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October – November 2026

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Song Sung Blue (2026) - Cert 12A Starring Kate Hudson and Hugh Jackman	Friday 16th Oct 2026, 7:30pm
The Misanthrope - from National Theatre Live - Cert 15 Starring Sandra Oh	Friday 6th Nov 2026, 7:00pm
Paddington - Cert PG - this is a children and family viewing. Tickets £3 & £8	Saturday 21 Nov 2026, 6:15pm

HARSTON VILLAGE HALL MEGA QUIZ

Oct Saturday 24th at 7pm - Supper then the Big Quiz

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Other clubs in the Hall.

Harston WI Fun, sociable and enthusiastic bunch.	First Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm.
Dance Classes Children and Adult dance classes	Every Wednesday in the main hall. https://hotstepsdanceacademy.co.uk/
Slimming World	Every Thursday 9:15am and 6pm https://www.slimmingworld.co.uk/counties/cambridgeshire/harston
Folk Dancing English folk dancing is very sociable and fun thing to do	Every other Tuesday 8pm http://www.circleleft.org.uk/

Book your own event at https://www.harstonvillagehall.org.uk/

Diwali – The Festival of Lights

Diwali, also known as Deepavali, is one of the most important festivals celebrated by Hindus around the world. Known as the Festival of Lights, it symbolises the victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance.
During Diwali, homes are decorated with colourful rangoli patterns, flowers and small oil lamps called diyas. Families come together, wear festive clothes, share sweets and gifts, enjoy special meals and offer prayers.
For many Hindu families, Diwali is also a time to honour Lakshmi, the goddess of prosperity and good fortune, and to look forward to the year ahead with hope and positivity.

Celebrating Diwali in Cambridge – 11–19 October 2026

There are many events organised across Cambridge, bringing together families and people of all generations to celebrate Hindu traditions, share in the festivities and strengthen community connections.. These celebrations provide an opportunity to enjoy and share Hindu traditions while strengthening community connections.
People from the wider community are warmly welcomed too, particularly those who would like to learn more about Diwali, Hindu traditions and the meaning behind the celebrations.

Although Diwali traditions vary across India and between different communities, the central message is beautifully simple:

May light overcome darkness, knowledge overcome ignorance, and hope overcome despair.

Wishing everyone celebrating a very happy and peaceful Diwali.

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Navratri

FESTIVAL 2026

The Cambridge Hindu Association warmly welcomes you, your family, and friends to come together and celebrate the joyous and sacred festival of Navratri 2026.

DATE
11th - 19th October 2026

TIME
Please check website

VENUE
The Netherhall School
Queen Edith's Way
Cambridge CB1 8NN
(please check website)

ENTRY PASS

Members	:	Free entry
Students	:	£5 (Full 9 days of Navratri)
Non-member	:	£7
Member fee	:	£15 per year (Enjoy min 10+ events for free)

Membership Duration: 1 October – 30 September

Members: Free

Students: £5 for the full festival season, including 9 days of Navratri, Sharad Poonam, Diwali, and other Hindu festivals and community celebrations.

For more information, event details, and updates, please visit:

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Recipe Corner

Diwali Special: Kaju Katli

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SWEET TRADITIONS
BRIGHTER TOMORROWS

Ingredients

- 200g cashew nuts
- 100g sugar
- 50ml water
- 1/4 tsp cardamom powder
- 1 tsp ghee
- Edible silver leaf (optional)

Method

1. Blitz the cashew nuts into a fine powder.
2. Heat the sugar and water until the sugar dissolves.
3. Stir in the cashew powder and cardamom, mixing until a soft dough forms.
4. Add the ghee and knead lightly once cool enough to handle.
5. Roll out between sheets of baking paper and cut into diamond shapes.
6. Decorate with silver leaf if using.

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Ineligible? Most Pharmacies offer Flu Vaccinations at a charge of around £20 for a walk-in jab

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Saturday	CLOSED	CLOSED
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What do the Harston & Newton Squirrels get up to?

