
Editorial

Dear Villagers,

Don't forget to join us all at the War Memorial on the 8th November at 10.50 am for the Remembrance Sunday Parade, Act of Remembrance and Wreath Laying. This will be followed by a service in St. Mary's Church.

A continual cry in the village (and elsewhere—we are not alone) is for volunteers to help run things. I can see three areas in this issue alone. Life is more cluttered than it was, despite the facility available to some to work from home, but if you can help, please do. It can be a good way to get to know others in the village as well.

We have a full magazine this month—not so many articles but some longer ones. Sorry for those who like the little fill pieces. It was definitely shoe-horn time this month. Do get things in by the 10th.

Clive

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A letter from St. Mary's Church

Dear Friends,

Looking out of my study window as I begin to write this letter, I see blue sky, trees swaying gently, and lush green grass. I'm also sitting comfortably at my desk, and in the words of Goldilocks after tasting baby bear's porridge, not too hot, not too cold, but just right. The temperature today is perfect. Not at all like the many weeks over the summer when the heat at times was unbearable. And looking out then not to lush green grass, but very brown and dead grass. The memories of summer are now fading into the distance and nature is recovering. I wonder if we, in time, will forget how hot the summer of 2026 was. There will be many things from the past that we might well want to forget, but there will also be many things we want to remember. And many things we should remember.

As we begin November we enter into a time of remembrance. On the very first day of November, Sunday 1st, we will at St Mary's hold our annual 'In Loving Memory' service. This service is an opportunity to come together for reflection and to remember our loved ones and also dear friends who have died. During the service we all have an opportunity to light a candle in their memory. It has been said that it is better to light a candle than to sit in the darkness. The lighting of a candle in this context is of course symbolic, but it does bring light to the darkness we might be feeling, especially if we have lost a loved one during this past year.

And on Sunday 8th November (Remembrance Day) we gather together again to remember all who sacrificed their lives in war. War brings devastation, it brings many tragedies, and it brings much sadness. Many lives are affected, and the impact of war crosses generations. We can never say that war is a good thing, but we know there are some wars that are fought for the cause of peace. And so, for this reason, it is important to stop and remember. To remember and honour all who fought, all who died, for humanity's future.



When we look at the news each day, we may well think that humanity's future doesn't look too good. The war in the Ukraine is ongoing, and each time there seems to be a breakthrough in diplomacy, tensions change and the situation worsens. The situation in the Middle East remains volatile and the knock-on effect of this is affecting everyone. Higher energy bills and higher fuels costs will mean price increase for goods and services. Will this yet again mean people having to make the tough decision over the winter of whether to use their limited

Church Letter *ctd.* plus Wednesday Coffee

funds to buy food or pay to heat their homes? Many not able to do both. The impact of war is far reaching, and so we pray for the leaders of nations, for the difficult decisions that they need to make on a daily basis. And we must remember also that there are many places around the world that are troubled by war but don't make headline news.

But there is good news. In church, at every Eucharist, we remember all that Jesus did for us. His ultimate sacrifice of dying on the cross. It may seem that the world is in darkness, but Jesus is the Light of the World. At the beginning of the Gospel of John we read that the Word, that is Jesus, gave life to everything that was created, and that his life brought light to everyone. A light that shines in the darkness and a light that cannot be extinguished.

The loss of a loved one can draw us into the darkness. The state of the world and unending wars can leave us feeling as if there is no hope. But we must remember that in Jesus there is hope. Jesus died not just for a few, but for everyone.

Every Blessing

Fr Mark

Vicar, St Mary's Church

Wednesday Coffee 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 are 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 in Bloom



We urgently need admin help for our Committee Secretarial role. We need a new Secretary for Harlington in Bloom. Could you help with this? You need a computer/laptop and access to a printer. Basic Microsoft Word/Excel and email skills. Contact Vivienne V.dunlop@ntlworld; or Teresa tc@nglenister.co.uk or harlingtoninbloom@protonmail.com

What do we do in general? Plant summer and winter bedding in the village beds (outside Village Hall and Carpenters): the outside village troughs near the Village Gates and the round cement beds at the end of GER and by the little bridge on the way from the shops to the park, the beds in the Village Hall Carpark, amongst other large beds in the village. Weed and parking parties in between planting dates. The beautiful large hanging baskets at the crossroads are managed by David Kingham. Could you give him a help next spring? We are currently looking after the bed on Goswell End Road but we need more help to work on this and someone to nominate as responsible for watering this bed next summer. Do you live in Goswell End Road? Could you give the occasional hand? It looks great when it is maintained but we don't have enough people currently. And we need volunteers work to help with the large bed outside Orchard House. In addition, we are proud to maintain War Memorial Garden including before the 11th. See you with trowels and brooms on Sat 7th Nov!



