendar which has information on jobs to do in the garden which I find useful so I have transferred all this information too, as well as planning what seeds I want to grow. I marked these on the calendar and have put the packets of seeds in a box in order of being sown, with a marker for each month of the year. This includes a packet of climbing French beans provided by Jim, saved from his crop this year, thank you Jim. There are 9 packets of Jim's climbing French beans in the seed box on the top shelf in my porch so if you want to grow these yourself please come and look in the seed box and make a small donation. I plan to grow some to put out as small plants as well as the usual tomato plants, courgettes, cucumbers, and leeks; also marigolds, zinnias, cosmos, petunias and many more. So I am feeling all set up and organised. This year has started well, that's not guaranteeing everything planned will happen but it has the best chance. So we are off.

I have also banked £125 that I received in donations over the Christmas period and many thanks to those kind villagers for supporting the charity, our fundraising and their encouraging comments.

Thank you also to our village churches Harlington Methodist and St Mary's; I had the opportunity to sell Christmas cards at both churches on behalf of Brain Tumour Research on the first weekend of December and parishioners generously supported raising £349 together.

I had crates of holly and hellebores donated by Pat over the festive season which were received and enjoyed, raising funds for the charity. Thank you also to Carol who helped create a festive decoration for my front door using some of the holly.

Please can I make a request? I have been asked to let a supporter know if I receive a summer jasmine, so if anyone has a spare plant or is able to take a cutting and send it my way, I will make sure it reaches the interested party.

So I'm looking forward to this year's growing, providing plants for your garden and meeting the supporters of this enterprise. Fingers crossed for weather that supports my plans and endeavours.

Thank you for reading this article and I hope you too might feel enthused and want to give gardening a go. Come and buy a plant and watch your garden grow!

Thank you Jane Barltrop

Harlington in Bloom *plus* Wednesday Coffee



Annual General Meeting

Dear Villagers

We are delighted to welcome you to the Harlington in Bloom Annual General Meeting. It will be held Friday 7th February in the West Room of the Parish Hall in Church Road at 7.30pm. There will be a round up of the year to

listen to and election of the usual Committee posts.

A reminder that Open Gardens will be on 5 July 2025. Save the Date! Once the new committee is in place, we will be contacting those of you who have already expressed an interest in opening your gardens to firm up details. We will also need helpers on the day to help at the Ticket/Map gazebo on Bury Orchard.

Do contact Rosemary (details below) to go on our volunteer list. We always need more people with different skills, not least because, at any one time, people including committee members can be ‘under the weather’ and unable to help with the physical work. Many hands make light work; provide fun and companionship and interaction with a broad spectrum of villagers.

Here’s to a ‘blooming’ year for Harlington in Bloom!

Vivienne Dunlop on behalf of the Bloomers committee.

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Wednesday Coffee Mornings and Games



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.



Harlington Lower School *plus* Poem



As I write this, we are experiencing some chilly winter days, but the days are starting to get longer and February brings excitement to our school community. From engaging classroom activities to special events, the term is well underway, and there's much to look forward to in the coming weeks.

The children are currently engaging in a community Art project, organised by Crest. As part of this, the children are working with a local artist, Tony Stallard, to create a unique piece of art for the new Crest housing development. We are looking forward to seeing the finished art work!

We have also been developing our Forest School area and groups of children have been using this to complete outdoor activities and develop their resilience, confidence and self-esteem. We are hoping that in the next academic year we will be able to offer this experience to all children in the school.

A Poem for February

FROZEN IN TIME

On a weary Sunday afternoon in
February
my student room-mate is away,
so I desert our hall of residence,
lured by the open countryside,
an OS map as my companion.

I cross a deeply ploughed field,
a line of red dashes on my map.
Ice cradled in concrete furrows,
cracks and crunches under my
boots.

A frozen mist conspires with the dusk
and a church spire hovers unsupported
in the disappearing distance.
A startled pheasant flies up,
and the church bells' chimes
freeze on the thickening air.

The world is in the deepest sleep,
but I've rarely felt this alive.

