
Editorial

Dear Villagers,

Summer is coming, and with the summer holidays it seems as if less is happening in the village. June seems to be quite a quiet month, except for the 28th when you can be busy morning, noon and night.

Maybe with the new people moving in to the village there will be opportunity and people to restart old things or start completely new ones, that would be good.

At the Methodist Church we are aware that finding out what is happening is not always easy. Look out for news of “Fresher’s Fairs” ie gatherings when you can find out about things in the village. If you run a group, would you like a place to tell people about it? You might want to start planning now.

What do you think are the best ways to tell people what is happening?

Best wishes

Clive

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A letter from the Life Church

Who loves a birthday party? The excitement builds as you start to prepare, buying gifts, organising a venue, and planning who to invite. This then leads to what food do we serve, if it's a child's party, is it sandwiches and jelly and ice cream or sausage, chips and of course tomato sauce. Adults prefer to have posh buffet or barbecue to satisfy their hunger. But to me one of the essential and most important bits is the birthday cake, whether it's a Colin the Caterpillar, (other animal cakes are available) a beautiful iced cake or a fabulous chocolate cake adorned with candles.



This month, Christians celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, on the 8th June. It is celebrated 50 days after Easter and commemorates the gift of the Holy Spirit. The word Pentecost comes from the Greek word 'pentekoste' which means fiftieth. Pentecost remembers when the Holy Spirit was given to the followers of Jesus. In the bible in the book of Acts it tells us about the events leading up to what we call Pentecost. Following Jesus' resurrection after the crucifixion, he remained among his friends and family for forty days. On the fortieth day after the crucifixion, it describes how Jesus ascended into heaven, after promising the watching disciples that they would not have to wait long for the Holy Spirit to come and guide them. Ten days later the disciples were gathered together in a house in Jerusalem. Suddenly they heard a sound like a roaring wind and what seemed to be fire coming to rest on each of their heads. This noise and the fire represented the coming of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit soon enabled the disciples to speak in all kinds of languages. This attracted a large crowd, because many foreign visitors to Jerusalem heard them speaking in their languages. The disciples were able to tell them about Jesus in their own languages. The book of Acts estimates that about three thousand people became Christians on the first Pentecost.

Fire is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. If you look at any famous works of art that represent Pentecost (for example 'Pentecost' by Marcellus Coffermans, a Flemish renaissance painter, painted between 1549-1578) it depicts the tongues of fire on the disciples' heads. This represents the power and courage and determination given to the disciples when they received the Holy Spirit. The sound of the wind is a representation of God's breath and is found throughout the bible. Usually

A letter from the Life Church *ctd.* Plus Poem

when the bible describes a strong wind blowing it means God is close by and displaying his power.

Pentecost is important to Christians because it symbolises the birth of the church.

As Christians, we believe the Holy Spirit is with us and helps as we share God's love in our home, community and world. As you light the candles on the birthday cake just take a moment and remember that God is alive and living today.

Carol Gibbs

Leader Life Church

My Toaster's Full Of Bread Crumbs



Now I'm retired but not expired,
there's so much to be done,
so I keep a list of tasks,
it's always quite a lengthy one.

There's the constant ping of messages,
from thoughtful friends of mine,
some are still working,
so of course they have the time.

My car says tyre pressure's low,
I'm hoping that's a load of tosh,
and maybe it's just sulking,
as it hasn't had a wash.

Though it's winter things are growing,
despite the wind & cold,
but mainly on the patio:
a carpet of black mould.

My toaster's full of bread crumbs,
a fire hazard it is said,
perhaps I'll now be sensible,
and use the grill instead.

The windows all need cleaning,
the floors all need a mop,
but if I make a start,
when will it ever stop.

Strangely I'm not sad these things
aren't even on my list,
as hopefully, without that
they may easily be missed.

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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 well-being, 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.



Brain Tumour Research



Oh my goodness!



This spell of hot weather has brought on all my tomatoes, courgettes, cucumbers and chillies so these are now available in a growhouse but may need to be kept protected from frosts until the end of May.