This September, our Harston & Newton Squirrel Drey continues to run on Tuesdays, 5–6pm at Harston & Newton Primary School.

Squirrels is for 4–6 year olds and their grown-ups: a friendly, lively hour where we play, make, listen, explore and, very often, get up to a little bit of mischief together.

Before the summer holidays, our Squirrels did an excellent job of keeping their parents cool with plenty of water games. We love our grown-ups-versus-Squirrels challenges - although, somehow, the Squirrels always seem to win! We also enjoyed a brilliant sleepover with the Beavers before the end of the school year, and in May we helped the community by supporting some of the activity stalls at the Harston & Newton May Fair.

This term we have some fantastic badges planned, including the Musician and Teamwork badges. As always, our sessions will be full of games, teamwork, taking turns, sharing stories, celebrating each other and building lovely bonds between Squirrels, grown-ups and our wider Scout family.

We are open to welcome new Squirrels aged 4-6. Our Beaver group for 6-8 year olds also meets on Tuesdays, straight after Squirrels, from 6-7pm at Harston & Newton Primary School.

We are in great need of volunteer helpers. Whether you can help a lot or a little, it would be hugely appreciated - and it really is a lot of fun. Please do get in touch; you will be very welcome @ daniela.atten@gmail.com

Squirrels: ages 4–6, Tuesdays 5–6pm • Beavers: ages 6–8, Tuesdays 6–7pm

Harston Youth FC

Harston recreation ground has been buzzing again this Autumn with more kids than ever enjoying Saturday morning football on our splendid green (following some much needed rain) pitches!

We are delighted to be running more teams this year and are **on the look out for more players and help with coaching, particularly for the Bees (age 4-6), U7s (year 2) and for our newly formed Wild Cats for girls**. Please get in touch for more information and to get involved.

Contact: Andy Morris - harstonfc@hotmail.com

The **U9s** have indulged in a feast of goals in their first few fixtures, narrowly losing 8-6 in their first match before edging a thrilling game 7-6 with a couple of goals in the final quarter.

Following a successful season last year, the **U11s** will be facing some tougher opponents this year. They got off to a decent start with a 3-3 draw away from home in their first game with some great passing moves.

The **U12s** have had a great start to this new season. Some high energy training sessions to reawaken the football muscles have helped us launch straight into the league campaign with two straight wins. Three new players have had a warm welcome to the squad and have made an immediate positive impact on the pitch.

Harston Youth Fixtures

03/10/2026	Harston FC U12	vs	Cherry Hinton Lions U12
17/10/2026	Harston FC U12	vs	Cambourne Town U12
	Harston FC U9	vs	Chesterton Eagles U9
24/10/2026	Harston FC U12	vs	Burwell U12 Black
07/11/2026	Harston FC U11	vs	AFC Balsham U11
14/11/2026	Harston FC U9	vs	Haverhill Rovers FC U9
28/11/2026	Harston FC U11	vs	Elsenham U11
05/12/2026	Harston FC U9	vs	Cottenham United Colts U9
	Harston FC U11	vs	Saffron Walden U11 Navy
12/12/2026	Harston FC U11	vs	Thurlow Youth F.C. U11

TIME AND DATE

Saturdays 9:30-10:30

LOCATION

Harston Recreational Ground

WHO WE ARE

Harston FC

NEXT STEPS

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Both sell a wide range of food and other goods.

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Saturday 3 Oct & Saturday 7 Nov

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Nature Table

Elizabeth Judge

I know a lot of people have thoroughly enjoyed the heat this summer but I didn't. Having to work in it, constantly watering pots that have peat free compost (useless) in them and seeing so many plants die. However, the rain did finally arrive and I was amazed at how much bounced back. Unfortunately, the trees have taken a massive hit especially one of my favourites the silver birch but also the beech and the sycamore. **Kew Gardens** have lost 400 trees which is tragic, not to mention very expensive.

