

# 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.

## 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

No Youth Fellowship - returning on 30th April

### 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](http://HCChurches.org/walking) for more info.

## 16TH APRIL

### Easter Sunday

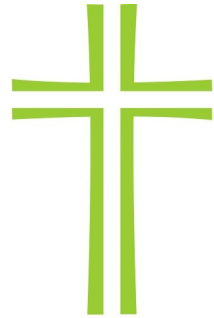
8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's

9:30am All Age Communion at All Saints'

11:00am All Age Communion at St Matthew's

6:15pm Evening Prayer (BCP) at St Matthew's

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## CONTACTS

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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

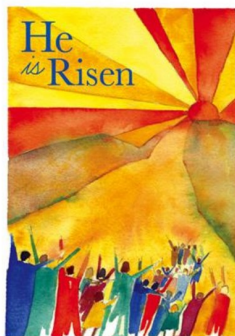
The Didcot Food Bank urgently require more food donations especially tinned meat, tinned vegetables, whole UHT milk, biscuits, packet puddings, treats and sugar to help people around Didcot. The food donation plastic container is left at the back of St Matthew's Church in the vestry every Sunday for 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 TODAY, 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



Holy week has begun! We have some special services in our churches this week, at which you would be very welcome. 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 Easter Sunday! See [HCChurches.org/Easter](http://HCChurches.org/Easter)

## ANNUAL MEETINGS

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. Please see the blue flyer in our churches, or the website for more information. [HCChurches.org/news](http://HCChurches.org/news)

## CAP DEBT COACH

The Didcot and Wallingford Area CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Debt Centre are looking for a part-time Debt Coach.

The post is for 12-16 hours a week for one year initially with the possibility of extension. For more information, see [HCChurches.org/news](http://HCChurches.org/news) or contact Sue Bright, Centre Manager: [suebright@capuk.org](mailto:suebright@capuk.org). Apply by 30th April.



## OFFICE HOURS

The Church office will be open from 9.30-2.30 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of this week. The office will be closed on Friday and Easter Monday.

The office will be open from 1-3pm on Tuesday 18th, Thursday 20th and Friday 21st April.

The answer machine and office emails will be regularly checked over this period.

Peter Shields will be away from 17th - 22nd April, returning on the 23rd April.

## GENERATION TO GENERATION

### CFW Numbers 30 Mar - 5th April

Y Club 15; Pebbles 4; Kids Church 11

Pathfinders N/A; YF 7

Fledgelings 39 adults & 44 children

Thank you to the 12 volunteers who donated 33 hours of their time serving the children and their families.



### The Easter Story Trail has begun!

Why not take part? Fun for young & old - not just the children. Maps & info sheets are available in All Saints' & St Matthew's - or available to download from

[HCCchurches.org/eastertrail](http://HCCchurches.org/eastertrail). It's a great thing to do with your neighbours and friends.



All fourteen stations of the cross are illustrated by some beautiful artwork, and accompanied by some thought provoking writing. The children will especially enjoy finding the occasional treats along the way and the opportunity to win some prizes :)

There are additional pieces of artwork provided by the Scouts & Harwell Primary displayed in St Matthew's.

**WE COULD STILL DO WITH SOME DONATIONS OF PRIZES.** If you would like to donate an egg for our prize draw, then please let Peter or Vicky know. Thank you.



## 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, and serving the food.

If you can volunteer for 30-60 mins sometime between 10.30am & 3.30pm on 30th May, please contact Jane Woolley; 221030; [janemn.woolley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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 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 Chilton Field Way, Chilton and in Talbot Close, Harwell
- The Barnabas Fund - Christians around the world who are more likely to be persecuted at Easter
- 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.
- All those who follow the Easter Story Trail in Harwell and Chilton this week
- 2017 Holiday Club preparations

### Collect for Palm Sunday

*Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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.