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HARLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HELP



Notice of Annual General Meeting 2025

Thursday 13th February from 7.30pm

at 25 Sundon Road

All interested parties welcome

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

We currently have 23 volunteers, most who are drivers, but we also have non-drivers as we help with forms, prescription collections, shopping etc.

We have again completed over 400 'jobs' this year in the village

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

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

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

"If apples were pears
And peaches were plums
And the rose had a different name.
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- *Valentine's Day Songs and Poems*



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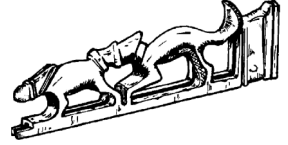
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Flitwick Library Lecture Theatre, MK45 1QJ 7.30 for 7.45 pm start. Members are free, visitors are very welcome £5.00 payable at the door. Tea and coffee to follow.

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

March 3rd – The Monastic Heritage of Old Warden Parish Church – Margaret Roberts

www.adalhs.org.uk



Harlington Surgery and Sundon Medical Centre



A special news column this month from Sharlene Clarke, Sundon Medical Centre's Practice Manager.

I hope you had a wonderful start to the New Year. As we step into 2025, we are excited to share some important updates in the way we manage patient appointments at the surgery. By now, you should have received a text message or a letter explaining that SMC will be moving to a new system called **Patient Triage**.

As you may have noticed, the healthcare landscape is changing rapidly, and so are the needs of our patients. With increasing demands on GP services, we want to ensure that every patient receives timely and appropriate care.

Patient Triage is a system where every patient request is assessed by a healthcare professional before an appointment is made. Whether you contact us online, by phone, or in person, your concerns will be reviewed to determine the best course of action. This ensures you receive the right care at the right time.

How Does it work?

You submit your request online by going to the SMC website located at sundonmedicalcentre.nhs.uk, then select either the **New Request** or the **Appointments** tab. (See the arrowed tabs below).

The screenshot shows the Sundon Medical Centre website interface. At the top left is the Sundon Medical Centre logo. To the right is a search bar. Below the logo is a navigation menu with tabs: Home, Appointments, Prescriptions, Services, Health Information, About Us, and Contact. A large downward-pointing arrow is positioned over the search bar. Below the navigation menu is a banner with the text "systemconnect powered by patients" and "Need help with a non-urgent medical or admin request? Contact us online." On the right side of the banner is a "New request" button. Below the banner is a grid of 12 service options, each with an icon and a label: Appointments (with a downward arrow icon), Prescriptions, Test Results, Contact, Sick Note, Register as a Patient, Clinics and Services, Self-referral Services, Feedback, Vaccinations, Update your Details, and Health Information.



sundonmedicalcentre.nhs.uk

Harlington Surgery and Sundon Medical Centre

Select the questionnaire that relates to your concern. Provide details about your symptoms, concerns or requests. It is important you provide as much information as possible. Rest assured that all information is treated with the utmost confidentiality.

A clinician and GP assistant will review your request and determine the next steps. Depending on your needs, you might be offered a same-day appointment, a routine appointment, a phone consultation or advice on self-care or pharmacy services.

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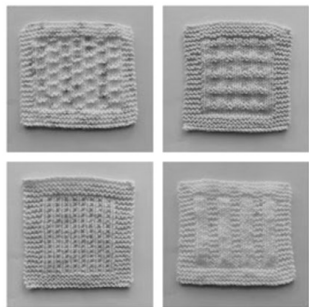
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- Provide detailed information when submitting your request.
- Make sure all your contact details at the surgery are up-to-date.
- Use our online consultation system when possible. It's quick and easy.
- Be open to alternative solutions, like advice from a pharmacist.

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Crafternoon Tea *plus* Harlington Surgery and SMC

When I was a Brownie, 60 plus years ago, those of us who couldn't already knit were taught, by knitting a dishcloth – remember them? Even those of us who could knit were expected to produce the dishcloth, in order to qualify for the



knitting badge. And even now, sometimes it can be scary to look at a pattern for something large, and many people like to start a new skill with something small – and then they don't know where to find a “small” something that is interesting, or useful, dishcloths no longer being a thing. If you are in that position, there are a number of “small” things we have patterns for. “Bonding squares” are used in hospitals for mothers and babies who cannot spend all their time together, perhaps because the baby is in an incubator, or the mother is seriously ill. They each wear a square of identical pattern and colour (so they are made in pairs), and these are swapped regularly – giving the baby the scent of the mother, and helping child to bond to mother.