I have been very blessed to have received tomatoes, cosmos and a mock orange from Steve, a selection of house and perennials from Stephen, and house leeks, shrubs, sedums and other miscellaneous plants from yet another Steve, courgettes and jasmine from Dick, tomatoes and other perennials from Andy, strawberries from Amanda, foxgloves and verbena from Liz, hollyhocks from Rosemary, a goat willow tree from Hayley and some lovely marigolds, gazanias and geraniums and a fuschia from anonymous donors, hostas, cillibum, phlox from Pat, clematis, hellebore and others from Carol, pots from Lisa and Helen and hanging baskets from Doreen. It has been an amazing help boosting what I have available and has brought on increased sales so that £480.93 has been raised so far this year. I never cease to be amazed.

I have 6 varieties of tomatoes: Ailsa Craig, Amateur, Marmande, Moneymaker, Roma and Alicante and another 2 coming as well: Tumblers and Gardeners Delight and maybe a new one, Cocktail Crush, which harvests until October / November but these are limited, as well as runner beans, lupins, sunflowers and summer bedding and anything else that turns up!

My new garden room is coming up trumps, with a delay on my greenhouse, I have been able to use staging in front of my rear garden room door as well as a board over my butler sink and my plants are loving it, they are growing well, so come and take a look and maybe choose a plant or 2!!

Happy gardening; may your gardens be full of flowers, vegetables and fruit from
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Jane Bartrop

"Roses are red,
Violets are blue;
But they don't get around
Like the dandelions do."
- Slim Acres



VE Day Celebrations

On Bank Holiday Monday, 5th May, the Ladies in Waiting organised a village celebration for the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Although the weather had



turned colder, a good number gathered on Bury Orchard. There were ice creams and hot dogs. We were entertained by Miss M, who gave two sessions, one of 40s songs and the other covering up to the 60s, we had some community singing, and the event having started with the BB Band, finished with a piper. Thanks to all who helped and organised.



On the 10th of May, the residents and friends of Bunyans Walk came together to celebrate VE day. It was a beautiful day and we began setting up at 2.00p.m. Tables, chairs and parasols came from all directions. A great variety and quantity of



food also appeared. We all settled down for an afternoon of chat, laughter and singing along to some favourite old songs. We reluctantly began to tidy away at 7.30 as it became a bit chilly. A great time was had by all.

Harlington in Bloom



Spring Gardens Results. We are delighted to announce 12 Wingate Road was the winner of Spring Gardens, closely followed by joint runners up: Mulberry Cottage and 18 Glebe Gardens.

We're looking forward to Open Gardens on Saturday 5 July 12 noon to 5pm. Tickets in the form of a printed programme will be available from a gazebo beside the Village Hall Carpark. *Tickets will be £5.00 per adult with children free of charge. Cash only.* Any profits after costs will go into the Harlington in Bloom



funds for future projects. We will have more details in next issue of Contact of the gardens you can see and where you may also purchase a cream tea or a bun or two. Save the Date! It is such a lovely day. **Thank you to all who have come forward to open their gardens. By the time, you read this, you should have heard from the committee to arrange a garden visit, health and safety assessment and your garden details for the programme. If you are a late entry or have not been contacted, please contact Vivienne 01525 633290/07758575715 (+ ansaphone) for more details. Do leave a message if no immediate answer, so we can get back to you.**



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Contact Rosemary Tuohy (Secretary) 07793 016207 or rosemarypc86@gmail.com for further information.

Harlington Lower School *plus* HiB *ctd.*



At the time of writing, we have just finished commemorating VE day. The school community at Harlington Lower School came together to commemorate the 80th anniversary of this pivotal day, marking the end of the Second World War in Europe.

Our school was a vibrant sea of red, white, and blue as the children dressed up to commemorate the occasion, and cheerful bunting decorated the classrooms and hallways.

During a special whole-school assembly, our pupils learned about the profound importance of VE Day and the historical context of the Second World War. They heard stories and gained an understanding of the sacrifices made by so many during that time. This learning continued in their classrooms, where teachers helped them explore this crucial period.

As part of our commemoration, we took time to remember those within our own Harlington community who served and contributed during World War II. Their bravery and resilience are an important part of our local history, and it was valuable for our young people to reflect on their contributions.

A lovely part of the day was our shared picnic lunch out on the school field, where everyone enjoyed the spring sunshine together, fostering a sense of community.

The day was a meaningful way for our children to learn about history, show their respect for the past – including those from Harlington who were involved – and come together as a school. We were so proud of their enthusiasm and thoughtful engagement throughout the day.