I have a house full of spiders at the moment. It tends to be the males you see, scuttling in after the rain looking for females. I did discover a private hawk moth tangled up in one in the house which was very sad, it was however still alive and I managed to untangle and release it. September is the peak mating season for spiders in the UK. We have the Giant House spider, the Harvestman and the Orb Weaver normally in the home. It is worth remembering that spiders are beneficial animals. A spider sitting quietly in a corner is providing free pest control by catching flies and other insects. It isn't bothering you, the easiest and most environmentally option is often to leave it alone.

I went to **Woodwalton Fen** the other week. It is a 500 acre National Nature Reserve in Cambridgeshire and one of only 4 remaining fragments of the ancient wild fens in England. It was a lovely walk although there wasn't a huge amount to see we did spot a few birds of prey including a marsh harrier and a hobby.

Locally a kingfisher has been spotted at **Burnt Mill Weir** which is amazing considering the disgusting water quality of the Rhee.

Recreation Ground

There is already more activity from both junior and senior football teams - please can you keep dogs on their leads and pick up all dog poo; the rules are there so that all may enjoy the Parish grounds. And it is only fair to all animals that live there not just your dog.

Having got your attention - please do send emails to the Clerk for any suggested amendments to the Rules - now available on the web site - see the minutes of the meeting on 3 September. These rules are to protect the area for the future and all residents. Having considered all suggestions we will produce a revised set. Please help us start with an acceptable set by sending in your comments to the Parish Clerk.

We have been approached by Meldreth Croquet Club who are faced with moving and have asked for space on our Recreation Ground. Possible sites are being considered. The incoming club would underwrite all costs associated with creating the pitch and Harston residents positively encouraged to join the club and get involved providing a new facility for our village which is open to all ages and abilities. A taster session was held over the Bank Holiday weekend and more are planned so please keep an eye out for dates and let us know your views about this by emailing the clerk.

East West Rail

We have now heard that our representations to move the EWR railway have not been successful for reasons that look more like blinkered change bias - we will be responding. That means we will now take the fight to the DCO pursuing the arguments through all means possible - including flawed consulting, flawed data and subjective views of EWR and DfT planners. Our working party would like to hear from you. Please contact Paul Ormerod or Rupert Pearce Gould. Possible areas to work on are water, environment, traffic analysis, fund raising and disruption during the build phase. The DCO submission is expected late 2027 but these dates have a habit of slipping.

Transport and Highways

We plan to have a village event so that we can all air our views on transport matters including hearing what the Mayor intends to do and how light rail can help. We haven't heard when the traffic calming will arrive - as many have said that is only a sticking plaster; the underlying problem of an old rural road taking too much traffic and too narrow remains. What do we do and what is the answer?

Planning

The Local Plan (for the next 20 years) submission will have been submitted by the time you read this. The outcome is uncertain as there is little said about Harston but that risks a free for all over small sites and challenges about **"grey belt"** with its higher risk of being built on. Even green belt is not safe anymore according to the CEO of the Cambridge Development Corporation. We have looked at employment issues and unprotected amenity land. We believe that we need to plan modest expansion and protection of certain areas including core parkland settings in the village, (shown as "grey") and the river frontage in the flood plain on our side that would connect with Button Wood (shown as "green belt"). We are supportive of creating a core to the village and solving some of the major infrastructure issues including affordable housing and space to expand the surgery.

Planning Applications Discussed - we have responded on the loss of the layby at 51 High Street. We think that parking should be protected and be for a limited period of, say, 1hr during peak times.

Join your Parish Council

As you can see we have a number of issues that need active councillors. We are now only six active councillors and we have space for 5 more and we would like some fresh blood. Especially if they are prepared to get stuck in on one of the above issues or monitoring social media or our open space as well as looking at the broader issues. This is your village and the existing team require your support so please come and help us. If interested call or write to Rupert Pearce Gould.

The Royal Oak

Last Days of the Old Tuck Shop 🍕 Thursday, 1st - Friday, 2nd October
Don't miss your chance to say a fond farewell to our beloved old Tuck Shop until next summer.

