

Ridgeway Broadsheet

SEPTEMBER




2013

RI**DE**+STR**IDE**

This year the Oxfordshire
Historic Ride and Stride
is on Saturday 14th September

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CHILTON BARBECUE

You are invited to a 'Welcome to Chilton' Barbecue on the Village playing fields next to the hall at 4.30pm—8.00pm on Saturday 14th September. Food and drinks are provided by the Church. This is an open invitation from All Saints' Church to all newcomers who moved into Chilton in the last year. RSVP chiltoevents@gmail.com

LEADING PRAYERS IN PUBLIC WORSHIP

St Matthew's Harwell and All Saints' Chilton are going to hold two identical training sessions for people who lead prayers in our services. The training will also be open to other people who don't currently lead the prayers but might like to think about doing so. Training will take place on:

- ▶ Saturday 7 September, 10.00-11.30 at All Saints' Chilton and
- ▶ Saturday 14 September, 10.00-11.30 at St Matthew's Harwell

Both sessions will be informal, open to people from either parish and will be led by Joan Impey and Pam Rolls. Tea and coffee will be served. Please feel free to contact Pam (834475 or pamrolls@tiscali.co.uk) if you'd like to know more.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Celebrate Harvest Sunday with a Delicious Cream Tea on Sunday 6th October 3.00-5.00pm at All Saints', Chilton in aid of Tearfund*, and also buy local produce, cakes, flowers and jam. There will be children's activities. (*Tearfund help people in poverty worldwide).

PRAYER – A NEW SERMON SERIES

On Sunday 8 September we are going to begin a new sermon series on the important subject of prayer. The series will run throughout September and October (except for All Age Worship on the first Sundays of the month) in the main morning services.

For most of the series we will use a resource called 'Bold I Approach – the Why and How of Prayer' by Tony Payne, published by Matthias Media. This book provides 6 studies which can then be discussed in Home Groups if desired. The series will end with a sermon which focuses on the 'ACTS' of prayer - Adoration (praise), Confession (saying sorry), Thanksgiving and Supplication (asking).

Copies of the book can be ordered for those who would like them, but we would ask you to cover the cost which is approximately £2.99 per copy. Contact Pam Rolls (834475 or pamrolls@tiscali.co.uk) if you would like a copy.

Please do pray that the sermon series will be helpful in developing the prayer lives of our two churches.

'CONNECT' ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

'Connect' launched in January and meets from 4.30-6pm at Chilton School, now every third Sunday of the month. 'Connect' is a monthly free family event. Everyone welcome - for children there are crafts and a hot meal; for adults tea and cake and a chance to relax with other local families. For everyone an interactive 'thought for the day' on a Christian theme, and music. It is informal and fun. Do please come along. Dates: 15 Sept, 20 Oct, 17 Nov and 15 Dec.

Whole Life Discipleship: 'And whatever you do!'

Do you know how to train fleas? Take an ordinary jar and place dozens of fleas in it. Put a lid on the top of the jar, and leave them for a few days. When you remove the lid the fleas will only jump to a few millimetres below where the lid has been. The fleas are now trained and will not jump out of the jar. (Though it is probably best not to try this experiment in your home!)

In the church today we are often 'trained' not to live beyond the limits, as whole life disciples! We can view discipleship as more about the sacred part of life rather than the secular. Are we aware of what God is doing in our school, workplace, with friends and family, on our street or in our leisure time? Whole life disciples spend every day with an awareness of the presence of Jesus in their lives. As the apostle Paul writes:

'And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.' (Colossians 3:17)

We do ordinary things in the name or character of Jesus ie acting in the same way that Jesus would do if he were in our place.

It's helpful to think in terms of frontlines, the places where we spend most of our week:

Everyone has a frontline: young or old, working or not, sick or well. This could be our workplace, home, college, community or club.

This is where God has called us! God is at work on our frontline to shape and use us, making it a place where we can grow as a disciple and make a difference to those around.

As churches we need to be committed to helping each other see the significance of our frontlines in God's purposes. Are we supporting one another, especially in prayer? As one teacher put it: "I spend an hour a week teaching Sunday school and they haul me up to the front of the church to pray for me. The rest of the week I'm a full-time teacher and the church has never prayed for me. That says it all."

