

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.

SUNDAY 21ST MAY

6th Sunday of Easter

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

THURSDAY 25TH MAY

Ascension Day

7:45pm Holy Communion at St Matthew's

SUNDAY 28TH MAY

7th Sunday of Easter

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

9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints'

11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's

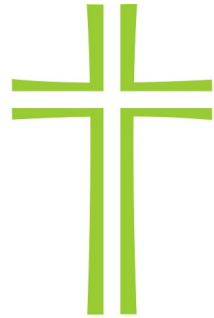
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'Thy Kingdom Come' Prayer Initiative
runs from 25th May - 4th June



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If you would like to
talk with the Rector
about any matter, please
contact Jonathan directly,
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MARRIAGE BLESSING

Hazel & Richard Benton would like to thank everyone who attended their Marriage Blessing on Sunday 14th May.

The service was lovely and it was great to see so many people there. It was excellent to see lots of people at the village hall afterwards and we hope everyone enjoyed the prosecco and wedding cake!

Many thanks,
Hazel & Richard

FAMILY SCIENCE

Family Science Club meet on Friday 26th May at St Matthew's Church Hall at 4.30pm



ST MATTHEW'S

Can you help with the work involved in taking up the church carpet in St Matthews starting on Tuesday 30th May? As well as dealing with the carpet, there will be furniture to move and floors to clean, over several days that week.

Please let Christina Wood or Tony Hughes know if you can help.

ST MATTHEW'S HEATING & SEATING

We have some more hurdles to surmount before we can proceed with new seating and heating and other work planned for this summer.

The Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches (DAC) considered our proposals in March. One thing they want us to do is to make the heating proposal into a separate case, which they will consider when we are able to provide more information from other churches about the running costs of our preferred electric radiator system.

They did this so as not to hold up our proposals for seating, and for making the floor suitable for chairs. They have not objected to these proposals, although there was concern over our plans to use carpet on the floor. They will though only issue the Notice of Advice Certificate, without which we cannot apply for approval from the Diocese via a Faculty, once we have provided some more information and our Church Architect has done a survey of the floor and provided a full specification for all the work.

After some discussion it is now clear that we can only provide what is needed if we take up the entire existing carpet. We intend to do this starting on 30th May. The church will then be without the carpet for an indefinite period, which unfortunately will inevitably cause some inconvenience. We ask for your patience and understanding while we tackle this quite difficult task.

We have pushed the timetable for implementing the proposals back to the period mid August to end October, and the PCC has accepted that it might be necessary to go into November. Whatever happens on seating and heating, we will go ahead with completing the re-decoration of the nave walls and ceiling during this period.

We regret that as well as disruption in the Summer and Autumn there will now be bare floors in the nave and aisles in June and possibly beyond. We shall try to keep you posted on what is happening. Sometime soon there will also be an appeal for pledges to help fund these improvements, that are designed to aid our mission by making the building more flexible, accessible and comfortable.

If you would like more details please ask the Rector, Churchwardens, or Tony Hughes.

GENERATION 2 GENERATION

CFW Numbers 11-17 May

Y-Club 14; Pebbles 8; Kids Church 6; Pathfinders 5
YF 7; Fledgelings 32 children + 27 adults

There were 17 individuals who volunteered 36 hours of their time to serve G2G last week. And, as ever, there were lots of others who attended meetings & did preparation behind the scenes.

SPY ACADEMY RECRUITMENT: There are now 131 children who have pre-registered. There are still important jobs to be done.



Firstly - Prayer Team. Will you commit to praying for the children, the team, the practicalities and for God's kingdom to extend as a result? A handful of people gathering together regularly between now and Holiday Club will make all the difference.

Secondly - Auxiliary Team. We still have a shortage of people to cover some of the support roles such as serving refreshments, supervising the playground or lunchtime supervision. If you can spare as little as 1 hour or as many as 15 hours, then we could put it to very good use!

SCREEN NEEDED: The All Saints' PEBBLES are going from strength to strength. We are harmonising our curriculum with the one used in Kids Church - "The Jesus Storybook Bible". It goes through scripture from Genesis to Revelation highlighting how it all signposts us to Jesus. It has some video content which the children love. However we need a TV or monitor as the children currently have to huddle around a laptop. If you've recently upgraded yours, or have one going spare please would you consider passing it on? Contact Peter or Sarah Barrett.

CHEERFUL GIVING:

The children in Kids Church have made a deposit of £18 in the Bank of Heaven. Last term their offering came to £18, which they voted to donate to Tear Fund. *"Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven ... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"*. Matthew 6:20-21

CHRISTIAN AID

An amazing £1354 was raised on Saturday morning for Christian Aid.

Christian Aid week has now finished. Would all the envelope distributors in Chilton please return their envelopes to Hazel as soon as possible.

Please do not open the envelopes, return them with the money in and the seal intake. Also, return any unused envelopes to me.

Please call me on 01235 821714 if you would like me to come to pick them up. Many thanks for all your hard work. Hazel

CHILTON SCHOOL

Chilton School need help at Chiltonbury, a festival that helps raise essential money for the school. In particular they need volunteers to help at the refreshments stand in the main hall. If you can help for an hour on Saturday 8th of July please email Laura Gibson: laura.gibson2012@icloud.com. Thank you.



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 and Gaza
- Those who live in Fieldside in Chilton and in The Styles, Harwell
- CPAS - our May Mission focus.
- The bereaved – those who have lost a loved one, especially the family and friends of Kev Paige who recently died
- 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
- For our young people, especially those taking exams in the coming weeks
- For those recently married, including Richard and Hazel from All Saints' Chilton
- 2017 Holiday Club preparations

Collect for 6th Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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>