So, there is something for everyone: light planting in beds and more heavy duty trimming back shrubs and hedges. We are welcoming to all. Just turn up to our work parties. You do not have to be on the committee to volunteer and help at one of the working parties! We need you to make this work! We especially look forward to welcoming new people in our expanding village.

We enjoyed meeting with you some of you at our Awards evening in September. A round up of the year so far was followed up by presentation of Awards by Natalie Jeffs. Natalie then gave a most informative

Harlington in Bloom



presentation about the history and current work of the National Garden Scheme and, in particular, of the Bedfordshire Open Gardens scheme. Thank you, Natalie! There are garden openings throughout the year. In 2025, Bedfordshire NGS raised just over £52K for NGS beneficiaries (Find out more visit ngs.org.uk/beneficiaries). Pick up a brochure from Hub and Spoke or there may still be some left in the foyer of the Village Hall. Contact Natalie Deputy County Organiser on Natalie.jeffs@ngs.org.uk. On the subject of Open Gardens, we are putting out feelers

for running an HiB Open Gardens in 2027. Would you like to see it run again? Would you be interested in opening your garden? We run it on a Saturday. Potential dates *might* be 19/26 June or 4/11 July. Would you be able to assist in helping on the day? We had a fantastic day last Summer 2025.



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

All meet at Village Hall Carpark unless otherwise specified) Happy gardening in the community: feel better: come and join us at any of our working parties or events.

Sat 31 Oct Winter planting All Welcome 10 am

Sat 7 Nov War Memorial Tidy Up for Remembrance Sunday 10 am

Vivienne Dunlop (Publicity/Acting Secretary on behalf of HiB Committee)

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Harlington Based

Harlington Lower School *plus* Gardeners' Society



This half term has been a wonderfully busy and successful one. Across all classes, the children have thrown themselves into vibrant learning experiences, from early phonics and town mapping to faith tours, land art sculptures, and hands-on science experiments.

It has also been a fantastic term for community spirit. On Friday 9th October, our children brightened up the school by dressing in yellow to mark 'Hello Yellow' day in collaboration with Young Minds, taking time to explore feelings, emotions, and how we care for one another.

We warmly invite families with children due to start Reception in September 2027 to come and explore our wonderful school communities.

For Harlington Lower School, our Open Sessions will be held on Wednesday 4th November 2026 from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm, and Thursday 5th November 2026 from 9:30 am to 10:30 am.

For enquiries or visits at other times, please contact office@harlingtonlower.co.uk.



For our sister school, Sundon Lower School & Nursery, Open Sessions will take place on Tuesday 10th November 2026 from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm, and Wednesday 11th November 2026 from 9:30 am to 10:30 am. You can contact office@sundonlower.co.uk for further details or to arrange a visit.

On a personal note, I will be commencing maternity leave during November. I want to express my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff, wonderful children, and supportive families. Mr Moore, Headteacher at Ramsey Manor Lower School, will be stepping in as Interim Headteacher in my absence. The school will be in very capable hands, and I look forward to seeing the community soon.

Harlington Gardeners' Society



At our AGM on 14th November we will be having a talk by Kerrie Lloyd-Dawson entitled How we made our garden - from blank canvas to being accepted for the National Garden Scheme in 4 years.