When my mother and I first learned to crochet, we started with patterns that were made in squares and then sewn together – she made me a pram blanket, and I made my best friend a pram blanket – same book of basic patterns, but different patterns.

So if you want to start small with a new skill, this is one idea.

Crafternoon Tea meets on alternate Mondays, at Harlington Methodist Church. There are likely to be all sorts of different crafts on the go, and we are happy to share what skills we have with others. We have materials, tools and magazines available, some always on the premises, and some which can be brought in if required, so let me know if there is something you are likely to want.

Our February meetings will be on 10th and 24th. 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), 874481, website: <https://cliveandtina.co.uk>

Harlington Surgery and Sundon Medical Centre *ctd*

We're confident that the **Patient Triage** system will improve your experience and ensure our surgeries run smoothly. Together, we can make your healthcare journey simpler, faster, and more effective.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we implement this innovative approach to patient care.

Flit Vale Wildlife Group & Wellbeing Walks



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Wildlife walks & talks

**Friday, February 28th 2025, Maulden Village Hall. 7:00 pm
for 7.30 pm start**

Fundraising quiz for the Wildlife Trust

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Please email details of your teams, including team name and meal choices to Ann at flitvale.info@gmail.com.

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Please contact Ann by email: flitvale.info@gmail.com or

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Harlington Ramblers Wellbeing Walks

The Harlington walks happen every Friday morning and start from the Village Hall Car Park at 10.30am. They are a great way to stay fit, enjoy the village, and meet fellow residents. It is almost impossible not to feel good when we're walking outdoors – it's a natural mood-booster and a tonic for mind and body.



Whether you used to enjoy walking but have lost your fitness or want to get started to improve your wellness, we're all in it together. We're a friendly bunch so you'll get the warmest of welcomes. Everyone walks for their own reasons, whether to ward off illness, manage health conditions or boost their wellbeing. Yet we all get more out of it by walking together.

Harlington Juniors FC

Local club spreads Xmas cheer to the Keech cottage children's ward and the L&D Hospital children's ward

Harlington Juniors FC Chairman Karlos Williams wanted to give something back, so he came up with the wrap a gift for Christmas. His club's chosen charities this year are the children's care at Keech Cottage and the children's ward at Luton & Dunstable Hospital.

Harlington Juniors FC themselves are a grassroots football club and a registered charity.

Karlos spoke to Mary Lewis at Tesco superstore in Flitwick about them donating some selections boxes, which Mary truly obliged, donating 50 selection boxes to share between both charities. Karlos advertised his idea on the local village groups in Harlington and surrounding areas via Facebook. At first the response was a little slow, but with the advertised delivery date approaching his door kept knocking with generous people donating some wonderful gifts. Harlington have

7 teams ranging from u10's all the way through to adult football. All the teams helped by donating gifts for these great charities.

Karlos wished to provide joy to the ailing youngsters this Christmas. Keech Cottage also pro-



vides palliative care for these youngsters in their own homes. On Wednesday, December 11th, at 10:30 a.m. Karlos and his wife Liza arrived at Keech Cottage and was greeted by Kate and Katie, both members of the fundraising team.

Karlos said that he was anxious about his experience, but they made him feel at ease right away and were

World Day of Prayer *plus* Harlington Juniors FC



World Day of Prayer.

(a women led, global, ecumenical movement)

World day of prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of people 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. Here in Harlington we are part of the Toddington group which as far as I know has been taking part in this global service since the 1970's.

‘I MADE YOU WONDERFUL’.

Service prepared by the women of the Cook Islands

7th March at 2pm

St. George's Church, Toddington

All are very welcome

The day is an amazing wave of prayer celebrated in over 120 countries. It begins in Samoa and travels throughout the world - through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later.

Sue Spence and Vicky Yorke.

