

# RIDGEWAY BROADSHEET

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## ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION

The Electoral Roll is a register of members of the Church of England resident in the parish, or not resident in the parish but habitually attending public worship in the parish. Every six years the Roll is completely revised and the time has come for this to happen once again - a process that needs to be completed in March 2013. In Harwell the process of revision is starting this month. If you are on the Electoral Roll of St Matthew's and would like to remain on it, please sign against your name on the relevant form. If you are not on the St Matthew's Electoral Roll but would like to be, please complete an application form. Both forms can be found at the back of church, and application forms can also be downloaded from [hcchurches.org/electoralrollapplication](http://hcchurches.org/electoralrollapplication). In Chilton the process of revision will be starting in February.

## WORDS & IMAGES

Harwell PCC are currently investigating how to improve our projection system with a large screen that would roll down from being invisible behind the chancel arch, supplemented by flat screen monitors for the side aisles. More news to follow.

## HOME GROUPS

Do you want to understand the Bible better? Do you seek God's direction for your life? Would you like to meet regularly with others to support and encourage one another in living the Christian faith? If so, why not consider joining a home group? The groups meet at various times and days and in various locations: Mondays at 7.45pm in Chilton and at 8pm in Harwell, Tuesdays at 8pm in various locations, Wednesdays at 10.15am in Harwell and 1.45pm in Chilton, and Fridays at 2.15pm at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell. There is also a new group just started in Harwell on Thursdays at 7.30pm. For more information about any of these groups please contact either Carolyn in the Church Office or Jonathan.

## THANK YOU

All Saints' Church would like to say a huge thank you to **Chilton Garden Centre** for the donation of a magnificent tree which has been displayed on the tower of the church. Many residents of the village and visitors commented how lovely the tree looked particularly when the coloured lights were shining out in the evening.

**Didcot Foodbank** gives heartfelt thanks for all the generous donations of food from the Harwell Community at this seasonal time. Without your support poor families in the Didcot area would not have the provisions they need. Very many thanks, and do please continue to give donations of food in 2013! The Food box will be available at the back of St. Matthew's Church during the morning 11am services (normally) for donations or bring them to the church office Wednesdays or Thursdays (Office hours).

Many thanks to all the **Children's Society** Box holders who raised £313.84 this year. The money goes to the Societies work with vulnerable children and young people across the country. If anyone would like a home box to collect any loose change, please contact Mandy Birkinshaw 221161.

Thank you to everyone at Chilton Church for the very generous donation of £75 collected at the Toy service. Your donation will go directly towards helping **SeeSaw** provide bereaved children in Oxfordshire with the support that they need at a very difficult time in their lives and help them to face the future with hope.

Thank you to all who supported the carol singing in the Rose and Crown and around Chilton Village in December. We raised a total of £120 for '**Save the Children**' Fund.

Thank you to all who have collected for **The Leprosy Mission** in their coin phials. We were able to send off £120 to The Leprosy Mission in time for World Leprosy Day which took place on 27 January.

References for studies quoted can be found on page 7

Be mine, Valentine. No sooner, it seems, are the shops clear of tinsel and baubles than they restock with heart-shaped chocolates and soft toys bearing romantic messages. But interest in romance is not just around Valentine's Day. Throughout the year the pop charts are full of love songs and the cinemas with films which have a love story at their heart.

Teenagers are particularly sensitive to the biological imperative to pair up and often expend a great deal of time and money trying to look just right for that special someone who might come along. It is not out of fashion: according to a recent survey, 89% of young people want to get married.



Deep in our wiring, most human beings seem to desire to find a mate and 'live happily ever after'. Though we often fall short of the ideal, there is a deep yearning for relationships that are lifelong and exclusive. Divorce is a sad reality, but two thirds of first marriages do in fact last 'until death us do part'. And research suggests that marriage is good both for adults and children. Whilst it is not always possible for various reasons, we know that children generally do best when brought up by married parents.

From the earliest times human societies have recognised, regulated and organised themselves around lifelong 'pair-bonds' of a man and woman in which children are born and raised. Marriage has not been invented by any government or religion, nor can it be redefined. Marriage arises from our nature.

It is one of the joys and privileges of ministry that I get to meet couples wanting to get married and then officiate at their weddings. The Church of England wedding service is well-known and speaks of marriage as reflecting the union of Christ with his bride, the Church. Marriage is God's idea and the love and commitment expressed in marriage is one of the ways humans are designed to reflect God.

