

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 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

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

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

SUNDAY 4TH JUNE

Pentecost

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

9:30am All Age Service at All Saints'

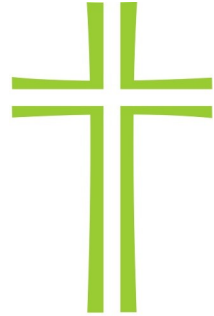
11:00am All Age Service at St Matthew's

6:15pm Evening Prayer at St Matthew's

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

Join our bi monthly walking group on Sunday 11th June for a circular walk on the Ridgeway. Meet at 2.30pm at Scutchamer Knob car park (turn off the A417 heading to Wantage at East Hendred and follow the road through the village and up on to the Ridgeway for approx. 3 miles. Bring The route is along rough track, so please wear suitable foot wear and dependant on weather, bring a raincoat/sunscreen/sunhat/water.

PRAYER WALK

Join our prayer walk around Harwell on **Tuesday evening** as part of Thy Kingdom Come. Meet at St Matthew's Church Harwell at 7pm.

Both churches will be open during the week if you'd like to pray and add to the prayer trees.

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 18-24 May

Pebbles - 8; Y Club - 12; Kids Church - 10;

Pathfinders - 10; YF - 16

Fledgelings - 29 adults & 31 children

There were a fantastic 17 people who gave 35+ hours of their time freely to serve G2G - this excludes all those people who attended planning & prep events.

Judgement Day: We've finished YF's term of looking at the BIG themes of the Bible. So to round it all off we had our own "judgement day"! It was a privilege and a joy to run around in darkness, screaming and aiming lasers at them & their friends at Laser Kombat. In order to build YF's self-esteem & confidence, the leaders lost pretty comprehensively.

Movie Marathon:

Friday 2nd June.

Are you tough

enough to watch all 10 hours of the first four "Pirates of the Caribbean" films back-to-back, followed by a trip to see the latest release, "Salazar's Revenge" at the cinema? Anyone aged 12+ who has the staying power is welcome. A great lads & dads day perhaps? Please contact Captain Grey Beard (Peter) if you're feeling up to it!



Harwell Feast: It's remarkable that a village the size of Harwell hosts an event as large as The Feast, attended by around 5,000 people. And it's something that our church both significantly contributes to and receives from every year. Programmes (which are also entrance tickets) are available from church TODAY. As well as enjoying the event this year, speak to Peter if you'd consider serving on the organising committee or just volunteering on the day in future years.



Prayer Spaces: are being hosted at Harwell Primary School and in All Saints' Church in just over a month. Please let Peter know if you'd like to be involved in this popular & significant event in the life our parishes

CHRISTIAN AID

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

The amount collected from door to door collections in Chilton Village and Chilton Field came to a total of £651.13.

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously and special thanks to those who delivered and collected the envelopes.

Hazel Benton



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>

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 Gore Hillin Chilton and in The Willows, 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 7th Sunday of Easter

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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>

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