With less than 7% of the UK population going to church, God wants to use us as salt and light wherever we spend time. Christians are exactly where they need to be to serve him, so that others might see what a disciple of Jesus looks like, as we grow as disciples ourselves.

Paul Hardingham

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whether in word
or deed, do it all
in the name of
the Lord Jesus.**

September 2013

Sunday 1st

- 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)* at 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
- 12:00pm Fairtrade stall at St. Matthew's Church
- 6:15pm Evening Prayer at St Matthew's Church, Harwell

Monday 2nd

- 10.00am Missions Meeting at 15, Elderfield Crescent, Chilton

Tuesday 3rd

- 2:30pm Chilton Evergreens at Chilton Village Hall - Talk by Dr Adam Jones 'Keeping in Good Health'
- 7:45pm Combined PCC meeting at All Saints' Church, Chilton

Wednesday 4th

- 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 5th

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

Friday 6th

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

Saturday 7th

- 8:30am Prayer meeting at both Churches

Sunday 8th

- 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 'Hands Free' Worship at St Matthew's Church, Harwell
- 7.00pm Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church Hall

Monday 9th

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

Tuesday 10th

- 7:45pm Chilton Wives at All Saints' Church

Wednesday 11th

- 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 12th

- 7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Matthew's
- 8:00pm Home Group at Dilkhusa, Barrow Lane, Harwell

Friday 13th

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

Saturday 14th

- 8:30am Prayer meeting at both Churches
- 10:00am Training for Intercessors at All Saints', Church

Sunday 15th

- 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)* at St Matthew's Church, Harwell
- 9:30am Holy Communion at All Saints' Church, Chilton
- 11:00am Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church, Harwell
- 4:30pm "Connect" at Chilton School
- 6:15pm Evening Prayer (BCP)* at St Matthew's Church, Harwell
- 7:00pm Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church Hall

Monday 16th

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

Tuesday 17th

- 10:00am Holy Communion (BCP)* at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell
- 7:30pm Harwell Ladies' Group - Talk by Gordon Gill - 'Prospects'

Wednesday 18th

- 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 19th

- 09:45am Harwell Evergreens—Outing to the Seal & Otter Sanctuary at Marchwood, Hants.
Coach pickup points will be at the usual places in Didcot and Harwell,
time in Harwell 10am. 15mins earlier in Didcot.
- 7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Matthew's
- 8:00pm Home Group at Dilkhusa, Barrow Lane, Harwell

Friday 20th

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

Saturday 21st

- 8:30am Prayer meeting at both Churches

Sunday 22nd

- 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
- 6:15pm Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church, Harwell
- 7:00pm Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church Hall

Monday 23rd

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

Wednesday 25th

- 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 26th

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

Friday 27th

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

Saturday 28th

- 8:30am Prayer meeting at both Churches

Sunday 29th

- 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)* at St Matthew's Church, Harwell
- 9:30am Holy Communion at All Saints' Church, Chilton
- 11:00am Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church, Harwell
- 6:15pm Taizé style service at All Saints' Church, Chilton
- 7:00pm Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church Hall

Monday 30th

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

Big catering headache!

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Thousands followed Jesus

What a catering head-ache! Thousands of people following Jesus with nothing to eat. Jesus told his followers "You feed them." Impossible - all they could find were two fishes and five small loaves. Undaunted Jesus gave thanks to God, blessed the food and gave it to his followers to give out. They trusted Jesus, and amazingly, at least 5,000 were fed with 12 baskets left over. His followers trusted Jesus to provide; how about you?

Read more in Matthew 14: 13-21

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A boy had five loaves and two fishes

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Jesus lifted the food up to heaven and blessed it...

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...then his followers gave out the food and there was enough for everybody!

