

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.

19TH MARCH

Third Sunday of Lent

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

26TH MARCH

Mothering Sunday

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

9:30am All Age Worship at All Saints'

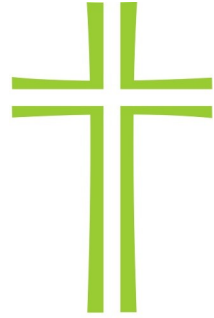
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If you would like to talk with the Rector about any matter, please contact Jonathan directly, or via the Church Office

St Matthew's Harwell
with All Saints' Chilton

CAP TRAINING

Our new CAP debt centre is running some volunteer training 'EMPOWER' on **Saturday 25th March** from 2-6pm at St Matthew's Church Hall. The training includes a little more information about what befriending might look like, exploring how to use your gifts and sharing your story. This would be appropriate for anyone who has signed up to volunteer with the centre, or anyone who is wondering whether or not this area of ministry might be for them. Contact suebright@capuk.org



ALPHA

We are planning to run another Alpha course. Please contact Jonathan, Pam, Peter or Vicky if you'd like more information.

Alpha.org has lots of life stories and short videos to help explain what Alpha is.



BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

Would you like to be Baptised or Confirmed?

Baptism marks the beginning of the Christian life and Confirmation the point in the Christian journey at which you affirm for yourself the faith into which you have been baptised and your intention to live a life of committed discipleship.

A number of people have expressed their desire to do this, and so we are planning to have a special service of Baptism and Confirmation, possibly in the late summer or autumn. The service would be led by a bishop and would be a great opportunity to invite family and friends to celebrate with us, as we ask God to give power through the Holy Spirit to enable the candidates to live in the way of Jesus. If you would like to find out more, please speak to Jonathan or Pam, or see <http://tiny.cc/conf>

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION

The Electoral Rolls for St Matthew's Harwell and All Saints' Chilton are being revised in the period 19th March to 2nd April inclusive. The Electoral Roll is your Parish Church's Register of Electors, the list of those qualified to vote at the Church Annual General Meeting at which the Parochial Church Council and the Deanery Synod representatives are elected. You also need to be on the Electoral Roll for at least 6 months to be a PCC member or Churchwarden. If you are already on the Electoral Roll you do not need to re-register. For St Matthew's Harwell forms (form E2 (SG1)) may be obtained from the table at the back of church and completed forms should be placed in the wall box near the main door. For All Saints' Chilton forms may be obtained from Gordon Cowan (telephone 831932) or from All Saints' Church (blank forms in the red envelope at the base of the font) and completed forms should be returned to Gordon or placed in the yellow envelope at the base of the font. For both churches forms should be returned no later than Sunday, 2nd April.

Our Annual Meetings will be held at 10.20am on Sunday 23rd April at All Saints' and at 11.50am on Sunday 30th April at St Matthew's.

GENERATION TO GENERATION

CFW Numbers 9th-15th March

KC 11; Pathfinders 7; YF 10;

Fledgelings 29 adults + 35 children; Y Club 14

Thank you to the incredible 14 people who donated 40 hours of their time last week (...and that excludes those who gave time to supporting tasks like shopping, planning, meeting & cleaning!)

Fledgelings: During our "See & Know" session we were thanking God for the season of Spring - a time of awakening & new life. We potted some strawberry & tomato seedlings. And a special treat for those at Harwell was to see the new born lambs at Princes Manor Farm. Thank you to the Lay family for inviting us.

YF: YF this term means Your Faith - so we've been taking a pretty deep look at The Word using the excellent resources of The Bible Project (www.thebibleproject.com...go check them out, they are probably the best Bible study tools I've ever discovered). At the moment we're looking at some of the B I G overarching themes of scripture. Last week it was "Heaven & Earth" - two separate worlds or overlapping? Over the coming weeks we'll be considering the theme of "Messiah", "Covenants" & "Sacrifice & Atonement".

Spy School: This year's Holiday Club theme is now set and the task of establishing the team is now in full swing. Before we start to publicise and accept bookings we need to establish just how big our team will be. The bigger the team, the more children we can serve, bless & share the good news with. So please expect a call and have your excuse prepared for why you can't be involved in our churches' largest community event of the year! There really is a role for just about everyone.

Mothering Sunday: Next week's service will have a very different feel as we give it a Fledgelings make-over! Fledgelings is the largest, regular area of our children & families ministry, typically attended by 30 mums and their children, or more. What better day to introduce our church family to our Fledgelings families than Mothering Sunday?



NOTEBOOK

There is a notebook available in St Matthew's Church, on the table in the vestry to jot down any messages for the office. This will help Vicky in particular to collect on Monday morning, rather than trying to remember messages from Sunday services.

MOTHERING SUNDAY POSIES



Liz Morris will be making the posies of flowers on Saturday 25th March and will be in the Chilton Church kitchen from 10am. If any one would like to help please come along.

If you would like to help make posies in Harwell, please contact Vicky in the Church Office for more information.

DEUT 11:19

Teach these words of mine to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.

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 Townsend, Chilton and School Lane, Harwell
- The three Christian men who have been sentenced in Sudan
- The Barnabas Fund
- 2017 Holiday Club preparations

Collect for The Third Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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.

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.