Harlington in Bloom *ctd.*

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

Sat 31 May	Summer Planting. All Welcome	10.00 am
Fri 26 Sept	Awards Evening All Welcome	19.30 pm
Sat 25 Oct	Winter planting All Welcome	10.00 am
Sat 8 Nov	War Memorial Tidy For Remembrance Sun	10.00 am

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Harlington Lower School Summer Fayre

Friends of Harlington Lower School are working hard in preparation for our Summer Fayre on Saturday 28 June. We hope the day will provide an opportunity for our lovely community to come together and share in the great things we have going on in our village.

There will be performances from the children at the school, and from the performing arts groups in the village. As well as, of course, the fantastic Boys Brigade band. The stalls will include lots of our youth groups - everyone from 0-4 Club, through Rainbows, Beavers, Brownies, and Cubs, and the football and netball teams will have challenges for you to get involved with.

There will, of course, be plenty of food and drink to keep you fed and watered through the day, and a chance to win some AMAZING prizes in our grand raffle. Local businesses such as Bradshaws, Carpenters Arms, Woburn Safari Park, Claire Livingstone Photography, and Hub and Spoke (amongst many, many others) have been so generous with their donations.

All the money raised from the raffle will be used to support educational enrichment activities for children at Harlington Lower - in the last year we have enabled all the children to go to the Pantomime, and to provide equipment to set-up a Forest School.



The poster features a central white circle containing the text: "HARLINGTON LOWER SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE SATURDAY, 28 JUNE HARLINGTON LOWER SCHOOL, WESTONING ROAD 11AM - 2PM". Above the circle is a sun with sunglasses, and below it are two hot air balloons. The background is decorated with bunting and two striped tents. A banner below the circle says "FREE ENTRY". At the bottom, it says "Join us for Bouncy Castle, Barbecue, Performances, Stalls & Games and Grand Raffle". There is a QR code on the right and a Facebook logo with the URL "Facebook.com/FHLSA" on the left. A small circular logo for the Friends of Harlington Lower School is in the bottom left corner.

Crafternoon Tea

We are now heading into the summer season, and some of those who come to Crafternoon Tea through the winter are paying more attention to their gardens now. Not a problem – we all have a variety of interests, and how boring it



would be if we all liked doing exactly the same things. But how many of us bring the garden into our craft? Here is part of a cross stitch pattern on a table cloth, finished by one of our members in 2019. Another member is currently working on a picture of a vase of flowers, on what might end up in a picture frame, or as part of a cushion cover – I'll take a picture of that

in due course! Of course, we could take the craft into the garden, as well!

Crafternoon Tea meets on alternate Mondays, at Harlington Methodist Church, between 2 and 4 pm. 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 June meetings will be on **2nd**, **16th**, and **30th**. Both 16th and 30th will be on Zoom as well as in-person, but 2nd will be in person only. Refreshments will be served at each meeting.

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

"In these divine pleasures permitted to me of walks in the June night under moon and stars, I can put my life as a fact before me and stand aloof from its honour and shame."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson, Journals



Harlington Juniors FC

A Season of Triumph and Promise for Village Football Teams. To the dedicated members and supporters of Village Football, as the final whistle blows on another season, it's with immense pride and excitement that we reflect on the accomplishments of our teams across all age groups. This letter highlights just a few of the remarkable achievements that define the spirit and dedication of Village Football.

Our adult first team has delivered an unforgettable season, achieving the coveted double! Their unwavering commitment and teamwork secured them the top spot in Beds County League 1, a testament to their skill and perseverance. Adding to this triumph, they clinched victory against Stopsley Utd First in the League Cup, showcasing their dominance on the field.

Our adult reserve team demonstrated incredible determination throughout the season, relentlessly pursuing league championship status. While narrowly missing out on the ultimate prize, their hard work and dedication are commendable and lay a strong foundation for future success.

Our youth teams also deserve significant recognition. The U18s and U16s both secured respectable top 6 finishes, reflecting their growth, development, and commitment to the sport.

A special shoutout goes to the Harlington Juniors U14s! Following their promotion to Division 1 after a championship-winning season in Division 2, they continued to excel, securing a likely 3rd place finish. Their journey culminated in a nail-biting League Cup final against the league champions. After a hard-fought 1-1 draw, the match went to penalties. With nerves of steel, our U14s converted all their penalties, and a heroic performance from our goalkeeper, who saved two penalties in a row, clinched the cup victory!

Our U12's found the season hard but pushed harder and had a great end to the season. Our new U10's found their feet quickly, winning a number of games on the trot. They look to progress higher in the new season.