*I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God." (Revelation 21:2-3).*

Marriage is a precious thing which we should celebrate and protect, and we should support those who are married or aspiring to relationships of love and commitment. Perhaps every day should be Valentine's Day.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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**Friday 1st February**

2:15pm Home Group at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell

**Sunday 3rd February**

**8:00am Holy Communion (BCP), St Matthew's Church, Harwell**

**9:30am All Age Worship at All Saints' Church, Chilton**

**11:00am All Age Worship at St. Matthew's Church, Harwell**

**4:30pm 'Connect' at Chilton School**

**6:15pm Evening Prayer at St Matthew's Church, Harwell**

**7:00pm Youth Fellowship at 9 The Cleave, Harwell**

**Monday 4th February**

9:30am Fledgelings at St Matthew's Church Hall

7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice at All Saints' Church, Chilton

7:45pm Home Group at North Lodge, Manor Close, Chilton

8:00pm Home Group at 10 Jennings Lane, Harwell

**Tuesday 5th February**

2:30pm Chilton Evergreens at Chilton Village Hall

7:45pm Combined PCC meeting at St Matthew's Church

**Wednesday 6th February**

10:15am Home Group at St Matthew's Church meeting room

1:45pm Home Group at 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton

7:30pm Chilton Choir practice at All Saints' Church, Chilton

8:30pm Night Prayer at All Saints' Church, Chilton

**Thursday 7th February**

7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Matthew's

7:30pm Home Group at Milburn, Wantage Road, Harwell

**Friday 8th February**

2:15pm Home Group at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell

**Sunday 10th February**

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

**9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints' Church, Chilton**

**11:00am Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church, Harwell**

**4:30pm Hands Free Worship at St Matthew's Church, Harwell**

**7:00pm Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church Hall**

**Monday 11th February**

9:30am Fledgelings at St Matthew's Church Hall

7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice at All Saints' Church

7:45pm Home Group at North Lodge, Manor Close, Chilton

8:00pm Home Group at 10 Jennings Lane, Harwell

**Tuesday 12th February**

7:45pm Chilton Wives at All Saints' Church

8:00pm Men's group at The Rose & Crown Pub, Chilton

**Wednesday 13th February Ash Wednesday**

10:15am Home Group at St Matthew's Church meeting room

1:45pm Home Group at 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton

7:30pm Chilton Choir practice at All Saints' Church, Chilton

7:45pm Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church, Harwell

**Thursday 14th February**

7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Matthew's Tower  
7:30pm Home Group at Milburn, Wantage Road, Harwell

**Friday 15th February**

2:15pm Home Group at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell

**Sunday 17th February**

**8:00am Holy Communion (BCP), St Matthew's Church, Harwell**

**9:30am Holy Communion at All Saints' Church, Chilton**

**11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's Church, Harwell**

**4:30pm 'Connect' at Chilton School**

**6:15pm Evening Prayer (BCP) at St Matthew's Church, Harwell**

**Monday 18th February**

9:30am Fledgelings at St Matthew's Church Hall  
7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice at All Saints' Church  
7:45pm Home Group at North Lodge, Manor Close, Chilton  
8:00pm Home Group at 10 Jennings Lane, Harwell

**Tuesday 19th February**

10:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell  
7:30pm Harwell Ladies' Group at St Matthew's Church Hall

**Wednesday 20th February**

10:15am Home Group at St Matthew's Church meeting room  
1:45pm Home Group at 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton  
7:30pm Chilton Choir practice at All Saints' Church, Chilton

**Thursday 21st February**

2:30pm Harwell Evergreens at St Matthew's Church Hall  
7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Matthew's  
7:30pm Home Group at Milburn, Wantage Road, Harwell

**Friday 22nd February**

2:15pm Home Group at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell

**Sunday 24th February**

**8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at All Saints' Church, Chilton**

**9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints' Church, Chilton**

**11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's Church, Harwell**

**4:30pm 'Connect' at Chilton School**

**6:15pm Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church, Harwell**

**7:00pm Youth Fellowship at 9 The Cleave, Harwell**

**Monday 25th February**

9:30am Fledgelings at St Matthew's Church Hall  
7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice at All Saints' Church  
7:45pm Home Group at North Lodge, Manor Close, Chilton  
8:00pm Home Group at 10 Jennings Lane, Harwell