Our First Cider & Sausage Festival 🍺🌭 Saturday 10th October | all day
Kick off the month right with our First Cider & Sausage Festival! Enjoy a delicious selection of ciders and sausages while tapping your feet to live music from Steve Strawhead (2-4 pm) and the Liquid Spirit band (6-8 pm). This is one celebration you won't want to miss!

Bingo for a Good Cause 🎱 Monday, October 12th & 6th November
7-8 pm | £5 pp. Join Stella for a fun-filled Bingo Night: The Return! In October, all funds go to Forget-Me-Not, a charity close to our hearts here in Barrington & November to the November Foundation, the leading charity changing the face of men's health.

Half-Term Treats for the Kids 🧒🍽️ Monday 26th - Friday, October 29th
Calling all families! During half-term week, kids eat free at The Royal Oak! Simply order an adult main course, and up to two children aged 11 and under can eat free (not valid with other offers).

Kids Mini Masterpiece Halloween Wednesday, October 28th | 3.30-5pm
£12pp from 2.5 to 11 years old. Looking for a bit more creative fun? From pumpkin painting, Spooky plaster character painting, mini suncatchers, & scratch art masks. They'll enjoy a spooky-themed art session with a drink & cake!

Quiz Night for Charity 🧠 Sunday, October 25th & 29th November 6-8pm | £2pp.
Put your thinking caps on for our **Charity Quiz Night**, hosted by our in-house Quiz Master. Test your trivia knowledge while raising funds for Forget-Me-Not.

Rag Wreath Making workshop in partnership with The Creative Palette
Wednesday, November 18th | 9.30-11.30am | £30pp. All materials are included. Book your ticket online and stay with us for lunch for a special 2-course lunch menu; contact us directly.

Rag Wreath Making workshop in partnership with Cork & Canvas Cambridge
Thursday, November 26th | 10 -12pm | £35pp. All materials are included. Book your ticket online and stay with us for lunch for a special 2-course lunch menu. Contact us directly.

Time to Book Your Christmas Party! 🎄✨ Yes, it's that time again! We know it feels early, but our Christmas party calendar is filling up fast. Get in touch with our team today to secure your date!

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Letter from the Vicarage

I wonder if you are watching, have watched or intend to watch the documentary series 7UP? It is a ground breaking documentary series that began in 1964. Fourteen 7 year old children from very different backgrounds, were selected and interviewed about their thoughts, views, ideas, futures etc in a bid to give a snapshot of social Britain at the time. It is based loosely on the Jesuit saying 'give me a child until he is 7 and I will show you the man' and the idea was to look forward to see 'the man' in the year 2000. Every 7 years this same group of children are interviewed again to see how their lives have changed and this week brings about the end of the series as we have 70 up. These people have been followed for their whole lives – the longest reality television show of all! It is a fascinating show to watch and if any of us here are of a similar age (I am), we have looked at their lives alongside our own.

What is the potential of human life? I think this is another question that the documentary is posing. How do we make the most of what we have been given or how can we strive for betterment or seek happiness? Like the programme, it takes decades for us to form, develop and get to a place of peace and satisfaction. Those of us who have a faith in God and seek to put Him at the centre of our lives, are also seeking the same things and also experience the same struggles and barriers that every human being has. The only difference is, to put it in a basic way, that there is 'outside help and support'. God's 'outside help' consists of giving us peace to be content with our lives and with the people we live with. When Jesus knew he was going to die and leave his disciples, he promised them that the Holy Spirit would come and be a Helper for humankind. Among other things, this Helper brings an inward peace that makes us content. As we move into the Autumn and darker, colder nights, let's look towards things that give us light and peace in our lives and be content and amazed at the human beings that we are.

Every blessing, Mandy.

