

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

15th May - Pentecost

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

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

22nd May - Trinity Sunday

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

9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints'

11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's

6:15pm Holy Communion at St Matthew's

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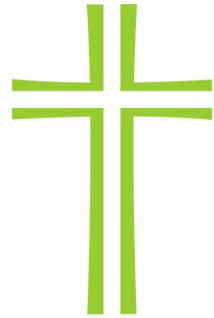
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COMING UP...

Sunday 29th May 4pm, Harwell Recreation Ground

'Songs of Praise' with a Queen's 90th Birthday focus

Taking over the Feast marquee, mini-interviews with church members, and favourite songs and hymns led by St Matthew's orchestra and three choirs—the Celebration Choir, Harwell Young Singers, and a specially-formed Scout Choir! Tea and coffee from 3.30pm, all followed by a barbeque! Don't miss out! Put it in your diary and bring friends and neighbours.



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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

HARWELL YOUNG SINGERS

Harwell Young Singers
Spring Sing concerts
6.45pm on two Thursdays:
19th May at Harwell and
26th May at Chilton.

WEBSITE

There are many church groups and activities happening every week and space does not permit inclusion of all of them. You can find details of all church events on the church website:
HCChurches.org/newsitems

CHRISTIAN AID SERVICE

There is a Christian Aid United Service being arranged for this evening at 6.00pm at St. Andrew's Hagbourne. All are very welcome to attend. The speaker is Anwen Holmes; Regional Co-ordinator for Oxfordshire.

To find the church: from Didcot, come into East Hagbourne along New Rd, and turn right at the Lower Cross war memorial. Drive through the village until you reach the Upper Cross. The church is on your left; parking is usually available a little further up to the right, at the village hall.



HARWELL FEAST VOLUNTEERS

Harwell Feast is on Monday 30 May. Once again, St Matthew's has agreed to find volunteers to staff the BBQ/Pig Roast stall. We need a lot of volunteers as the stall is very busy and requires up to 8 people at any one time. There are 3 roles: taking the money, cooking sausages/burgers, serving the food

If you can volunteer for 30-60 mins sometime between 10.30am & 3.30pm on 30th May, please contact Jane Woolley 2201030 or janemn.woolley@hotmail.co.uk.

WALKING GROUP — NEW!

Harwell and Chilton Churches Walking Group

Enjoy the great outdoors with family and friends! Get to know other members of the church family better!

Next month sees the launch of a church walking group that aims to run a roughly six to eight week pattern of local walks that are open to all. The walks are being organised by Steve Hale, Alison and Sid Gale, and Tim Paget. No membership fees, no need to book, no need to plan your own route. Just turn up on the day at the agreed start time and place and join in! Children, friends, relatives, neighbours and well-behaved dogs are all very welcome!

- **Sunday 5th June 3-5pm**
- **Saturday 16th July 4-7pm**
- **Monday 29th August 11am-2pm**

See <http://HCChurches.org/walking> for dates and times, walking guidelines and other useful info.

"Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them" (Lk 24:13-15).

CAP MONEY COURSE



We are running a CAP Money course on Monday evenings from 13th June at 7.30pm. Contact Vicky to book a place on 834256 or see capmoneycourse.org

CFW Numbers 8th-12th May

Kids Church 14; Pathfinders 7; YF 19

Fledgelings 39 + 29 adults; Y Club 13

I'm very grateful for the 14 people who donated 28 hours of their time to serve the children & families. In addition there's been numerous other people planning & preparing behind the scenes for holiday club, Pebbles & Prayer Spaces - not to mention the 3 whole days Pam Rolls spent with the Chilton year 3 staff & pupils on their residential trip to Hooke Court.

Holiday Club team planning & prayer next Saturday 21st May, 9.30am - 10.30am @ St Matthew's. With 116 children registered we can now start to pray for them by name. Please join us if you can.

Website of the week: The PCC's & leadership team are contemplating if there are "fresh expressions" of Church we could be developing within our parishes. One of the best known of these is "Messy Church". Here's a thought provoking article that asks the question, "Are our church services too passive?". What do you think?<http://www.messychurch.org.uk/messy-blog/messy-church-and-me>

Have a Yabba Dabba Do Time! "Pebbles" is the new Sunday morning program for children starting at All Saints' next week (15th May). We've gathered a large & capable team to start nurturing & discipling the very youngest members of All Saints'. "You have taught children and infants to tell of your strength" Ps 8v2

Prayer Spaces: We're extremely grateful to both our primary schools for the privilege of spending nearly an hour with every pupil giving them the chance to reflect

and/or pray. If you can give a minimum of 1 hour (no maximum!) during the weeks of 20th June - 1st July then I need to hear from you. You can sign-up on the website (HCChurches.org/prayerspace).



Soul Survivor: Amongst the 12,000 people attending Soul Survivor festival this year are 13 young people & leaders from YF. They'll be trying various methods to raise funds towards the cost of this, but if you'd like to make a good old fashioned donation then please pass it on somehow, marking it "Soul Survivor". It's also not too late for anyone to join us... there are programs for all ages. Why not make it a family holiday?

The June meeting of Evergreen's is our annual tea party and service which will be combined with the Generation Gold Service to commemorate the Queen's 90th birthday. The service will take place in Harwell Church at 2.30pm on 16th June led by Rev Pam Rolls and the Rev Jan Radford.

All are welcome to attend, even if you haven't attended Evergreens or a generationGold service

before. Tea and cake will be served in St Matthew's Church Hall afterward



PRAYER

Following on from our Prayer themed services last week, marking the Call to Prayer by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, we thought it might be useful to remind people of two local opportunities to pray:

Prayer Chain for urgent requests: 43 people are already part of this. If you would like to join or have an urgent prayer request, please contact Vicky.

Saturday morning prayer groups in both churches happen every week 8.30-9am. Anyone welcome to just turn up.

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 Potteries Lane, Chilton and in South Drive, Harwell
- Those recently bereaved, including the family and friends of Ellis Downes and Eric Dowding
- Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS)
- The guests and team members involved in the Alpha Course
- The new Bishop of Oxford, Bishop Steven, who will be starting in the autumn.

A prayer for the EU Referendum:

God of truth,
give us grace to debate the issues in this referendum with honesty and openness.
Give generosity to those who seek to form opinion and discernment to those who vote,
that our nation may prosper
and that with all the peoples of Europe
we may work for peace and the common good;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Collect for Pentecost

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.