Tony Roberts – HGS Secretary

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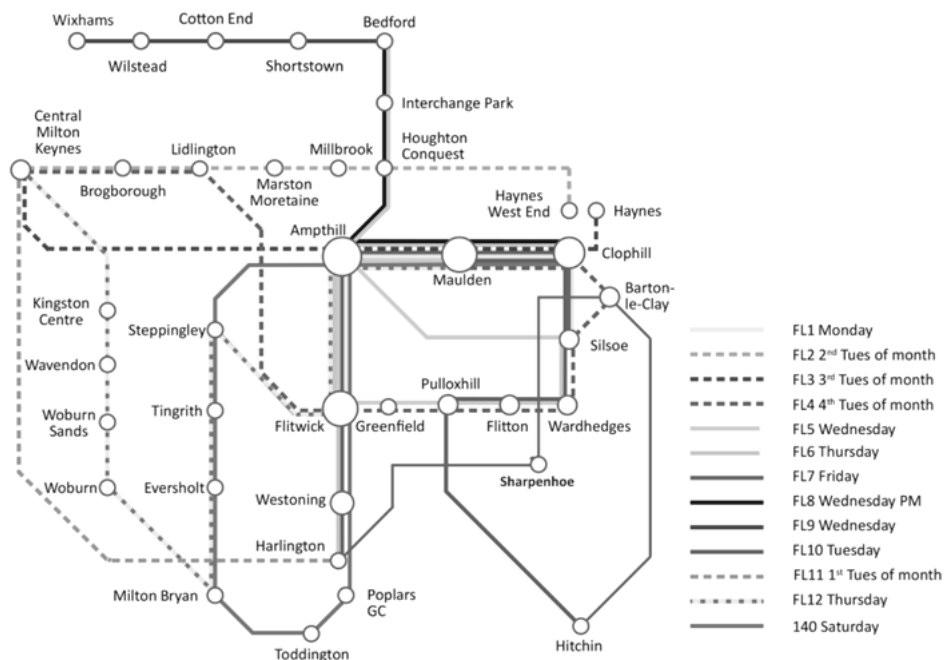


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<i>Date</i>	<i>Outward from Harlington</i>	<i>Return from CMK</i>
Tuesday 3 Nov 2026	9:10 am Harlington Westoning Road 9:15 am Harlington Memorial 9:25 am Flitwick Station 10:00 am Central MK	1:00 pm CMK Door 5 1:30 pm Flitwick Station RR: Harlington Memorial RR: Harlington Westoning Rd

FLITTABUS TO FLITWICK TESCO Route FL6

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Outward from Harlington</i>	<i>Return from Flitwick</i>
Thursdays 5/12/19/26 Nov 2026	9:03 am Westoning Rd 9:05 am Wingate Rd 9:07 am Lincoln Way Shops 9:10 am Bury Close 9:12 am opposite Tabor Close 9:19 am Westoning Chequers 9:25 am Flitwick Tesco	11:00 am Flitwick Tesco 11:05 am Westoning Bunyan Rd 11:06 am Westoning opposite Chequers 11:11 am Harlington Westoning Road 11:13 am Harlington Wingate Rd 11:20 am Harlington Lincoln Way 11:23 am Harlington Bury Close 11:27 am Harlington Tabor Close

FLITTABUS TO HITCHIN Route FL7

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Outward from Harlington</i>	<i>Return from Hitchin</i>
Fridays 6/13/20/27 Nov 2026	9:17 am Glebe Gardens 9:19 am Tabor Close 9:21 am opposite Post Office 9:23 am Upper School 9:25 am Sharpenhoe opp Sharpenhoe Road 9:30 am Barton opp Wagon & Horses 9:31 am opposite Barton Pharmacy 9:36 am Hexton crossroads 9:55 am Hitchin St Marys Square	12:15 pm St Mary's Square 12:28 pm Hexton crossroads RR: Barton Pharmacy RR: Barton Wagon & Horses 12:41 pm Sharpenhoe Road Sharpenhoe 12:46 pm Harlington Goswell End Rd (Upper Sch) RR: Harlington Post Office RR: Harlington Memorial RR: Harlington opposite Glebe Gardens

