

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.

15TH JANUARY

Second Sunday of Epiphany

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

10:30am Combined Service
St Birinus School OX11 9AZ
to celebrate the opening of
a **CAP Debt Centre** for Didcot
and the surrounding area.

No Pebbles, Kids Church or
Pathfinders this morning.

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22ND JANUARY

Third Sunday of Epiphany

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

9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints'

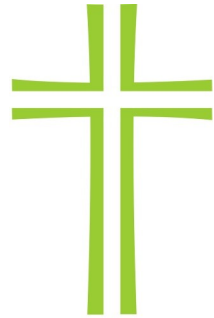
11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's

6:15pm Holy Communion at St Matthew's

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,
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St Matthew's Harwell
with All Saints' Chilton

WEDDING

Gavin Hodgson and Alice Carey will be getting married at St Matthew's, Harwell at 2pm on the 28th January and they would like to invite anyone who has met them during their recent visits to the church or remembers Alice from her time in Harwell to join them for the marriage service and refreshments in the church afterwards.

They would be grateful if anyone planning to attend could let them know at hodgsons2017@gmail.com

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 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.

WALKING GROUP

Sunday 12th February
– location to be confirmed.

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

regular walks that are open to all. 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, appropriately dressed, with a bottle of water and join in! Children, friends, relatives, neighbours and well-behaved dogs are all very welcome! See <http://HCChurches.org/walking> for dates and times, walking guidelines and other useful info.



DIDCOT OUTREACH

Ridgeway Community Church Didcot will be doing a monthly outreach close to the Orchard Centre. Chris Eke, Minister at Didcot Ridgeway Church says: *"The outreach is quite simple in its idea as we will be praying for people and sharing our faith in conversation with those open to it. We will also hand out leaflets with encouraging Christian messages in them. The aim is really to see lives touched and transformed by prayer and the power of the Gospel. We are looking at doing this outreach on the first or second Saturday of each month. Our first will be on the 11th of February. If you are free and in town, do pop by and say hi."*

GENERATION 2 GENERATION

CFW Numbers 4th-9th Jan

Pebbles - 6; Kids Church - 12; Things with a Y in their name start back next week!

Even without everything back in action, 11 people volunteered 31 hours of time last week.

Opportunity Knocks Verse of the Week

Want to try something new in 2017? Want to deepen your faith?

There's no better way than serving. All our groups would benefit from having more people on the team. Pathfinders, YF, Y Club, Kids Church, Fledgelings - there are jobs great & small in all of them. If you'd rather look before you leap, why not ask if you can come and sit in for a session sometime?



Reading There has been another request from Harwell Primary school for people willing to listen to children read. Let me know if you can spare an hour or two each week simply to listen to children read their books. And if you spoke to me last time I appealed but haven't heard back from me - PLEASE COME BACK TO ME (better still, email me!)

Coming up: In the coming weeks & months ...YF will be going deeper with the Bible; what exactly is it?; what relevance is it?; how does it all piece together? and challenging ourselves to read the New Testament in a year. Kids Church will be going through the whole Bible seeing how it all points to Jesus. Fledgelings are learning about creation and thanking God for our marvelous world.

WEEK OF PRAYER WITH CTDD

There is a week of prayer for Christian Unity with the Churches Together in Didcot from 19th-25th January. Please see the news section of the website for more details. There is a prayer meeting at St Matthew's Harwell at 2pm on Tuesday 24th January. All very welcome to attend any or all of the prayer meetings.

JOB VACANCY

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.

ALPHA

Alpha is a great way to explore what Christianity is all about, along with the chance to get to know others in the community. We plan to run another Alpha group soon. Take a look at alpha.org or contact Vicky in the Church Office to find out more or book a place.



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 Seven Road, Chilton and High Street, Harwell
- The three men awaiting trial in Sudan
- 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 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.

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 and groups on the church website: <http://HCChurches.org>

Do please also consider registering on our website if you have not already done so. This gives you access to more information and puts you on the list for occasional email updates that are sent out.