RIDGEWAY BROADSHEET

May 2016



Camelot 2016

Holiday Club 15-19 August

Registration now open HCChurches.org/holidayclub

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EASTER TRAIL AND FIESTA

Our Easter Trail pictures were created by children at both Chilton and Harwell Primary Schools, and they were excellent!



On each of the 15 posters there was a letter or number which gave a verse to find in order to crack the code and enter the competition. We had 30 competition entries along with some lovely colouring competition entries. At our special Easter Fiesta at Chilton Field Community Centre we picked the winning entries and many chocolate Easter eggs were given away.



Our theme for the Easter Fiesta was one of celebrating that Jesus was risen from the dead, and also thinking about a verse

in Isaiah 49 in which God says "See I have engraved you on the palms of my hands". Those same hands which were pierced by nails on the cross.





Good Friday was a beautifully sunny day, and a group met to walk from Chilton Field to All Saints' Church before our service 'At the Cross'.





With thanks to Jonathan Wood for the photographs.

The Queen is by any measure a remarkable woman

She's the longest reigning monarch in British history.

She never went to university, but she has been the adviser and confidante to twelve British Prime Ministers.

She's a 90-year-old senior citizen, but still works over 40 hours a week.

She employs 1200 people, but feeds her own dogs.

She can rebuild the

6-cylinder, 3462cc engine of an Austin K2 Ambulance, trek hatless for hours on her Fell pony across the windswept Highland moors, but she looks entirely comfortable and elegant in the 488 diamond Kokoshnik tiara.

She is the most famous woman in the world, but seems as relaxed in a school. a residential care home or a technology company as in the company of celebrities or other Heads of State.

She is the Supreme Governor of the Church of England, attends church weekly, even on holiday, and prays daily but never tells anyone to go to church.

She has no power to make political decisions but her personal authority has brought nations together.

She has had a gruelling travel and work schedule for over 60 years but as political commentator Andrew Marr pointed out: 'There are no reliable



recorded incidents of the Queen losing her temper, using bad language, or refusing to carry out a duty expected of her.'

Most of us would find it hard to match that record for a week never mind 60 years.

What is the secret of the Queen's remarkable consistency of character and extraordinary contribution to nation, Commonwealth and the global community?

It's a question she herself answered in 2002:

"I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God... I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel."

(From the introduction to 'The Servant Queen and the King she serves' by Mark Greene and Catherine Butcher)

Join in a celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday at a special 'Songs of Praise' service in the Feast Marquee on Harwell Recreation Ground at 4pm on Sunday 29th May. More information on page 6.

> Revd Dr Jonathan Mobey Rector of Harwell and Chilton

WEEKLY EVENTS

MAY & JUNE

Home groups are small

groups of people who meet to

study the bible and pray

together. Contact the office to find out more.

Mondays

9:30-11:30am Fledgelings Toddler group (during term time) St Matthew's Church Hall 8.00pm Home group at 10 Jennings Lane, Harwell

Tuesdays

9.30am Home group (during term time) at Shimna, Church Lane

Wednesdays

9:15-11:15am Fledgelings Toddler group (during term time) Chilton Field Community Room 10.15am Home group (during term time) at St Matthew's meeting room

- 1.45pm Home group (during term time) at 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton
- 7.30pm Home group at various homes in Chilton Field
- 7.30pm Choir Practice at All Saints'

Thursdays

7.30pm Bell ringing at St Matthew's Church Tower 7.30pm Alpha Course at Harwell Village Club (RBL) 7.45pm Home group at various homes in Harwell 8.00pm 1st, 2nd & 3rd Home group (term time)

Fridays

2.00pm Home group at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell

Saturdays

8.30am Prayer meeting both at St Matthew's and All Saints'

Sundays

Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church Hall 6:00-7:15pm for those in school years 7-9 7:00-8:15pm for those in school years 9-13

OTHER EVENTS

4th May 8.00pm 5th May 7.30pm 10th May 7.45pm 17th May 10.00am 19th May 2.30pm 19th May 7.30pm 21st May 9.30am 28th May 10.00am 1st June 8.00pm 2nd June 7.30pm 16th June 7.30pm 18th June 9.30am 30th June 7.30pm Night Prayer at All Saints' Chilton Science & Faith Group, St Matthew's Church Lounge All Saints' Women's Group at All Saints' Chilton Holy Communion (BCP) at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell Harwell Evergreens, St Matthew's Church Hall Science & Faith Group, St Matthew's Church Lounge Holiday Club Planning Meeting, St Matthew's Church Lounge All Saints' Art Group, Chilton Village Hall Night Prayer at All Saints' Chilton Science & Faith Group, St Matthew's Church Lounge Evergreens Service & Summer Party St Matthew's Church Hall Science & Faith Group, St Matthew's Church Lounge Holiday Club Planning Meeting, St Matthew's Church Lounge Holiday Club Planning Meeting, St Matthew's Church Lounge