This incredible achievement is a testament to their talent, resilience, and teamwork. The success of Village Football is a direct result of the tireless efforts of our players, coaches, volunteers, and supporters. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to the club. We look forward to building on these successes in the coming season and continuing to foster a thriving football community.

Yours in sport,

Karlos

Chairman, Harlington Juniors FC

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Flit Vale Wildlife Group



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Saturday, June 14th, Hexton Estate, Hexton, Herts., 10.00 am

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Wednesday, June 25th, Wood End Farm, Couple, Beds., 7.00 pm

Visit to Wood End Farm. An evening walk to see the farm's wildflower meadows

Charlie and Carolyn Porter started establishing the wildflower meadow 40 years ago in conjunction with the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology at Monks Wood. They have a second larger meadow where work started about 22 years ago. We will look at both during the visit. Walking will all be on grass and total distance of no more than 2 miles. Further information on directions and parking will be sent once a booking is received.

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Saturday, July 5th, Strawberry Hill Farm, near Knotting Green, Bedford, (MK44 1AA) 10.00 am

Visit to Strawberry Hill Farm lead by Wildlife Trust BCN staff

Two months on from our previous visit, we are hoping to hear a different soundscape of birds at this remarkable 150-hectare site, the largest area of scrub and young woodland in the region. A unique habitat and a place which can really inspire people's wonder of nature. We are hoping to see and hear Nightingales

Flit Vale Wildlife Group *plus* Juniors FC Pictures

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Harlington Juniors FC Pictures



Harlington Village Show *plus* Wednesday Coffee

39th Harlington Village Show

Saturday 16th August 2025



Please could any 2024 winners return their trophies by July 31st at the latest

to Tricia, 43 Barton Road or Judy, 126 Goswell End Road.

Preserves and Cookery classes: as well as the baking listed in the May Contact, there are also classes for fruit flavoured gin, plus jars of jelly, jam, marmalade, curd (citrus fruit), ‘My favourite chutney’ and pickled vegetables.

Flower arranging classes: the class for a novice is an arrangement in a cup and saucer. Please check the rules when your schedule arrives and also for the maximum size for arrangements. Other classes are: a celebration buttonhole; a circular table arrangement to include a candle; “Late Summer Abundance” to include a basket.

Exact information about size, number and measurements for all the classes will be given in the schedule, so please check these carefully when you receive a copy in July. There is also a page of helpful tips on how to display your entry.

If you’d like any advice about entering the Show, please do contact us at harlingtonvillageshow@gmail.com. Also send us photos of things you are growing or making – we’d love to see them. They may be added to our Facebook page or Instagram.

Tricia & the HVS Committee

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.

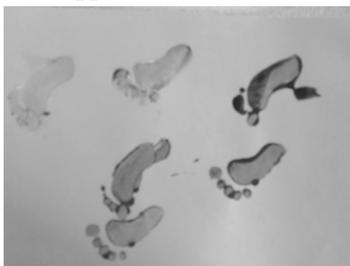


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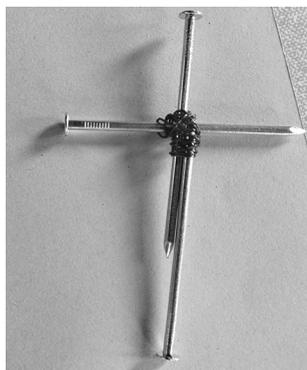


Our April Messy Church was on Easter Saturday. We looked at Easter from the Last Supper to the Resurrection. So we thought about washing feet as Jesus did for his disciples, and hands, as

Pilate did to set aside blame. To go with this we did feet pictures, so you had to wash the paint off, and cooking, which you needed to wash your hands for!



The footprints were thinking



about Easter Sunday. We made torches and cockerels thinking about Jesus' arrest and trial, and Peter saying he didn't know Jesus, and nail crosses representing the crucifixion. We made empty tombs with bread rolls and birds nests with eggs to talk about new life.

Our next Messy Church will be on 21st June 2025 at 4 pm in the Methodist Church and Halls. We haven't finalised the theme yet, but it might include parties.

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. If you want to try out any of the activities for yourself, we post the information on our website: <https://cliveandtina.co.uk>.

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

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You are very welcome to join us for our services at the Church or online.