Brain Tumour Research



**Brain Tumour
Research**
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Target reached!



Our end of year target has been achieved 2 months early. This is for plants, produce and items outside my home. An amazing £2021.88 has been raised and this is thanks this month to those donating their pears, tomatoes, cucumbers, cooking apples and crab apples. Thank you to Duncan, Jenny and anonymous donors; to Julia who donated some beautiful pottery garden pots - there are still some available as I write this but don't delay. Thank you to Betty for your house plant pots - also some available currently - to Tony for his plant supports, plant wall holders, hanging baskets and new basket liners. Two seed spreaders were also delivered for sale as well as garden net and garden brooms, thank you. Thank you also to Jenny for her Laveterum plants, Dick and another donor, sorry I didn't ask your name, in Lincoln Way for your hydrangea plants. Finally, thank you to Jeanne for a very generous donation to the charity, Gwen for her books raising funds for the charity, and John for the compost he delivered which will help me grow and pot on plants.

I need to apologise that I was unable to advertise the autumn coffee/tea event in Contact. I was struggling to find a Saturday to hold the event in November and ended up having to hold it on Saturday 24th October. Thank you to all those who served refreshments, sold Christmas cards, plants and ran the games and thank you to all those of you who attended. I will report on the success of the event in the December contact.

There will be another opportunity for tea and cakes in December on Saturday 12th December between 10 am -12 noon at St. John's parish centre, 296 Sundon Park Road, Luton LU3 3AL. There will also be the opportunity to buy plants and Christmas cards. So take a pause from the Christmas rush and come for some refreshments and raise funds for Brain Tumour Research.

I will also be attending the Christmas tree festival the first weekend in December at St. Mary's, Harlington to sell BTR Christmas cards, so if you can't attend these other events please make sure you attend the tree festival.

Finally Brain Tumour Research are collecting used stamps, so if you would like to donate your stamps to raise funds please put them altogether in a bag/envelope/plastic bag and put them through my letterbox: 132 Goswell End Road

Thank you everyone

Jane Barltrop

Messy Church News *plus* Harlington Scout Group



In September we celebrated Harvest with the story of Noah's Ark and the rainbow after the flood.



Our next Messy Church will be held on 28th November. This is a

week later than usual because of the Christmas Lights switch-on on the 21st. Advent Sunday is the next day, so guess what the theme will be!

With card and paint and glue and tea lights and singing and celebration and goodness knows what else we will prepare the way for Christmas

Don't forget, while children need an adult with them to help them with crafts, 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

Harlington Scout Group



Challenge, adventure and fun have been coming thick and fast this autumn. Beavers have played lots of outdoor games, learned about food from around the world and thought about what it means to have good mental health. Cubs hosted a brilliant Macmillan Coffee Evening, made cosmic bases using junk modelling and invested five new members. The Scouts held a fantastic camp weekend, learning survival skills at The Quarries near Milton Keynes. We welcomed Paul as a Cub Leader but we are really in need of more volunteers to keep

offering exciting and enriching programmes to our young people. Please do consider getting involved! If you are interested, please contact Nicholas, the Lead Volunteer (nlhopton@btinternet.com 07715 446402).



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3 rd November 2026	Financial & General Purposes	7.30pm
10 th November 2026	Full Council Meeting	7.30pm
1 st December 2026	Financial & General Purposes	7.30pm
8 th December 2026	Full Council Meeting	7.30pm

All meetings are held at the Parish Hall, Church Road, Harlington, LU5 6LE

News!

The deadline for receipt of entries into our children's colouring competition is Tuesday 10th November to win an opportunity to help switch on the lights at our Christmas Light Switch On event on Saturday 21st November. Age categories are 0-4, 5-11 and 11+ years. Colouring sheets are available from our office and can be printed from our website. If you run a local organisation and would like some colouring sheets please contact us.

Vacancies!

Vacancies for Parish Councillors. If you feel you can make a difference within your local community, join our Parish Council! Contact Alison, the Clerk, for more information.

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Crafternoon Tea *plus* Quintet Choir

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 **November** meetings will be **2nd**, **16th** and **30th**, and the only meeting in December will be **14th**. All meetings will be on Zoom as well as in-person. Refreshments will be served at each meeting.

How is your craft year going? How many projects have you finished? Or do you not think of the year like that, having too many other things to do! A couple



One nearly finished slipover!

of years ago I bought the yarn to replace some of my slip-overs, which are mostly more than 10 years old. In the intervening period, I have lost the pattern, so I have had to start from scratch, and work out how many stitches, etc. I finished – nearly – one, except for the armhole ribbing, which I could not get right, so went on to start two others. Now I have found some guidelines for picking up stitches, and hopefully, I will have finished all three before Christmas!

