

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

11th December - Third Sunday in Advent

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

9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints'

11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's

* Please note there will be no Church Walk this month *
(see <http://HCChurches.org/walking> for info about walks)

4.00pm Family Carols by Candlelight
at St Matthew's

6.30pm Nine Lessons & Carols by Candlelight
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

18th December - Fourth Sunday in Advent

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

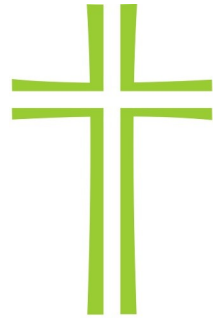
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If you would like to talk with the Rector about any matter, please contact Jonathan directly, or via the Church Office

St Matthew's Harwell
with All Saints' Chilton

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH



A Christmas lunch will be held in Chilton Village Hall for any who might otherwise be on their own, or who would like company, on Christmas Day from 12.30 – 3.30, including Carols and the Queen's Speech. If you are aware of anyone who would like an invitation please advise Vicky in the church office by 12th Dec.

A donation of £5 from those attending will be requested and any food or other contribution from church members towards the lunch will be welcome.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

St Matthew's will be going to Cherry Tree Court to sing carols on Monday 19th December at 7pm.

All Saints' will be carol singing around Chilton village on Monday 19th. Meet at the Church Lynch Gate at 6.30pm.

There will be beer and carols at The Rose and Crown, Chilton on Wednesday 21st December at 8.30pm all welcome.



CHRISTIAN AID WALK

Thank you for those who sponsored me for the Christian Aid 10 km run. I received £155 from members of the congregations of All Saints' and St Matthew's. Alex Reich.

KNOWABLE GOD?

For many religions, God is considered unknowable – just a supreme power or presence 'out there' somewhere. Not so Christianity. The heart of the Christmas message is His coming to us in peace and love – as the Bible says: 'The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.' (John 1:4 RSV)

Jesus was born a baby, grew up amongst us, healed us, did many miracles, taught us, and then went on to die for us. He entered our time and our space, and we could approach Him and talk to Him. Jesus made clear that to see Him was to see the Father. What a wonderful God! He is the Creator of the Universe, but He is also Jesus, who calls us into a daily relationship of love and dependency upon Him.



SCOUTING POST

For 2016 we will be placing our boxes in the usual places (see advertisement) and making deliveries over two weekends. Boxes will be emptied at 4pm on Thursday 8th and Thursday 15th December with delivery two to three days thereafter.

However, we can only accept cards for delivery to: Harwell, Chilton, Chilton Fields, Rowstock, West Hagbourne, AEA site - North and South Drive. Upton, Steventon, Great Western Park South of Boundary Park only [Greenwood Way, Harebell Road, Bramble Lane, Orchard Mews, Chestnut Drive, Cherry Tree Road, Foxglove Way, Ivy Close, The Poplars and Holly Lane]

Thank you. Brian Zimmerman.

JOHN 10:10



FACEBOOK FRIENDS



Would you like to say hello to friends across the world via our St Matthew's Church facebook friends page? The idea is that you take a selfie outside St Matthew's and post it onto the facebook page. Please speak to Liz Roberts for more information.

JOB VACANCIES

Science and Faith Project Assistant

January to August 2017, 25 hours per month (flexible), £8 per hour. Duties to include preparing equipment and materials, publicity, and record-keeping.

Deadline 18th December. More info from Carina Lobley, Jonathan Mobey or <http://HCChurches.org/sfpa>

Debt Coach for Didcot (part-time)

Do you have a heart for evangelism in our local community, working with poor or disadvantaged people?

If so, please prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to join the local CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Debt Centre as a part-time Debt Coach.

The post, which will operate predominantly in the Didcot area, is for 8 hours a week for one year initially with the possibility of extension beyond that. Salary: £20k per annum pro rata (£4,267 per annum).

For more information, including a detailed JD: <http://www.ridgeway-church.org.uk/associations/cap-christians-against-poverty/> or contact Sue Bright, Centre Manager (suebright@capuk.org). Closing date 19th January.

VISITORS' INFO

Children and young people are especially welcome at our services, and there are groups for children and young people in Harwell, and for primary aged and pre-school children in Chilton, along with a family area in both churches.

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: <http://HCChurches.org>

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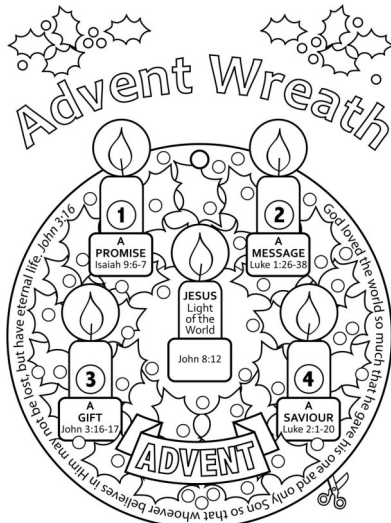


P R A Y E R F O C U S

'...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 Newbury Road, Chilton and in Gaveston Road, Harwell
- The three Sudanese Pastors awaiting trial
- All those who find Christmas a difficult time



Colour in the green leaves and berries. Cut out and hang up on ribbon.
Each Sunday in Advent colour in a candle and read the Bible verse.
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Collect for Third Sunday in Advent

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.