Sunday

Services 11am & 6pm
Sunday School
9.30am - 10.30am (term-time)



Tuesday

Bible Study/Prayer Meeting
7.15pm



Friday

Noah's Ark Toddlers Group
9am - 11am (term-time)
In 'Hope Hall'



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1	Cllr Terry Culverhouse	7	Cllr Martin Waldron
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3	Cllr Pete Hughes	9	VACANT SEAT
4	Cllr Karen Saunders	10	VACANT SEAT
5	Cllr Mary Walsh	11	VACANT SEAT
6	Cllr Jack Goodenough	12	VACANT SEAT

PARISH CLERK / COUNCIL OFFICE

Alison Doyle	01525 875933	clerk@harlington-pc.gov.uk
Parish Office, Church Rd, Harlington LU5 6LE		

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS

Cllr Mary Walsh	Mary.Walsh@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk
Cllr Gary Purser	Gary.Purser@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

All Residents are invited to attend Council meetings:

All meetings are held at the Parish Hall Church road, Harlington, LU5 6LE	DATE	MEETING TYPE	TIME
	13th May 2025	Annual Council Meeting	7.30pm
	3rd June 2025	Finance & General Purposes	7.30pm
	10th June 2025	Full Council	7.30pm
	8th July 2025	Full Council	7.30pm

Want to keep up to date?

If you have not already done so, we recommend you sign up to our newsletter. You can subscribe free of charge by following this link <https://harlington-pc.gov.uk/> on the right hand side of the page, enter your email address and click the blue subscribe button. We will send you the latest Parish information straight to your inbox.

Looking for a venue to hire?

The Parish Hall is available to hire to residents and non residents for regular or occasional bookings. If you are interested in booking the Parish Hall please contact the Council Office on 01525 875933 or use the contact form to initially check availability.

Stay up to date with local news and events

Pick up the Harlington Paperchain from you local Parish Council Office and The Hub and Spoke Cafe! To keep up to date with local news, events, and stories from around the village, the Paperchain is your go-to source for everything happening in Harlington.

LIFE Church *with Baby & Me*



LIFE CHURCH
HARLINGTON

Sunday services at 10.30 am in The Parish Rooms

All Welcome

June 2025

- 1st – Nigel Washington
- 8th – Testimony from Ibrat
- 15th – Lighthouse Café Church
- 22nd – Rose Agnew
- 29th – Carol Gibbs



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

Baby & Me

for parents and babies

0 – 12 months

coffee, cake, & chat

THURSDAY June 12th & 26th

10 – 11.30

HARLINGTON PARISH HALL



Methodist Church *including Bright Hour*

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.



JUNE preachers are:

- 1st 10 am Come and See led by Martin Wallis
8th 10 am To Be Confirmed
6 pm Service of Holy Communion led by Rev. Claudia Lupi.
15th 10 am Rev. Claudia Lupi. This service includes Holy Communion
22nd 10 am To Be Confirmed
25th 10 am Ivor Mitchelmore

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 28th June 2025, from 10 am to 12 noon, in the hall.
Proceeds this year in aid of the RNLI

BRIGHT HOUR FELLOWSHIP

The Bright Hour Fellowship meets every Thursday afternoon at 2.45pm at the Methodist Church Hall (unless shown otherwise)

New members are always made very welcome. No need to book ahead, just come along! We look forward to seeing you.

Speakers/activities for June are

- 5th - Rev. Claudia Lupi
12th - Rev. Nigel Bibbings
19th - Harlington Lower School to sing to us
26th - Tea Party at Jo's in Hitchin



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 t315485@gmail.com

St Mary's Churchwarden

St Mary's Church



Sunday 1st June at 3pm, 'Life as a Yeoman Warder'. We're delighted to be welcoming a Tower of London Beefeater giving a talk about his position as a ceremonial guardian of the Tower. Other highlights will include his royal connections through a previous career in the Central Band of the RAF. Tickets £7 to include refreshments and home made cakes. There's also a raffle. Please book if at all possible via tricia.murphy5@ntlworld.com. Tickets also available on the door.

Saturday 28th June at 7pm: our Midsummer Dinner will be in the church. Contact Tricia if interested and to book. Tickets £25.

Sunday 8th June: Messy Church is at 9am in the Parish Hall. Breakfast (until 9.30am), Bible story, crafts and singing. All welcome.

