

# 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.

## 25TH DECEMBER

### 25th December – Christmas Day

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at All Saints'  
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9:30am All Age Service of Celebration at All Saints'  
11:00am All Age Service of Celebration at St Matthew's  
12.00pm Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's  
No Youth Fellowship until 8th January  
No evening service

## 1ST JANUARY

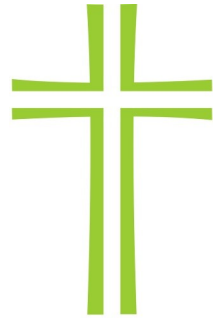
### 1st January - First Sunday of Christmas

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

## 8TH JANUARY

### 8th January - Second Sunday of Christmas

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



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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

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## CAP MONEY COURSE



We are running another CAP Money Course starting on Saturday 14th January. (3 sessions including 21st Jan and 4th Feb). These brunch sessions will run from 10.30-12.30am in St Matthew's Church Harwell. Please book your place online at [capmoneycourse.org](http://capmoneycourse.org)

## 2017 PRAYER

Lord of the Years,

At the start of this New Year we ask for your presence, protection and guidance for every minute of every day of every month ahead.

Thank you that we do not go into this New Year alone. Thank you for loving us so much that you gave us Jesus to lead us to you.

May we commit ourselves afresh to serve you, to love you and to share your love with those who don't yet know you.

May we make a difference for your Kingdom in 2017.

In Jesus' name.

Amen

By Daphne Kitching

## SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

We are running some safeguarding training on 21st January. If you are involved in any of our children's groups, holiday club or pastoral care work please come along to the training. So we have an idea of numbers, please email [office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk](mailto:office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk) if you are planning to attend, unless you've already let us know. It will be from 9.45-12 noon in St Matthew's Church Harwell.

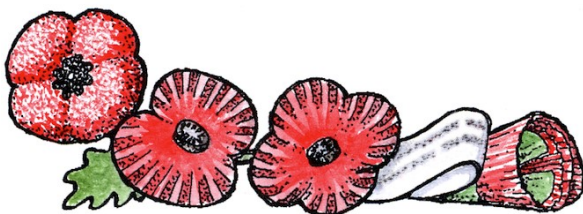
## POPPY APPEAL COLLECTION

The amount collected from Harwell Village and Harwell Campus in 2016 was £2,497.34. The amount collected from Chilton Village, Chilton Field and the Curie Avenue shops and businesses was £1,274.12.

So the total for the local house to house and business collection in 2016 was £3,771.46.

Thank you to everyone who donated and to those who went door to door with the poppies.

Peter Cox, Poppy Appeal Organiser for Harwell and Hazel King, Poppy Appeal Organiser for Chilton.



## CHILDREN & FAMILIES WORK

We have been very blessed to be able to employ since August 2014 a very talented full time Children & Families Worker, Peter Shields. Peter would like to explore the scope for reducing his role with us from 40 hours per week to 20 hours per week, with the balance made up from either another part time member of staff, or volunteers, or a combination. The two PCCs (church councils) will be reviewing the options around this at their February Combined PCC meeting. In the meantime, Peter will be trialling his reduced hours alongside work as a delivery driver for Sainsburys. Please pray for Peter and the PCCs, that we may have wisdom in our discussions. Jonathan.



**CFW Numbers 15-21 December**

Kids Church 12; Pathfinders 8

**Living Advent Calendar** - THANK YOU and WELL DONE to everyone who has volunteered to host a day of our calendar. Most evenings there have been 40+ children and their parents taking part. The feedback has been extremely glowing. And I hope you have enjoyed hosting as much as the children have had visiting. Nearly 8kg of chocolates have been given away, 1000 stickers, and 70+ hours of volunteer time. It's very much appreciated.



That Jesus chose to come as a helpless baby is the ultimate reminder of the value God places on children's & families work! THANK YOU every one who has given their time, their energy, their homes, their talents, their food, their finances and their prayers to progressing our ministry to children in 2016. HAPPY CHRISTMAS



**Debt Coach for Didcot (part-time)**

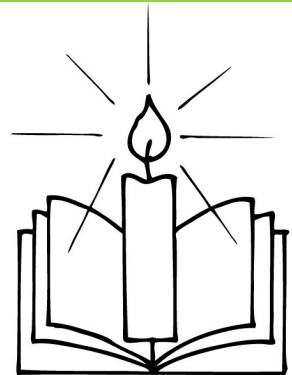
Do you have a heart for evangelism in our local community, working with poor or disadvantaged people?

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 contact Sue Bright, Centre Manager (suebright@capuk.org).

**Closing date 19th January.**



“Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path”

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Potteries Lane Chilton and Hengest Gate, Harwell
- The three Sudanese Pastors awaiting trial
- Those who are homeless and cold especially in this bitter weather. Draw near and comfort them in spirit and bless those who work to provide them with shelter, food and friendship
- Those in hospital; surround the frightened with your tenderness; give strength to those in pain; hold the weak in your arms of love, and give hope and patience to those who are recovering

### *Collect for Christmas Day*

*Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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.*

### *Collect for First Sunday of Christmas*

*Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*