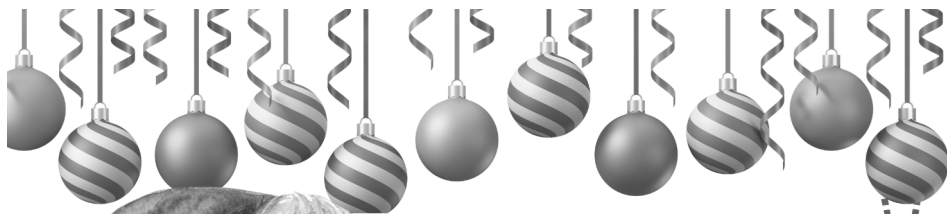
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Contact: Tina Salmon (christinasalmon60@gmail.com 874481 website: <https://cliveandtina.co.uk>)

Quintet Choir

After singing at two lovely services, choral evensong at Harlington and a Harvest songs of praise at Chalgrave, the choir will begin rehearsing for Christmas carol services in early November. We are a welcoming and accessible group which always welcomes new members warmly. There is no audition, no need to read music, no cost and no requirement to attend every week. We have a nice programme of tuneful pieces lined up for our seasonal sings and would like to invite you to join in. There will be practices 7.30-8.30pm on Thursday evenings, starting on 5th November, at St Mary's Church, Harlington. For more information, contact Nicholas Hopton (nlhopton@btinternet.com / 07715 446402).

Harlington Upper School Senior Residents Tea



Harlington Senior Residents
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Harlington Performs



40 Years of Harlington Performs

Harlington Performs was first created by Andra Bishop, Andy, and a group of friends who were parents of Lower School children. Enthusiastic playwrights and performers, they decided to create a variety show to incorporate performances from Harlington dance groups, actors, musicians, singers, and the local folk-dance troupe. Harlington Upper School performed extracts from 'Oliver!' and our village policeman was the MC for the night. On the 6th December 1986 Harlington Performs presented their very first, sold out production.

In the following year, Andra wrote her first pantomime of Cinderella, open to everyone and anyone in the community who wanted to be involved. For the last 40 years, Harlington Performs has grown from strength to strength, putting on a wealth of performances from murder mysteries, musicals, straight plays, one act shows, cabarets, promenade productions and of course, the annual village pantomime which still brings together the whole community in the countdown for Christmas.

To celebrate our milestone this year Natalie wrote a new murder mystery *The Mile Die Club*, Nicky organised a group theatre trip to *Moulin Rouge*, Emily and Hannah produced a Showcase cabaret as well as a quiz night. We had a glorious party at Moreteyne Manor, and the year will conclude with an



original Pantomime written by Carl and Natalie.

Once Upon a Pantomime will have performances on Friday 4th and Saturday 5th December with tickets going on sale both online and from Bradshaws on

Monday 2nd November. Following requests from last year's audiences you will see the return of many beloved characters, our usual high-quality singing and choreography and a new adventure through Pantoland starring members of the village both young and old.

HUS, HFC, Wellbeing Walks *plus* HP *ctd.*



Harlington Ramblers Wellbeing Walks

Eight wellness walkers had a wonderful, informative hour and half stroll at Wrest Park in September. We learnt about the park's history, the trees, flowers and the people who lived and worked there. As an added bonus after our stroll we sat in the gardens, in the sun, drinking tea and eating cake from the café.

The chat was plentiful; all agreed the trip was a success. We hope to repeat it soon and venture to other local parks/nature reserves in the near future.

Anyone is welcome to join the free walks on a Friday morning. We are a lovely, friendly group who meet at 10.30am at the Village Hall. We walk at the pace of the slowest for up to an hour and half to enjoy our beautiful countryside. Hopefully, you will enjoy these so much you will join one of our future trips too.