And just to advertise… *On Thursday October 14th at 7 for 7.30pm we welcome Lord Simon Woolley to All Saints church, Harston for our final 'In Conversation' evening of 2026. Lord Woolley is noted for many things: a wide ranging career as a politician, activist and cross bench member of the House of Lords. He hails from a Leicester council estate and his mother was part of the Windrush generation, Lord Woolley has much to share about aspiration, educational opportunity, equality and diversity.*

Book your place on our website at www.hhn.church - we hope to see you there!

SERVICES AND EVENTS AT HARSTON, HAUXTON AND NEWTON PARISH CHURCHES

Our churches are open for services and private prayer. Everyone is welcome. For further details, including changes after the magazine has gone to press, please look at notice boards and our church website for the three churches**: www.hhn.church**

OCTOBER		
Thursday 01 October	Harston	Morning Prayer 08.45am
Sunday 04 October	Harston	Harston Harvest Festival/Holy Communion 10.00am Prime Brass Concert 3-4pm
Thursday 08 October	Harston	Morning Prayer 08.45am
Sunday 11 October	Newton Hauxton	Holy Communion, 10.00am Holy Communion 10.30am
Wednesday 14 October	Harston	*In Conversation* with Simon Woolly, 7.00 for 7.30pm
Thursday 15 October	Harston	Morning Prayer, 08.45am
Sunday 18 October	Harston	Holy Communion, 10.00am
Thursday 22 October	Harston	Morning Prayer, 08.45am
Sunday 25 October	Newton Hauxton	Holy Communion, 10.00am Morning Prayer, 10.30am
Thursday 29 October	Harston	Morning Prayer, 08.45am

NOVEMBER		
Sunday 01 November	Harston	Holy Communion and Patronal Festival, 10.00am
Thursday 05 November	Harston	Morning Prayer, 08.45am
Sunday 08 November	Newton Hauxton Harston	Remembrance Service, 10.00am Remembrance Service, 10.30am Remembrance Service, 3.30pm
Thursday 12 November	Harston	Morning Prayer, 08.45am
Sunday 15 November	Harston	Holy Communion, 10.00am
Thursday 19 November	Harston	Morning Prayer, 08.45am
Sunday 22 November	Newton Hauxton	Morning Prayer, 10.00am Holy Communion, 10.30am
Thursday 26 November	Harston	Morning Prayer, 08.45am
Sunday 29 November	Harston	Holy Communion, 10.00am

What's On? All Saint's Church Harston

Sunday 04 October
Harvest Festival and Holy Communion 10.00am

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Wednesday, 14 October
Lord Simon Woolley
In Conversation
Doors open:7.00pm
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Remembrance Services in the Benefice

Sunday 08 November
Newton, 10.00am
Hauxton, 10.30am
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Kerrymead is one such house (125 High St/ 2 Sheepshead Lane). We knew from the late Tony Gatward that the Michell family lived there. Census information told us Eric Michell & wife Irene had moved there by 1921 and that Irene came from Kerry, in Ireland, hence the name. He met Irene when serving in the army in Ireland. Although Eric was born in Steyning, West Sussex, his family were reasonably well off and he went to Cambridge University so perhaps moved here because he discovered the village then. Kerrymead below in 1920s.

When Eric & Irene sold up around 1950 to move to New Zealand, their son built a house fronting the High St on some of Kerrymead's land, that now has the BP garage.

That house was built in early 1950s and named Cautley Croft.
In the same way Eric had named his house after his wife's old Irish home, so too did his son Brian, naming Cautley Croft after a waterfall (Cautley Spout) near the town of Sedbergh in the Lake District where his wife Mary grew up.

Hilary Roadley July 2026. More information can be found on our displays at Better Brew in Village Hall or on www.harstonhistory.org.uk

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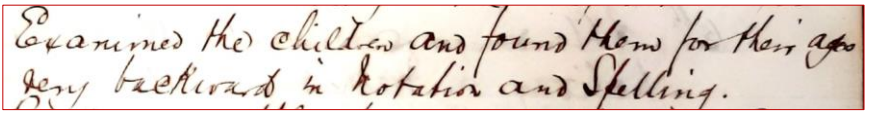

Examined the children and found them for their ages very backward in notation and Spelling.

