

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.

2ND APRIL

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

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

9TH APRIL

Palm Sunday

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

9:30am Morning Prayer (BCP) at All Saints'

11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's

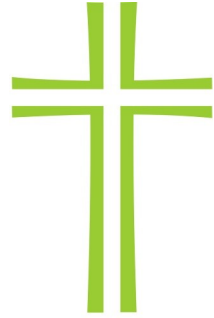
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Walking Group - 9th April

Meet at 2.30pm at Upton Village Hall car park for a 3 mile walk that is buggy and wheelchair friendly. See HCChurches.org/walking for more info



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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

DIDCOT FOOD BANK

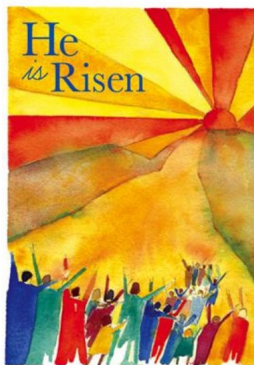
The Didcot Food Bank urgently require more food donations especially tinned meat, tinned vegetables, whole UHT milk, biscuits, packet puddings, treats and sugar to help people around Didcot. The food donation plastic container is left at the back of St Matthew's Church in the vestry every Sunday for donations. Donations can also be left at All Saints' Church. Thank you for your support.
Mel & Margaret Gibson.

WALKING GROUP

The next church walk is scheduled for Sunday 9th April at 2.30 from Upton Village Hall car park. This will be a pushchair and wheel chair friendly walk of around 3 miles along the old railway line and through the pretty village of East Hagbourne. For those of you who are more energetic, there's a playing field at the end for a game of cricket/football/rounders or a ride on the zip wire. The route is tarmac so no need for walking boots if you don't want to wear them. You might want a coat depending on the weather.

For further information please speak to Tim (tim.paget@outlook.com)

EASTER



deliver next week. Thank you to all our Ridgeway Broadsheet deliverers who regularly deliver the Broadsheet and Christmas and Easter cards around Harwell and Chilton.

Easter is nearly upon us! We have a some special services in our churches during Holy Week, to which you would be very welcome to attend. Come along and mark the last supper on Maundy Thursday, come to the Cross on Good Friday, hold the Vigil on Saturday evening and CELEBRATE on Sunday morning! Easter cards will be ready to

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION LAST CHANCE!

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 23-29 March

Kids Church, Pebbles, Pathfinders - N/A (All Age Services); YF - 8; Y-Club - 14
Fledgelings - 35 adults & 41 children

Thank you to the 11 people who volunteered 38 hours of their time to serve the children & families. And this excludes the people who gave many hours to plan & prepare for Holiday Club.

Death & Resurrection: As part of their RE curriculum, the Year 6 pupils at Chilton Primary have been looking at the events of Easter. Pam Rolls is invited to talk to the class about the Christian view of death and how it links to the Easter Story. She fielded some interesting questions from the children. It was a great privilege to explain our hope of the resurrection with them.

How to talk to children about terrorism:

Parents in our community received an email from Chilton School this week telling them not to talk about the religious belief of those engaging in terrorism. This is clearly a very difficult area to discuss with our children, and parents might like to read an article by Scripture Union which provides some specific ways that families can respond Biblically to issues around war & terrorism: <http://bit.do/terrtalk> (The article can also be found on the news page of our website).

Art Attack: As part of their "Queens Award" Harwell Explorer Scouts take part in activities which explore 'Values'. Last Monday Peter was able to get them to think about the significance of the events around Christ's passion, and get them to express their thoughts through art. Some of this will feature in our Easter Art Trail.

Thank you to those who donated flowers, and prepared the posies for Mothering Sunday. They were very much appreciated.

Easter Art Trail: Only a few weeks until our increasingly popular "Easter Art Trail" launches. We'll have lots of great art work - some created by local pupils and the Scouts - depicting the world changing events of that first Easter. We need LOCATIONS for the posters and DONATIONS of eggs/sweets/prizes for the participants. Contact Peter ASAP if you can help.

HARWELL FEAST

Harwell Feast is on Monday 29 May. Once again, St Matthew's has agreed to find volunteers to staff the BBQ/Pig Roast stall. We need a lot of volunteers as the stall is very busy and requires up to 8 people at any one time. There are 3 roles: taking the money, cooking sausages/burgers, serving the food

If you can volunteer for 30-60 mins sometime between 10.30am & 3.30pm on 30 May, please contact Jane Woolley 01235 221030; janemn.woolley@hotmail.co.uk. We need all the help we can get, so please do not assume that someone else will do it - we need you!



DRIVING?

If you're looking for some extra income or even a full-time job, speak to Peter Shields about the opportunity to become a Sainsbury's delivery driver. They have vacancies that need filling urgently but aren't currently advertised elsewhere.

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 Upper Farm Road, Chilton and South Drive, Harwell
- The Barnabas Fund - Christians in India where a local mob recently interrupted a church service. See barnabasfund.org for more details
- Revd Hassan and Mr Abdumawla who are imprisoned in Sudan. Please pray for the European Union Special Envoy for the Promotion of Freedom of Religion who are calling for their release. Give thanks that Mr Jašek who had been sentenced, has been pardoned and allowed to return to his family.
- 2017 Holiday Club preparations

Collect for The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.