

Welcome

A very warm welcome to you, whether you are new to St Matthew's and All Saints' or worship with us every week. We hope you will feel at home in our churches. Please introduce yourself to someone, and stay for coffee, which is served after most services. Please see the back page for useful information for visitors.

If you are a newcomer or visitor, do please consider filling in and returning a welcome card, so that we can be in touch with information about groups and activities of interest and how we can serve you.

THIS SUNDAY

14th February - 1st Sunday of Lent

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at All Saints'
9:30am Morning Prayer (BCP) at All Saints'
11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's
4:30pm Valentine's Day Service at St Matthew's
No Youth Fellowship

LUKE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

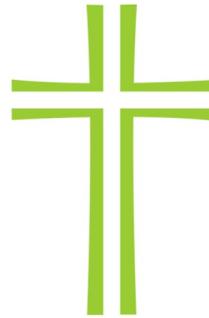
Sun 14 Feb	Luke 12.13-34	The Parable of the Rich Fool
Mon 15 Feb	Luke 12.35-48	Jesus' Call to Watchfulness
Tue 16 Feb	Luke 12.49-59	Reading the Signs of the Times
Wed 17 Feb	Luke 13.1-9	The Parable of the Fig Tree
Thu 18 Feb	Luke 13.10-21	Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman
Fri 19 Feb	Luke 13.22-30	The Narrow Door
Sat 20 Feb	Luke 13.31-35	Jesus Grieves over Jerusalem
Sun 21 Feb	Luke 14.1-11	Jesus and the Pharisee

See inside or <http://hcchurches.org/luke> for more info

NEXT SUNDAY

21st February – 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's
9:30am Holy Communion at All Saints'
11:00am Holy Communion at St Matthew's
6:15pm Evening Prayer (BCP) at St Matthew's
No Youth Fellowship



**HARWELL
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If you would like to talk with the Rector about any matter, please contact Jonathan directly, or via the Church Office

St Matthew's Harwell
with All Saints' Chilton

ALL SAINTS' QUIZ

CHARITY QUIZ
NIGHT AT CHILTON
– PLEASE NOTE
CHANGE OF DATE –
NOW SATURDAY
19th MARCH

CHOIR



After a gap of 15 years we are considering re-forming the Celebration Choir. It ran for 11 years and approx 20-25 ladies and gentlemen sang in four part harmony at St Matthew's on festival occasions such as Christmas, Easter, Harvest etc., coming together six weeks before the event to practise two pieces for the occasion. An ability to read music is desirable but not essential.

Come and join us as we learn two songs for Easter Sunday morning. If you are 16 or over and free to rehearse on Friday evenings in St Matthew's Church at 7.30pm beginning 19th February, please contact David and Kate Evans or Anne Cockburn. We would love to see you.

VOCATION



"For most people... the calling of God seems to be breathed into their lives as their lives unfold. They are drawn to certain things at certain times, and the necessary doors swing open. They rarely know exactly what they are meant to achieve, but they often have the sense that they should be..."

I can best describe my own sense of calling as a sense of obedience. I am aware that I can obey God, or not, and if I were to abandon what I am doing, or even change the focus, I would feel as if I were disobeying God.. Sometimes the positive, feel-good factor is completely absent, and all I have to go on is this sense of obedience, that I am following where someone else is guiding...

Being called gives purpose, vision and strength, but not always an overall or detailed view of how things will unfold".

These are quotes from Christina Rees book; *The Divine Embrace: Discovering the reality of God's love*. The Lent groups will be reflecting on this passage and others. If you'd like to join a lent group please contact Jean Barton, or Vicky in the office.

CAP MONEY

"I felt sick just thinking about my debts."

budget. save. spend.

"I needed to understand how to organise myself."



These are real comments from local people who have done the seven hour CAPMoney "budget – save – spend" course in our two villages. The next course is a weekday one with sandwich lunch, starting 26 February*, in St Matthew's church lounge 11.30 -14.00.

It's completely free and confidential, with lots of support and encouragement. You can find out more about or register for the course at capmoneycourse.org or by calling 834256.

*There are a further two sessions at the same time on 4 and 18 March.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES WORK

Children & Families Work numbers 7 –12 Feb
No Kids Church or Pathfinders

All Saints' Christingle 21 children/68 adults
St Matthew's Christingle 68 children/127 adults
YF 31. Fledgelings 41 children/30 adults
Y Club 8

Thank you to the 18 volunteers to offered in excess of 33 hours last week.

And a big thank you to all those who prepared Christingles for the services last week. It was great to see so many people attend the services.

Both Harwell & Chilton primary invited us in to lead Lent assemblies. By NOT catching balls, NOT saying 'yes' or 'no' and NOT licking their lips the children discovered that NOT doing things is often much harder than doing things! But like Jesus in the wilderness, NOT doing things to please ourselves is the way to prove our strength and please our Heavenly Father.



At the end of February a team from YF will be doing a sponsored Swimathon in order to raise funds for the group to attend a Christian festival this summer. Details of how to sponsor them will be on the website, or speak to Peter Shields. Please consider giving your support.

PARENTING



Calling all mums & dads of 0-12's: Feeling the pressure to be the perfect parent? Come for a night out and get some fresh inspiration & insight **"Parentalk - a survival guide to parenting under 12's"** organised by Care for the Family is coming to Oxford, Tue 1st March,

7.30pm - 10.00pm. These events are always incredibly helpful & encouraging. Watch the video on the church website or Facebook page for more info. Definitely worth booking a baby-sitter for so you can go as a couple (we'll even help you find one if need be). Contact Peter and we'll organise a group booking.

CHRISTINE PERKINS

Christine has just returned to the UK after being a missionary in Sudan for the past 20 years.



Please see the noticeboards for Christine's latest prayer letter. Christine will be visiting us over the weekend of 27-28 Feb. Join us for an afternoon with Christine at Chilton Village Hall on Saturday 27th February from 2.30-4.30pm.



Tea and cake along with children's activities will be available.

C F W

Have you returned a pink response card yet? It would be great if everyone could complete a card, and think about how they can support the work of our Children's and Families Worker. Cards available at the back of St Matthew's Harwell and in the window of All Saints' Chilton.

LUKE 4 : 8

Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Worship the Lord your God and serve him only"'

VISITORS' INFO

Children are especially welcome at our services. There are groups for primary aged children in Harwell, and a family area in Chilton with activities for younger children.

At our services of Holy Communion all who love the Lord are welcome to share with us. If you require a gluten-free wafer please indicate this to the sidespeople before the service.

Both churches have a hearing loop, and large print service and weekly noticesheets are available. Toilets are at the back of the church in Harwell and accessed from outside at Chilton.

NOTICESHEET ITEMS

Please submit noticesheet items to Vicky by Wednesday of the preceding week, either via the website, by email, by phone, or by leaving a note in the vestry. The deadline for Broadsheet items is the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

News items also appear on our website. You need to be logged-in to see some of them.

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P R A Y E R F O C U S

'...in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God' Philippians 4:6

Please pray for...

- A peaceful solution to the troubles in Iraq, Syria, Ukraine and Gaza
- All those seeking refuge from war-torn countries
- For a vaccine to be developed for Zika and that efforts to control the virus will be effective.
- Those who live in Gore Hill Chilton and in Hengest Gate, Harwell
- Christine Perkins, for her future in the UK, and a special welcome home service today
- Those attending and leading the CAP money course
- Those doing the Lent Vocation bible studies
- For God's help and blessing upon our relationships

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as you ever can.

John Wesley

Collect for the first Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.