**Wednesday 27th February**

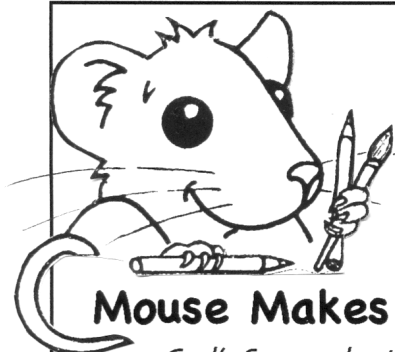
10:15am Home Group at St Matthew's Church meeting room  
1:45pm Home Group at 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton  
7:30pm Chilton Choir practice at All Saints' Church, Chilton

**Thursday 28th February**

7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Matthew's  
7:30pm Home Group at Milburn, Wantage Road, Harwell

**Every Saturday**

**8:30am Prayer meeting at both Churches**



## Mouse Makes

God's Son, order this stone to turn into bread." But Jesus answered, "The scripture says, **"Human beings cannot live on bread alone."**

Then the Devil showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world. "I will give you all this power and all this wealth, it has been handed over to me and I can give it to anyone I choose. All this then will be yours if you worship me." Jesus answered,

*The scripture says, **"Worship the Lord your God and serve only him."***

THE DEVIL SAID:  
*"I will give you power and wealth if you worship me"*

JESUS REPLIED:  
**"Worship the Lord your God and serve only him"**  
read Deuteronomy 6:13

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WE LEARN:  
Put God **first**  
Worship **only** Him



Cut out the three cards and during Lent learn the bible verses

Then the Devil took Jesus to the Temple and said to him, "If you are God's Son, throw yourself down from here. For the scripture says, 'They will hold you up with their hands so that not even your feet will be hurt on the stones.'"

But Jesus answered, "The scripture says, **"Do not put the Lord your God to the test."**

READ  
Luke 4: 1-13

## THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

After he was baptised Jesus returned full of the Holy Spirit and was led by the Spirit into the desert where he was tempted by the Devil for forty days. In all that time he ate nothing, so that he was hungry when it was over.

The Devil said to Jesus, "If you are

THE DEVIL SAID:  
*"If you are God's Son, order this stone to turn into bread."*

JESUS REPLIED:  
**"Human beings cannot live on bread alone."**

read Deuteronomy 8:3



WE LEARN:  
**Read the Bible**  
**Learn God's word.**

THE DEVIL SAID:  
*"If you are God's Son, throw yourself down, the scriptures say God will take good care of you"*

JESUS REPLIED:  
**"Do not put the Lord your God to the test."**

read Deuteronomy 6:16



WE LEARN:  
God cares, **trust** Him  
do not test Him.

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptisms

*"Welcome into the Lord's Family"*

Jasmine Rae Brooke  
Emma Louise Wood

### Funerals

*"He who believes in Me will live"*

Paul (Roger) Welch (67)  
Lewis Wassell (80)  
John Arthur Pateman (81)  
Dorothy Jean Bungay (92)  
Peter Oliver (77)  
Margaret Dawes (86)

## ART GROUP

All Saints' Art Group are a friendly bunch, who meet in Chilton Village Hall on the 4th Saturday of each month, 10am to 1pm. Why not come along and try your hand at drawing, or water-colours? Don't worry if you have no art materials, as we have supplies of paper, pencils and paints for you to try. Just come and enjoy a relaxing session... who knows, you could discover you are the next Monet, Manet, or Tracey Emin! Next term's dates are: Feb 23rd, March 23rd, and April 27th. The sessions are free, donations welcome. Contacts: Carol Pigott 834408 and Kate Hunneman 835163.

## BEAVER SCOUTS

Harwell Beaver Scouts has a growing colony and is currently at its maximum membership. If you would like your child to join Harwell Beavers after their 6th Birthday, please send your child's name, d.o.b. your postcode to the email address below so they can be added to the waiting list. Please note: you will receive an email to confirm they have been added. The Harwell Beaver Scout Leadership Team [bsl@harwellscouts.org.uk](mailto:bsl@harwellscouts.org.uk)

## SERVICE CHANGE AT HARWELL

The PCCs of St. Matthew's Harwell and All Saints' Chilton have agreed some changes to standardise the service pattern of the main Sunday morning services at the two churches. Starting in March 2013 the 11am Communion service at St Matthew's will be changed from the second Sunday to the third Sunday of the month. Also when there is a fifth Sunday in the month (the next time will be in March), the 11am service at St Matthew's will be a Communion service instead of a Morning Worship service.

