

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 20TH AUGUST

10th Sunday after Trinity

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
No Youth Fellowship until September

SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST

11th Sunday after Trinity

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
No Youth Fellowship until September

COMING SOON...

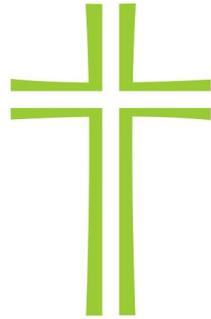
Don't miss our special Spy Academy Family Service on

**Sunday 3rd September
at Harwell School at 4.30pm**

Followed by a spy-tacular BBQ
(free, but donations welcome)

You'll be joined by the leaders of The Decoders,
The Trackers, M15, M16, The CIA, The FBI, The KGB and Skyfall

RSVP to office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk
or just turn up



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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

CHURCH OFFICE

The office will be closed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

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, on Sunday 17th September at 4pm at St Matthew's. The service will be led by Bishop Colin 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>

SPY ACADEMY



A BIG thank you to all those who have helped Spy Academy Holiday Club this week. We've had 90+ children each day, and 60+ helpers throughout the week. Thank you!



It's been a fantastic week, and has run really smoothly. We've also been so thankful for such great weather. Please see our facebook page for photos, videos and some kind comments from parents: [facebook.com/HCCChurches](https://www.facebook.com/HCCChurches)

SEASIDE TRIP 9TH SEPTEMBER

LAST CHANCE to sign up for a seat on the coach going to Bournemouth on Saturday 9th September if you'd like to join us! Tickets are £12 each seat. Please sign up on the list on the Church noticeboard or email Vicky: office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk by Friday 25th August. Please also let Vicky know if you are planning to drive down to Bournemouth and meet people from the coach there.



JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Coming soon... from Sunday 10th September to 22nd October a new sermon series and homegroup focus on how we can come alongside and care for one another more. Helping us to Grow God's Church... closer...

See HCCChurches.org/journey for more information or contact Vicky in the Church Office, Jean & Peter Barton or Pam Rolls

ST MATTHEW'S RE-ORDERING

An update on St Matthew's re-ordering plans. We are slowly making progress!

What's this all about?

You will hopefully recall that, following consultation, St Matthew's have committed to making the church building more flexible, accessible and comfortable by replacing the fixed pews with chairs and installing a new heating system. The plans also involve some minor levelling of the floor and laying a new carpet. We are also planning to redecorate the nave (the main seating area), which is a major project involving scaffolding.

So how far have we got?

We already have permission and funding for the redecoration, and are in the final stages of seeking formal approval for the seating/flooring project. We are doing some extra work on the heating plans before formally seeking approval to proceed with this. We have identified some - but not all - of the funding for the heating/seating/flooring project.

What is the timescale?

We have committed to the redecoration work during October. During this time we will not be able to hold our main 11am services in church and will instead be holding these services (1st to 29th October inclusive) in Harwell Village Hall. We hope still to be able to use the chancel for the 8am and evening services.

We hope also to do the seating/flooring work during October, if we are granted permission in time and contractors can be lined up, but this is currently uncertain. Alternatively the seating/flooring work could be done in the New Year. The heating aspect of the project would not happen until early 2018.

How can I get involved?

Firstly, please pray for the project, for permissions and funding, and that it would help our mission to Grow God's Church, wider, deeper and closer.

Secondly, please consider whether you might be able to make a financial gift towards the seating, the heating, or both, and whether you might like to donate a chair/chairs in memory of a loved one (see separate leaflet).

Thirdly, please consider whether you might like to buy a pew. Some are already spoken for, but there are still some available. Have a word with Liz Roberts (834295 or lizzyroberts333@gmail.com) if you are interested.

For further information about the project and a downloadable copy of the fundraising leaflet, please see <http://HCChurches.org/fitforthefuture>

ALL SAINTS' FAMILY AREA

Members of the congregation at All Saints' will have noticed a change to the layout of the pews. Over the summer we are trialling a different arrangement which has the Family Area at the front of the main nave instead of in the south aisle, where it has been previously.

It is wonderful that we have at All Saints' a number of families with young children, and in seeking to meet their needs we also need to meet those of the wider church family. We are aware that every arrangement has pros and cons and we are keen to get feedback from everyone.

Please have a word with or email one of the Churchwardens, Alex Reich or Yvonne Sanderson, if you would like to contribute your views or suggestions. Thank you.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Please pray for the YF team as they spent some time at Soul Survivor this weekend and the early part of next week - that it would be a great time of building up their faith.

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 Pathfinder View in Chilton and in Barrow Road in Harwell
- All those who helped and attended Holiday Club
- Comfort for people who are hurting because a loved one has died, especially the friends and family of Jack Perry
- Youth Fellowship at Soul Survivor

Collect for the 10th Sunday after Trinity

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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>