"Examined the children and found them for their ages very backward in notation and spelling"

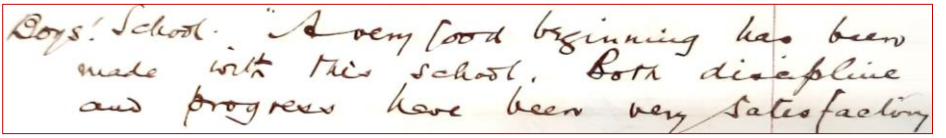
I like to think we have come on a bit in the last 150 years. Certainly, expectations of academic attainment are now higher than ever in England. Each July, some of our pupils move on to private schools – and these usually have very high entrance standards. (We know of one former pupil who is on course for Eton Public School.) Other pupils are thriving at local colleges, and it is always great to see them again, not only to discover how tall they have grown!

There are some pupils at our school who are not as academic (in the formal sense) – but we value them just as much. Our practice is not to hang a label around a pupil's neck, but to give him or her as much encouragement and help as we possibly can.

Each child has interests and enthusiasms – and each one is good at something. We accept those enthusiasms and encourage a pupil to talk and write about them. In that way, a school day can become a memory of being praised – we don't want anyone to remember being told off all the time.

I am delighted to report that in July 2026, 100% of our Year 6 pupils achieved the expected standard in their Reading and Spelling-grammar-and-punctuation SATs, and 93% of them achieved the expected standard in Maths.

Siobhan Rouse, Headteacher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Standing Tall by Ralph F Wilson

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"I'm not small," the little man would say to himself. "I'll show them."
And over the years he had found lots of ways to prove it, at least to himself. He had discovered, for example, that money helped. A rich man always had friends around, even if he was short.

Of course, some people didn't approve of the way Zacchaeus raked in his money. The tiny entrepreneur was a small but increasingly important cog in a great revenue machine that channelled money from the far-flung provinces of the empire into the coffers of Rome. He had started as a common tax collector. He had been given a certain area from which he was obligated to bring in a specific amount of tax money each year. And he had worked hard for his money. Farmers and fishermen didn't part with their money easily. The little man would have to prod and plead, threaten and cajole. He would declare an outrageous value on some personal property only to bring it down a bit when he saw enough fear and anger in the client's eyes. Yes, he had worked hard. But the beauty of the system was that whatever money he could bring in over his allotted quota was his to keep. And money helped this small man live somewhat larger than life.

Power helped, too. The threat of Roman soldiers breaking in and confiscating a merchant's entire stock had won many an argument. And a few years ago he had been promoted. As chief tax collector for the district, he had several collectors working under him now. They would skim the money from their clients, he would skim the profits from his subordinates, and the rest-- always right at the precise quota amount--would find its way up the chain to the Roman governor, and from him to Rome itself. Power elevated the little man. Of course, power had its price. "Dirty Roman traitor," people would whisper as he scurried through the narrow streets of Jericho. Rotten vegetables would splatter his robe as he turned into a doorway. Long ago the synagogue had formally excommunicated him. No self-respecting person would enter his door. But money and power did buy wonderful parties. His guests would be some of the other "sinners" in the area, of course, but "You're a force to be reckoned with," he would tell himself. "You're a big man about town."

For such a big man about town, it was strange the excitement that possessed Zacchaeus when he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was headed into Jericho this dusty, summer afternoon. No matter that he had figures to check and money to count. He must catch a glimpse of this itinerant preacher who had caused such a stir up and down Palestine. People raced past him to the edge of town to welcome the Master, but Zacchaeus took this opportunity to climb unnoticed into a large, spreading sycamore-fig tree that shaded the main street. His shoulders ached as he pulled himself onto a branch, but he didn't notice. He could see Jesus at the end of the street now, mobbed by hundreds of townspeople, clouds of dust rising as the multitude came closer. When the throng had nearly reached Zacchaeus' vantage spot, the Master stopped dead in his tracks. Zacchaeus chuckled as distracted followers ran into each other behind Jesus, one after another, until the whole crowd stood still. Maybe I'll get to hear him teach, thought the little man. Then Jesus' head turned upward until his eyes met Zacchaeus' eyes. And the eyes of each person in the crowd looked up, too. Jesus smiled a peculiar, won't-this-be-fun