Harlington Juniors FC *Ctd.*

thankful of his and his clubs' efforts. They told him that his and his club's efforts will undoubtedly make a lot of children smile this Christmas.

Karlos did it all again on Friday, December 13th, when he delivered another batch of gifts and selection boxes to the Luton and Dunstable Hospital's Children's Wards. He feels really privileged to have accomplished this. He simply came up with this concept a few weeks ago.

He is overwhelmed by the love and support he has received from his club members and residents. His favourite phrase is "Keep smiling.". He hasn't stopped. He is so grateful for everyone coming together and showing support.

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Messy Church News



Unfortunately Tina was not well and we had to cancel the December Messy church. However this is just the one cancellation, and Messy Church will be continuing in the future, we hope without any further interruptions.

Our next Messy Church will be held on 15th February at 4 pm in the Methodist Church and Halls. When we looked over the things we have covered in the past, we realised that we have not looked at Joseph, that is the first Biblical Joseph of Technicolour Dreamcoat fame. We covered the first part of his life in January, so in February we will be looking at what happened after Pharoah had worrying dreams.

You may wonder why we always say that Messy Church is in the Methodist Church and Halls. That is because we do different activities in different places. We start the activities at 4 pm. The downstairs hall is next to the kitchen, so while one team of helpers is getting food ready for tea, others are working with the children and adults on any food-based activities. These have ranged from cooking cakes, biscuits, meringues or bread, or making Angel Delights, stables from wafers, fruit salad or any of a number of other things that can be eaten. Meanwhile, the upstairs hall has a washable floor, so if paint gets splashed it is easily cleaned. This makes it ideal for activities involving paint or glue or anything else that might make a mess. This is where we make models, paint pictures, glue collages, work with Playdough, sand, stone, cloth, wool, string, paper or cardboard. All sorts of things have emerged from this area, from hopping frogs to golden cities. However, we only have 45 minutes for these, then we all get together in the church for the celebration, where we hear the story, sing, do some more, less messy, activities and pray. The aim is to finish this part by 5.30 pm, because the tea team will have set out the food, and the tables and chairs, for tea in the lower hall by then.

Of course we don't do everything every session. We always aim to have at least one food activity and six or seven others to give plenty of choice in the first session, apart from the two or three we do in the celebration. We can also see those who couldn't get to the church and have joined us on Zoom, look at what they have done and show them what we did. The celebration is also streamed on YouTube, which 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

LIFE Church *with Baby & Me*



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Sunday services at 10.30 am in The Parish Rooms

All Welcome

February 2025

2nd – Lighthouse Café Church

9th – Mike Oliver

16th – Rosie Hughes

26th – John Doohan

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

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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20th

10 – 11.30

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Life Church

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You are all invited to join us at any of our services. If you can't attend in person you can join us on Zoom or YouTube if you have access to the technology. You can also view the YouTube recording later if you wish.



FEBRUARY preachers are:

- 2nd 10 am Come and See led by Tina and Clive Salmon
6 pm Service of Holy Communion led by Rev. Claudia Lupi
- 9th 10 am Richard Armiger
- 16th 10 am Rev. Margaret Newman. This service includes Holy Communion
- 23rd 10 am Peter Baker

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

COFFEE MORNING 22nd February 2025, from 10 am to 12 noon, in the hall

BRIGHT HOUR FELLOWSHIP

The Bright Hour Fellowship meets every Thursday afternoon at 2.45pm at the Methodist Church Hall (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 February are

- 6th Richard Luscombe about his holiday in New Zealand and Australia
- 13th Joanne Sherwood
- 20th Sheila Norris
- 30th Rev. Claudia Lupi



ROOM BOOKINGS

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

St Mary's Churchwarden

St Mary's Church



Quiz Night: **Saturday 8th March**, Harlington Village Hall, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. Maximum 6 to a team, suggested donation £5 ppn to include nibbles, tea/ coffee. Or bring your own drink. If you don't have a team, don't worry, do pop along and we'll find you a team. All donations will go to our Restoration Fund and there will also be a raffle. By the way, I scored 0 out of 10 on my last spelling quiz.....but my teacher gave me an 'A' for Affort!