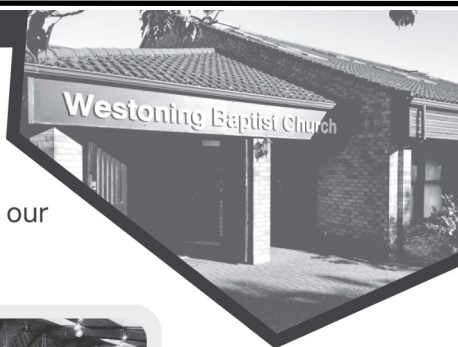
Harlington Performs *ctd.*

Thank you to everyone who has been a part of Harlington Performs and trodden the boards alongside us over our 40 years; there are literally hundreds, if not thousands of you who have helped us to thrive, grow and continue to entertain our village community. Thank you Andra for your vision and legacy. Here's to Harlington Performs.

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Sunday School

9.30am - 10.30am (term-time)



Tuesday

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7.15pm

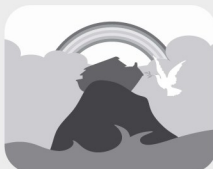


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November 2026

1st – Carol Gibbs

8th – Remembrance Sunday

United Service at St Mary's

15th – Chris Doohan

25th – Christingle Café Church



Wednesdays 7.15pm Prayer meeting on Zoom.

You can also contact us through our website if you have any prayer requests or would like to talk to someone.



This month it's all about Space.

On November the 5th the theme is Fireworks and on the 19th it's just ...Space.

As usual there will be snacks for the children, and Joyce's delicious cake for the adults.

Methodist Church *including* Bright Hour Fellowship

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.



NOVEMBER preachers are:

- 1st 10 am Come and See led by Sheila Norris
No evening service
- 8th 10.50 am At War Memorial
11.10 am Remembrance service at St. Mary's
6 pm Bunyan Service at St. Mary's Preacher Rev. Joanne Sherwood
- 15th 10 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Doreen Koffie-Williams
- 22nd 10 am Rev. Jenny Spouge
- 29th 10 am Sheila Norris

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 November 2026, from 10 am to 12 noon, in our hall. Proceeds this year go to our charity for the year, the Paynter Home in Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka.

BRIGHT HOUR FELLOWSHIP

The Bright Hour Fellowship meets on Thursday afternoons at 2.45 pm at the Methodist Church Hall (except for occasional weeks – see dates below.) Members have the opportunity to hear from a variety of invited speakers, share in the company of others and enjoy a nice cup of tea.

So why not join us? New members are always made very welcome. No need to book ahead, just come along! We look forward to seeing you.

The Speakers for **November** are -

- 5th - Lorraine & Ann from Aley Green selling Jam
12th - Rose Agnew on bereavement counselling at prisons
19th - Russell Preston on Harlington History
26th - Nick Crago about the Seafarers Mission
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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. Contact via email t315485@gmail.com OR leave a message on 07704315485

St Mary's Churchwarden

St Mary's Church



Messy Church: Note that we are meeting on the 3rd Sunday this month, Sunday 15th, as it is Remembrance on the 8th. Meeting at 9am onwards in the Parish Hall, with a Christmas theme. Breakfast, story, craft and song. All welcome.

Churchyard: Our next tidy up session in the churchyard is on **Saturday 7th November**, 10am -12 for new volunteers. For those already involved, it will also be our hedge cutting day, (depending on the weather). Villagers – be prepared to slow down past the church. Thank you.

In Loving Memory service: **Sunday 1st November at 4.30pm.** A quiet reflective service to remember loved ones no longer with us. If you'd like a name(s) read out, contact admin@harlingtonchurch.org. The service includes special prayers and the lighting of candles.

Remembrance Exhibition: **Sunday 8th November** in the Parish Hall from 11.30am - 4pm. An historical exhibition about Harlington, and information about villagers who served in the forces in WW1 and WW2. There will be various stalls and refreshments, and home made cake. Why do we put candles on top of a birthday cake?.....Because it's too hard to put them on the bottom!

Concert: **Saturday 28th November** at 7pm. An entertaining concert with Barton Community Choir and Dunstable Town band, organised by The Friends of St Mary's, to raise funds for repairs but also to contribute to installing much needed toilet and kitchen facilities in the church. Suggested £5 minimum donation on the door. Bring your own drinks, tea and coffee available. Raffle.