SERVICES

MAY & JUNE

Services at All Saints'		Services at St Matthew's
9.30am Morning Worship	1st May	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Morning Worship 6.15pm Evening Prayer
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship	8th May	11.00am Morning Worship
9.30am Holy Communion	15th May	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Holy Communion 6.15pm Evening Prayer (BCP)
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship	22nd May	11.00am Morning Worship 6.15pm Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion	29th May	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Holy Communion 4.00pm Songs of Praise, Harwell Rec*
9.30am Morning Worship	5th June	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Morning Worship 6.15pm Evening Prayer
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP)	12th June	11.00am Morning Worship
9.30am Holy Communion	19th June	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Holy Communion 6.15pm Evening Prayer
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship	26th June	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Morning Worship 6.15pm Holy Communion

(BCP) Book of Common Prayer * see p6 for more information

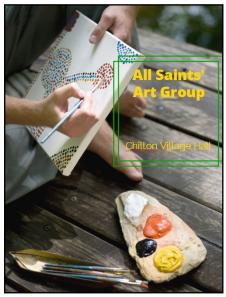
FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals "He who believes in Me will live"

> Peter (Mac) McNiven John Payton Freda Wickens

ART GROUP

The All Saints' Art group will meet as usual on Saturday May 28th, 10am - 1pm in Chilton Hall. All welcome to come and try out their artistic abilities - children please bring a grown-up. Materials are provided. Contact Carol 834408.



GARAGE SALE

There will be Garage Sales on Saturday 7th May, from 10.00am at 18 Latton Close and at 15 The Orchids, Chilton (including Carol's water colours, boxed Crystal Wine Glasses, Books and other Bric-a-Brac). Some of the proceeds will be donated towards the All Saints' Church Path Fund. Contact Carol 834408.

FLEDGELINGS

We run two free toddler groups each week during term time. On Mondays we meet at St Matthew's Church Hall in Harwell from 9.30-11.30am and on Wednesdays we meet at the Community Room in Chilton Field from 9.15-11.15am. We have lots of toys, sing songs, bible stories, have crafts and refreshments. Ring Peter on 07467 038734 or see facebook.com/fledgelingsOX11



SONGS OF PRAISE

We'll be meeting in the Feast Marquee on the Harwell Recreation Ground at 4pm on Sunday 29th May for a Songs of Praise event. Our theme will be Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday, and will include a number of musical items and short interviews, and an opportunity to sing well-loved hymns and songs. Refreshments provided. Why not join in after visiting the Viking Living History Camp on the far field? Contact 834256.



HOLIDAY CLUB

Come along and join our Holiday Club in Harwell Primary School from 15th-19th August. The club runs from 9am-3pm each day, is jam-packed full of fun and completely free! We have games, sports (including swimming), bible stories and singing. It is for children going into years 1-9 in September, with an adapted programme for the older children. Each child will be in a team with children of similar ages and will receive a free T-shirt with their team logo on. We had 100 children for 'Polar Explorers' last year (see facebook.com/HCChurches for photos). Registration is now open and we advise booking as soon as possible as places are limited. www.HCChurches.org/holidayclub.



U3A MEETING

2pm at Didcot Civic Hall on 17th May. Ian Jones will be talking: 40 years Bomb Disposal and still 10 fingers! www.u3asites.org.uk/didcot

HARWELL GARDENERS CLUB

Harwell Village Hall, Monday 9th April 7.30pm. Seasonal Planting with Chris Day. Competition: Tulips. Tel 821615.

CHARITY MARKET STALL

The April Market Stall raised £195 for our local Wallingford and District Stroke Club. Thank you, Judy Goodall.

GRAND PLANT SALE & COFFEE MORNING

This will be held on Saturday 14th May from 10 am to 12 noon at Chilton Village Hall and is organised by All Saints' Women's Group to benefit Christian Aid. It provides a great opportunity to buy bedding plants, perennials, small shrubs, herbs and vegetable plants. Children from the Gardening Club at Chilton School will have a stall and there will also be a wellstocked second-hand book stall and a cake and home produce stall. We would welcome any contributions of plants, books or cakes.

Do join us on the morning of the 14th May to stock up your garden, browse over books or chat over a cup of coffee.

The Charity Market Stall on May 14th will be held at Chilton Village Hall at the same time as the Plant Sale and will be for Christian Aid. Manshed and The Old Farm Shop will also be there.



QUIZ EVENING

Thank you to everyone who came. We were delighted to raise just over £1,500 for our charities; Hamlin Fistula UK and The Footsteps Foundation. The Quiz was won by Peter and Hilary Groves's team after a tie breaker.

The Cryptic Quiz on Occupations was won by Barbara Anderson from Harwell with a perfect score. There is currently another quiz out on Parliamentarians for the benefit of Christian Aid to tie in with the Plant Sale. Contact Judy 834503.

GODSPELL

It was great to watch the Godspell performance in St Matthew's Church on 9th April. It was staged by Janice Markey and team and was in aid of the Harwell Village Hall Redevelopment Fund. Here are a few photos from the show, taken by Charlotte Orr.



We were delighted to witness many of the Parables of Jesus brought to life through song and dance and a good measure of comedy. We were treated to thought-provoking versions of the parables of the Sower, the Prodigal Son and The Good Samaritan.



We enjoyed some delicious cakes and drinks during the interval.

The second half took on a more reflective feel as the troupe reenacted the Last Supper and Jesus' farewell to his disciples leading to his death on the cross. It was extremely moving, but led to a wonderful,



joyous conclusion to the production with the risen Lord Jesus greeting his disciples.





Please send items to Vicky by the 2nd Wednesday of the month 01235 834256 office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk

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