Upper School Concert: an evening concert in the church on **Wednesday 26th March**. Save the date - and join us to enjoy music performed by talented youngsters from Harlington Upper School.

Christmas Services: it was lovely to see many of you over the Christmas period and I'm sure everyone will remember Samson's appearance at the Crib Service. Shall we just say that 'he left his mark'! Many thanks to everyone at East End who brought Samson, and very impressively, also dressed up as shepherds and kings.

Friends of St Mary's: If you're interested in joining this group as a general helper or to hear news about the church, and perhaps raise funds to help care for the church building, then please do get in touch.

Recycling: no more crisp packets please. We are still collecting biscuit and cake wrappers for recycling, but Terracycle have stopped recycling crisp packets as so many stores now collect them. Please don't leave any in the recycling bin by the church side gate, or at 43 Barton Road.

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

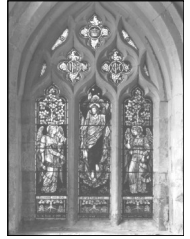
Best wishes, Tricia Churchwarden

"Late February days; and now, at last,
Might you have thought that
Winter's woe was past;
So fair the sky was and so soft the air."
- William Morris



St. Mary's Church Services

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



- 2nd 8 am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion
9.30 am Morning Service
- 9th 9 am Families' Messy Breakfast in Parish Hall
9.30 am Holy Communion
- 16th 9.30 am Holy Communion
- 23rd 9.30 am Holy Communion

Wednesdays

Every Wednesday 10 am Holy Communion or Morning Prayer

Other times

The church can be made available for private prayer by arrangement, please contact one of the church wardens, Tricia Murphy tricia.murphy5@ntlworld.com or Neil Walter walterfamily@btinternet.com, or the Church Reader Dr. Robert Johns robert@harlingtonchurch.org. Alternatively email admin@harlingtonchurch.org

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/

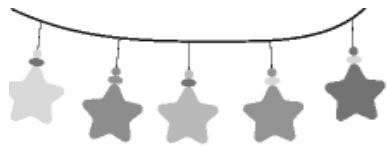
We are on A Church Near You at <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7667/>

Remember that we are here for you.

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

I am a little fellow,
Though I'm always up to date.
The days I hold within my hand are only twenty-eight;
But I just save my moments up,
And count them o'er and o'er,
Till in four years I've saved enough to make up one day more.
But little folks that kindly are, and pleasant in their play,
May save enough in far less time to make a happy day.
~Pauline Frances Camp, "February," in *St. Nicholas*, February 1906

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Village Diary *plus* Directory Changes

February

3 rd	ADALHS	Flitwick Library 7.30 pm
4 th	Flittabus MK	Station Road bus stop 9.15 am
7 th	HiB AGM	Parish Hall 7.30 pm
8 th	Band Concert	Barton Village Hall 7.30 pm
9 th	Families' Messy Breakfast	Parish Hall 9 am
10 th	Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm (plus Zoom)
11 th	70s Themed Party	Harlington Upper School 4.30 - 6.30 pm
13 th	Anniversary concert	Harlington Upper School 6.30 pm
13 th	HNH AGM	25 Sundon Road 7.30pm
15 th	Messy Church	Methodist Church and Halls 4 pm
20 rd	Baby & Me	Parish Hall 10 am
22 nd	Coffee Morning	Methodist Church Hall 10 am – 12 Noon
24 th	Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm (plus Zoom)
28 th	Wildlife Trust Quiz	Maulden Village Hall 7 for 7.30 pm

March

3 rd	ADALHS	Flitwick Library 7.30 pm
4 th	Flittabus MK	Station Road bus stop 9.15 am
7 th	World Day of Prayer	St. George's Church, Toddington 2 pm
8 th	Church Quiz Night	Harlington Village Hall 7.15 for 7.30 pm
10 th	Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm (plus Zoom)

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 MARCH 2025 DATES TO THE MAGAZINE BY 10TH FEBRUARY 2025

Directory Changes

Add

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If you have other changes let me know. Next issue July or August