Christmas Tree Festival: **5th & 6th December.** Our theme this year is 'The Joys of Christmas'. We have a very special performance by Biddenham Handbell Ringers on **Saturday 5th at 2pm** and a quartet of young musicians performing at the Festival Finale on Sunday 6th at 5.15pm. The Finale includes the Christmas story, and well known children's songs. Adult entry on the door £2.50, children free, which includes tea/coffee or soft drink. We also have crafts, and a great raffle with lots of prizes! Forms and information have gone out to some village groups, but if you haven't received anything and would like to enter, please contact booking@harlingtonchurch.org, asap.

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 me or Churchwarden Neil.

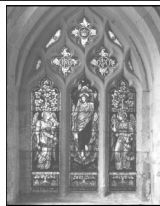
Best wishes, Tricia Churchwarden

St. Mary's Church Services

Everyone is welcome to attend the services in our beautiful village church.

November services include our annual In Loving Memory service on 1st where we remember all those who have gone before us.*

There is then the traditional Remembrance Service on 8th in the morning followed by an evening joint Anglican/Methodist Bunyan commemoration service. November services, including Advent Sunday, are:



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| 1 st | 8 am | Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) |
| | 9.30 am | Morning Praise service for All Saints |
| | 4.30 pm | In Loving Memory service |
| 8 th | 10.50 am | Remembrance at the village war memorial |
| | 11.10 am | Remembrance service in church |
| | 6 pm | Bunyan commemoration joint service |
| 15 th | 9.00 am | Families' Messy Breakfast in the Parish Hall |
| | 9.30 am | Holy Communion |
| 22 nd | 9.30 am | Holy Communion |
| 29 th | 9.30 am | Advent Sunday Holy Communion |

* to have the name of a loved one read out in the service contact any of the people listed below or email: ilm@harlingtonchurch.org.

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/

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

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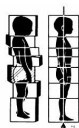
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Village Diary

November

2 nd	SBANTS Talk	Salvation Army Hall Dunstable 1.45 pm
2 nd	Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm (plus Zoom)
2 nd	ADALHS talk	Flitwick Library 7.30 pm
3 rd	Parish Finance & GP	Parish Hall 7.30 pm
4 th	Open Session	Harlington Lower School 5 – 6.30 pm
5 th	Open Session	Harlington Lower School 9.30 – 10.30 am
5 th	Mini Lighthouse	Parish Hall 9.30 am – 11 am
7 th	HiB Tidy Up	War Memorial 10 am
8 th	Exhibition	Parish Hall 11.30 am
10 th	Parish Council	Parish Hall 7.30 pm
13 th	HFC Quiz Night	Harlington Village Hall 7.30 pm
14 th	HGS AGM	
15 th	Messy breakfast	Parish Hall 9 am
16 th	Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm (plus Zoom)
19 th	Mini Lighthouse	Parish Hall 9.30 – 11 am
21 st	Lights Switch on	Village Car Park 12.45 – 7 pm
28 th	Coffee Morning	Methodist Church Hall 10 am – 12 noon
28 th	Messy Church	Methodist Church and Halls 4 pm
28 th	Concert	St Mary's Church 7 pm
30 th	Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm (plus Zoom)

December

1 st	Parish Finance & GP	Parish Hall 7.30 pm
3 rd	Mini Lighthouse	Parish Hall 9.30 am – 11 am
4 th	Pantomime	Harlington Village Hall
5 th	Christmas Tree Festival	St. Mary's Church
5 th	Pantomime	Harlington Village Hall
6 th	Christmas Tree Festival	St. Mary's Church
7 th	SBANTS Talk	Salvation Army Hall Dunstable 1.45 pm
8 th	Parish Council	Parish Hall 7.30 pm
12 th	Tea and Cakes BTR	St. John's Parish Centre 10 am – 12 noon
14 th	Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm (plus Zoom)
15 th	Senior Residents' Party	Harlington Upper School 4 – 6 pm
16 th	Concert	Harlington Upper School 6.30 pm
17 th	Mini Lighthouse	Parish Hall 9.30 am – 11 am

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. **DATES IN BY 10TH NOV**