

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

10th April - Third Sunday of Easter

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at All Saints'

9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints'

11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's

Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church Hall

6:00-7:15pm for those in school years 7-9

7:00-8:45pm for those in school years 10-13

NEXT SUNDAY

17th April - Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's

9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints' & APCM

11:00am Holy Communion at St Matthew's

6:15pm Evening Prayer (BCP) at St Matthew's

Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church Hall

6:00-7:15pm for those in school years 7-9

7:00-8:45pm for those in school years 10-13



**HARWELL
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If you would like to
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OPEN DOOR RETREAT

There is an Open Door Retreat starting in All Saints' Church, Didcot on Wednesday 20th April. More information on the noticeboards and website.

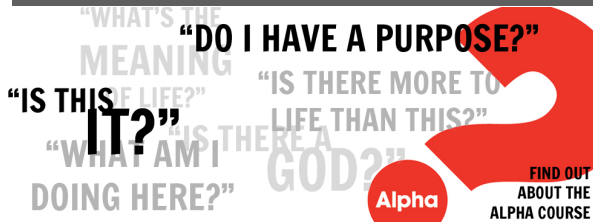
COMMUNITY CHOIR

Didcot Community Choir has a concert coming up called Spring into Summer at St Peter's in Newlands Avenue on 23rd April at 7.30pm. The driver for this concert is that we are hoping to raise money for the Choir to cut a CD in the summer, ready for Christmas stockings in Didcot (and Harwell and Chilton!) Tickets are free, but donations would be welcome. Contact: didcotgospel@gmail.com

ABINGDON RDA

Roz Keene is going to be abseiling down Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth on the 17th April to raise money for Riding For The Disabled Association - Abingdon Group and would really appreciate your support. Donating to her JustGiving page is easy - follow the link on our news section of the website. Alternatively there are sponsor sheets available. Please ask Roz about these.

ALPHA COURSE



We are running an Alpha course in the Harwell RBL Poppy Rooms on Thursday evenings from 14th April.

This is a great opportunity to find out more about the Christian faith, and get to know others in Harwell and Chilton. The sessions will start with a free meal each week, followed by a video which is being produced as we speak, featuring Gemma Hunt and Toby Flint. There will be an opportunity to discuss the issues raised in the video towards the end of the evening. Who could you invite to attend?

The Alpha website has more information, along with some videos from people who have done Alpha. www.alpha.org

Book your place by contacting Vicky on 834256 or office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk.

DAY OF PRAYER

A Day of Prayer around the Fit for the Future consultation and the use of St Matthew's Church building is to take place on Saturday 16 April in St Matthew's Harwell. Come and set aside some time for reflection and prayer on our Church's vision for the future and what changes we need to make to achieve this.



The Church will be a focus for prayer throughout the day from 9am – 4pm. The Day of Prayer will take the form of a series of prayer stations looking at Welcome, Worship, Inspired by the Spirit, and Hospitality and Community Engagement. Tea and coffee will be available.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES WORK

Easter Trail:

Thank you to all those who put up posters/ provided eggs/prayed for the event. We had 30 people enter the prize draw, and going by the numbers of eggs taken many more who followed the trail.



School Club:

Harwell Primary school have given the go-ahead for us to provide an after-school club to the pupils after Easter. What a great opportunity to be salt & light to the children, the school and their families. Can you be part of the team? Whether it's providing

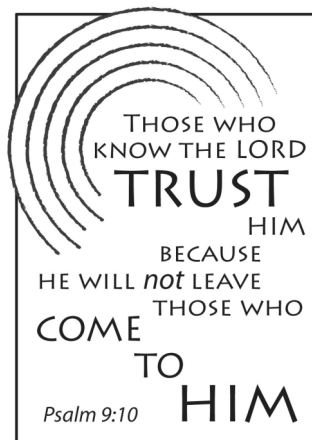
refreshments, supervising activities, presenting a story, leading games, visiting families ... there's a part for you to play. Please speak to Peter.



YELLOW GIFT AID ENVELOPES

The eagle-eyed will have noticed that the yellow 'Gift Aid' envelopes have disappeared from the pews in St Matthew's Church. The reason is not just to keep things tidier, but because with our current pattern of income and a recent change to the rules, *we no longer need to use the envelopes in order to be able to claim Gift Aid on the majority of donations.* The exceptions to this are when the donation is by cheque or by means of one or more £50 notes; in these cases taxpayers are requested to use a yellow envelope, available near the entrance of both churches, in order to ensure that Gift Aid is claimed and the value of the gift increased by 25%. As always, donations or pledges can be made by means of the offertory collection during services, via the wall safes in our churches, via the Treasurers, Stuart Gibson for Chilton and Peter Barclay-Watt for Harwell (or via the Book-keeper for St Matthew's, Brenda Pyke), or online. See <http://hcchurches.org/finances>

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FOOD BANK

The Didcot Food Bank urgently require more food donations especially **tinned meat, tinned vegetables, whole UHT milk, biscuits, packet puddings, treats and sugar** to help people around Didcot. The food donation plastic container is left at the back of St Matthew's Church in the vestry every Sunday for donations.. Donations can also be left at All Saints' Church. Thank you for your support.

Mel & Margaret Gibson.



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
- Those who live in Main Street, Chilton and in North Drive, Harwell
- Work of the Mission Aviation Fund, particularly for the people of South Sudan where there are over 2 million displaced people.
- Those who handle our Churches Finances. Treasurers & Stewardship recorders
- The 'Pastoral Care' teams of our Churches
- Those in the 'Prayer' groups of our Churches
- Those who meet for 'Home groups' and those who lead them
- The guests and team members involved in the Alpha Course starting on Thursday 14th April



Collect for 3rd Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.