smile, and spoke quietly above the hush of the crowd. "Zacchaeus," he began. How does he know my name? thought Zacchaeus, turning red all over. How does he know me? "Zacchaeus," the Master continued, "come down right away. I just have to stay at your house today.“ Zacchaeus almost fell out of the tree. His house? Of course! Jesus would be impressed with his house. But then the little man's stomach knotted up within him. Jesus was a holy man. He was a sinner. How could Jesus come to his house. Didn't he know?

Jesus did know. He could hear people in the crowd mumbling, "He's going to the house of a sinner," but Jesus just smiled again, and motioned him down. He does want to talk to me. He knows my name. It doesn't matter what people say, Jesus cares about me. By the time Zacchaeus reached the ground, tears of joy had begun to flow down his cheeks. The crowd had parted a bit, and he darted to where Jesus stood, falling on his knees at Jesus' feet. He felt a warm hand on his shoulder after a moment, and an arm helping him up. He thought he could see the trace of a tear in Jesus' eyes, too.

He stood up. "Lord," he began, "here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor." It just poured out of Zacchaeus. People gasped in disbelief. Skinflint Zacchaeus? But Zacchaeus wasn't finished. "And if I've cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.“ "He means it!" muttered one man who was close enough to see it all. "He'll do it!“ The crowd began murmuring as the news of Zacchaeus' words were passed person to person from the centre out to the edge of the crowd. Few people were able to hear Jesus' words as he hugged the little man. "Today salvation has come to this house," he said joyfully, "because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.“

At those words Zacchaeus pulled himself up to full height and beamed. A son of Abraham! The Master himself had said it. I am a son of Abraham! Jesus looked around to the bewildered crowd and spoke with such conviction and force that it seemed as if he were trying to distill his entire life's purpose in a single sentence: "The Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.“ "I swear," said one of the disciples, watching Zacchaeus half-walk, half-dance beside Jesus as they made their way to the tax collector's home. "I swear, he doesn't look so little, so wizened up after all." He scratched his beard. "He looks taller somehow.“ And to tell the truth, Zacchaeus felt ten feet tall.

Sunday Services

At 10.30am we meet for an hour of worship, prayer, teaching from the bible and monthly communion followed by refreshments. During the service we run a creche and a Sunday Club for primary-aged children. At 6.00pm on the first Sunday of the month we meet in the church lounge for prayer. On the 3rd Sunday we meet for communion. Both services are followed by refreshments.

Coffee Mornings

Every Thursday from 10.30am - 12 noon we have a coffee morning in the church lounge. On the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month during the Harston Community Food Hub session we serve coffee & refreshments in the lounge from 11.30am - 12.30pm.

If you would like more information about the life of the church, please look at our website **www.harstonbaptistchurch.org.uk** or contact Scott our minister on 01223 870434 / 07519 346710 or by email: spatonhbc@gmail.com

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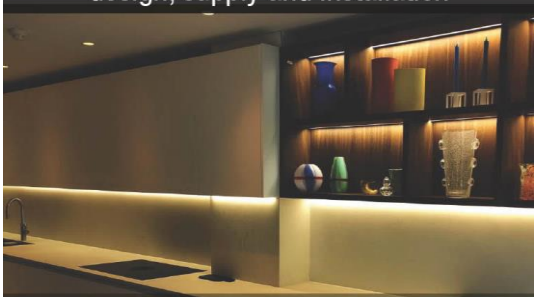

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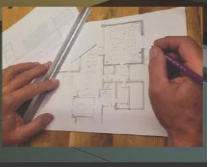

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