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

"Welcome into the Lord's family"

Jack Reggie Dennis Lay

Marriages

"Those that God has joined together"

Andrew Macdonald & Alice Middleton
Warren Eadle & Victoria Bailey
Thomas Patten & Katy Douglas

Funerals

"He who believes in Me will live"

Sue Hughes (68)
Lily Mary Oldland (80)
Jean Constance Wall (79)

RIDE & STRIDE

This year the Oxfordshire Historic Ride and Stride is on Saturday 14th September. It is a county-wide bike ride or walk where people are sponsored to check in at as many churches as they can, enjoying refreshments and some of Oxfordshire's most stunning scenery as they go. The money raised will be shared with the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust which gives grants to churches needing a little help with restoration or renovation work at a church of your choice. If you would be interested in participating please contact Nicholas Milrose on 831562 (Harwell) or Naomi Gibson 820491 (Chilton) for a sponsorship form and list of churches. There will also be forms at the back of both churches.

FAIRTRADE STALL

Sunday 1st September after the 'All Age Worship' service at 11am in St. Matthew's Church there will be a stall selling 'Fairtrade' produce.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

Prayer about Priorities

(reflecting on Martha and Mary's encounter with Jesus in Luke 10:38-42)

Lord, we are all so busy. Life is full of demands and deadlines, each one urgent, or so it seems. We rush around trying to do everything, trying to please everyone and sometimes we miss what is really important – and don't realise until it's too late.

Remind us, Lord, that some opportunities don't come again. And that actually, we do have time. We have all the time of our lives, which you give to us. Help us to take our time and use it wisely, to choose to sit at your feet, like Mary, and listen to you; to seek you first, so that the rest of our life time will be in balance.

In Jesus name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

PRAYER SPACES

Chilton School July 2013

Thank you to all who helped with the recent Prayer Spaces event and for supporting it in prayer. We now have a short report on the event which includes some of the children's comments. We have permission to make this report available to Church members and to publish it on the Church website: do check it out if you wish to be encouraged!

There are some copies available in Church, and individual copies can be made available to people by e-mail if they'd like them - contact Pam Rolls if interested.

HARWELL ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

We need your help. Have you a spare few hours during the Poppy Appeal Remembrance period October 28th – November 10th to take part in the house to house collections in Harwell and Chilton Village? The Collection Tins, Poppies, etc will be delivered to you and collected afterwards, you will be advised on how much was raised in 'your' tin and the total collected. All money raised goes to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal which helps servicemen and women past and present who are experiencing all sorts of difficulties be it wounded, injured or sick service personnel returning from active duty, help with caring for a dependant or just some comradeship. For more information about how the Royal British Legion helps ex-service personnel visit www.royalbritishlegion.org.uk If you are able to help then please contact Wendy Clarke, Poppy Appeal Organiser, Harwell Village and District via email ian.clarke470@ntlworld.com or post, Royal British Legion, Westfield Harwell, Oxon OX11 0LG. Please mark For The Attention of Wendy Clarke, PAO. Thank you.

HARWELL GARDENERS CLUB

Meeting at Harwell Village Hall,
Monday 2nd September 7.30pm.
Talk by Steve Mole—The incredible
world of the honeybee. Competition:
A wildlife friendly arrangement.
Saturday 14th September Produce
show. More information: Tel 221008

Please submit noticesheet items to Carolyn 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 Ridgeway Broadsheet items is the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

DIDCOT & DISTRICT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. The September meeting of Didcot & District University of the Third Age is being held at 2pm on Tuesday 17 September at Didcot Civic Hall. For further information contact: Anne Hales, Chairperson D&D U3A on 07804159993 or Email: didcotdistrictu3a@virginmedia.com Website: <http://u3asites.org.uk/didcot>

FLEDGELINGS

A drop in place for parents/carers with children from new born to school age. Every Monday morning 9.30-11.30pm (during term-time) at St. Matthew's Church Hall, Harwell. Tea and chat for adults, activities and crafts for children. Contact Anne Gill for more information Tel: 833575 or see the church website.

WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

You can visit our website to find out about our various activities and groups, catch up on news, listen to sermons, access the members-only address book, find useful documents, and lots more: hcchurches.org or harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk. If you would like to keep up to date with news from our churches, why not 'like' our new Facebook page? facebook.com/hcchurches

If you're having any difficulty in using the website, there are people in both villages who are happy to help either at the end of a phone or by popping round to your house. In Chilton, call Ian Thompson (832385) or Lin Kerr (833119) and in Harwell, call Mel Gibson (832206) or Liz Roberts (834295).