Churchyard: A valiant group from St Mary's Friends tidied and cleaned around the churchyard at the end of April. As always, they did a magnificent job and we finished with a welcome glass of wine! Many thanks to all who took part – your help was much appreciated. I've also heard cheeping coming from one of the churchyard nest boxes, so let's hope we have some fledglings this year. Do you know how baby birds **get out of their shells?**...They follow the eggs-it signs.

For service and event information, see 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, robert@harlingtonchurch.org. You can also contact myself or fellow Churchwarden Neil.

Best wishes, Tricia Churchwarden

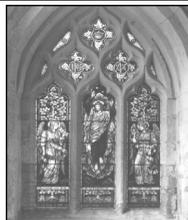
"On this June day the buds in my garden are almost as enchanting as the open flowers. Things in bud bring, in the heat of a June noontide, the recollection of the loveliest days of the year - those days of May when all is suggested, nothing yet fulfilled."

- Francis King



St. Mary's Church Services

Everyone is welcome to attend Sunday services in our beautiful village church. This month we are having a special service for Pentecost with a selection of hymns, readings and choir pieces appropriate for this important season that celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit. On Sunday 29th, we will be joined by members of the other churches in the benefice (Tingrith and Westoning) for our fifth Sunday benefice service. This month's services are:



- 1st 8 am Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer)
9.30 am Morning Praise service
- 8th 9 am Families' Messy Breakfast in Parish Hall
9.30 am Holy Communion
5 pm Pentecost Praise with the Quintet choir
- 15th 9.30 am Holy Communion
- 22nd 9.30 am Holy Communion
- 29th 9.30 am Benefice 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 neil@harlingtonchurch.org, or the Church Reader Dr. Robert Johns robert@harlingtonchurch.org. Alternatively email admin@harlingtonchurch.org.

For personal enquiries, for requests for prayer, or for enquiries about baptisms, weddings or funerals please contact Fr. Mark Edwards revmarkedwards@outlook.com 07305 822186 or Dr. Robert Johns 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/

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)

Barton Community Choir, Advert

Love to sing? Come and be part of something special! Founded in 2010, Barton Community Choir has been singing for joy ever since. We welcome everyone who loves to sing—no auditions required! We are an inclusive choir, and new members are buddied up to help you feel at home.

When & Where?

📍 Ramsey Manor Lower School, Manor Rd, Barton, MK45 4NS

📅 Every Monday (term time)

🕒 Registration from: 7:00 PM

🎵 Warm-up: 7:30 PM

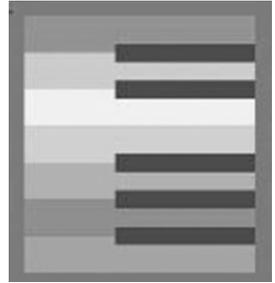
🎤 Singing finishes: 9:00 PM

🔓 Step-free access

🎯 **First session FREE!** Come along for a taster session and experience the joy of singing in a friendly community. For more details, contact us or just turn up and sing!

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Village Diary *plus* Directory

June

1 st Talk	St. Mary's Parish Church 3 pm
2 nd Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm
3 rd Flittabus MK	Station Road bus stop 9.15 am
8 th Families' Messy Breakfast	Parish Hall 9 am
12 th Baby and Me	Parish Hall 10 am
14 th Wildlife Walk	Hexton Estate 10 am
16 th Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm (plus Zoom)
21 st Messy Church	Methodist Church and Halls 4 pm
25 th Wildlife Walk	Wood End Farm, Couple 7 pm
26 th Baby and Me	Parish Hall 10 am
28 th Coffee Morning	Methodist Church Hall 10 am – 12 Noon
28 th Summer Fayre	Harlington Lower School 11 am to 2 pm
28 th Midsummer Dinner	St. Mary's Church 7 pm
30 th Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm (plus Zoom)

July

5 th Wildlife Walk	Strawberry Hill Farm 10 am
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Don't forget the regular weekly things that aren't shown here such as the Wednesday Coffee and the Wellbeing Walks, not to mention the regular church services.

You can send things just to be entered here.

GET YOUR JULY 2025 DATES TO THE MAGAZINE BY 10TH JUNE 2025

Village Directory

Attention all village organisations. We will be republishing the directory in the July or August edition. Can you have a look at the last published version which came out in January. If you don't still have a copy, go to our website, <https://harlingtonvillagemagazine.org> and look at it there. Check if you are in, and if you want to be. If you want a change, contact me before 10th June and let me know.

Clive