## HELPING YOU KEEP UP TO DATE

The PCCs have agreed that Combined PCC and individual PCC minutes will be made accessible to anyone via the website and displayed in the church porches (the most recent set only in the porches). Due to the length of time before minutes are officially approved at a subsequent PCC meeting, minutes which have been reviewed by PCC members by email are to be shown in the meantime. These minutes will be labeled "subject to formal approval".

## 'WEDNESDAY CHURCH'

'Wednesday Church' is a combined churches group and is held on the first Wednesday of the month at St Peter's Church, Newlands Avenue, Didcot. People with learning difficulties and their carers meet together for coffee, craft activities and a service with a theme; with songs, music and dance—including wheelchair dancing. These Wednesdays are a very enjoyable experience for the people with learning difficulties, their carers and helpers. We are uplifted from the mornings activities and feel we have received God's grace through meeting with each other. The feedback we get is very positive. Please feel free to call in sometime. We meet from 10am—1pm and will be pleased to see you. Sylvia Rainey.

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## QUIZ NEWS

Chilton Wives' Group are holding their **Annual Quiz Evening** on Saturday March 16th in the Village Hall. Teams comprise up to 6 members and the aim is to have a really good time. There will be a hot tasty supper and a delicious pudding. Tickets are priced at £8 per person. Please let us know when you purchase them if you are vegetarian or if you have any specific dietary requirements and we will try to cater for them. Please bring your own drink and glasses. Doors open at 7:15 pm for a prompt 7:30 start. To avoid disappointment please book early; tickets sell very quickly. This year we are aiming:

1. To support Hamlin Fistula UK which supports the work of the Hamlin Fistula Hospitals in Ethiopia where women with obstetric fistulae are treated.
2. To raise funds to improve the footpath to the Church and Graveyard at All Saints' Chilton so that there may be easy access for all.

The **Christmas Cryptic Quiz Sheet** for SeeSaw on the theme of trees was won by Denise Line from Dorchester-on-Thames. Three contestants scored 50 out of 50 so the winner was decided on tiebreak. Well done, Denise. We were delighted to raise £215 for SeeSaw.

The **current Cryptic Quiz** on the theme of Horses is in aid of Riding for the Disabled Abingdon Group. Closing Date for prizewinning entries is Friday 8th February and the next Quiz will be out on Saturday 9th February. That will raise funds for Hamlin Fistula UK and the Church Footpath as it ties in with the Charity Quiz evening. Cryptic Quiz Sheets are available from Judy Goodall, 43 Crafts End Tel 834503, Audrey Slater, 9 Latton Close Tel 834558, Shea at the Rose & Crown, Gurmit at the Post Office, Atomic Hair, and Daphne Boddy, Sans Souci, Reading Rd Harwell Tel 221047.

## CHILTON WIVES' GROUP

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:45 pm in Chilton Church. We are a small friendly group and always welcome visitors and new members. The annual membership fee is only £5 and we enjoy a varied program with speakers, an annual outing and a summer barbecue (even in the rain!) and we arrange the annual quiz evening and the Plant Sale. More information: Judy Goodall, 43 Crafts End Tel 834503. February's meeting is on Tuesday 12th at 7:45 in the Church; Volunteering at the Olympics – Judy and Norman Goodall.

## PRODUCE MARKET

The next produce Market will be on Saturday February 9th between 9am and 1pm in the car park of the Rose and Crown. The Charity Stall will raise money for BBOWT – the Berks Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust. The December market raised £200 for the Oncology unit at the Churchill Hospital and the January market raised £152.20 for Riding for the Disabled Abingdon. A huge thank you to everyone who gave us their support.

## DIDCOT VOLUNTEERS' FAIR

Organised by Didcot Rotary Club for the benefit of charities and other voluntary organisations in the Didcot Area. Didcot Civic Hall, Saturday 9th March 2012, 10am-3pm. To book your place contact Colin Campbell on 212082 or [www.didcotrotary.org.uk](http://www.didcotrotary.org.uk) or e-mail [president@didcotrotary.org.uk](mailto:president@didcotrotary.org.uk). Volunteers can simply turn up on the day.

## HARWELL GARDENERS CLUB

Harwell Village Hall Monday 4th February 7.30pm Audio Visual Shows with Local Flavour— Malcolm Brownsord. Competition: an indoor plant. For more information contact: David Drummond 821615.

Please give items for the March Ridgeway Broadsheet to the Administrator, Carolyn Vickers, by Wednesday 13th February preferably by email to [office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk](mailto:office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk). Weekly noticesheet items should be received in the Church office by Wednesday morning of each week. Thank you.