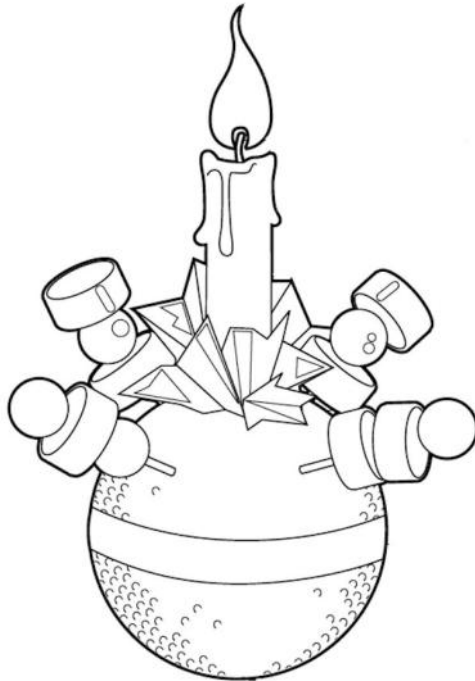


# RIDGEWAY BROADSHEET

February 2014



## **Christingle Services**

Sunday 2nd February

9:30am at All Saints' Chilton

11:00am at St. Matthew's Harwell

For all ages - just turn up!

### **Rector of Harwell with Chilton**

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## HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is celebrated in the lounge of Cherry Tree Court on the third Tuesday of the month at 10.00am. We use the traditional service from the 'Book of Common Prayer'. This is not just for the residents of Cherry Tree Court - everyone is welcome to share in this service. After the service we enjoy a cup of coffee and time to chat. Please feel free to come and join us. Revd. Joan Impey.

## COMMUNION WINE

The PCCs have decided to trial using alcohol-free wine at our services of Holy Communion at 9.30am and 11.00am on the third and fifth Sundays of the month. We will continue to use alcoholic wine at the 8.00am and evening services and also at Communion services not falling on Sundays, e.g. Cherry Tree Court.

Holy Communion is a celebration at which all adult members of the church family share the bread and wine that represents the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. It symbolises our faith that we place in the Lord and our unity with one another. Some Christians, for health or cultural reasons, are not able to drink alcohol, however, and can thus be excluded from the 'sharing in the one cup'. It is possible that some might avoid Communion services or even church altogether as a result. It is in order to be able to accommodate all believers at the Lord's Table that the PCCs are wanting to try this out.

The PCCs welcome your feedback on this trial, which should be addressed to the Churchwardens (Mel Gibson, Naomi Gibson, Andrew Hayes, and Tony Hughes), or to Jonathan or Pam. Thank you.

## ALPHA COURSE 2014

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. No pressure. No follow up. No charge. The Course began on 23rd January with a 'taster' session, but even if you weren't there then, you would still be welcome to join the course: Thursdays 7.45 for 8.00pm at St Matthew's. Tea/coffee and cake/dessert provided! If you would like to attend please let Jonathan know, or just turn up! More info about alpha here: <http://www.alpha.org>

## THE DOMINIC FAMILY

Canon James Dominic is now the minister in charge of the Church of Christ the King in Madaba, Tanzania, ministering in a predominantly Muslim area. For some years a number of members of our churches, and Harwell School, have helped to support the education of his children. The eldest, Hilda, has just qualified as a doctor. The youngest, Chris, is about to move from school to a diploma course in Information Technology and Communication. Please pray for Chris as he embarks on his new course and pray that his fees - which increase from around £700 to £2,700 a year - can be afforded. If anyone feels they could help to meet Chris's fees please have a word with Tony Hughes (835301) or Elizabeth Gill (832889).

## 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](http://hcchurches.org) or [harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk](http://harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk). If you would like to keep up to date with news from our churches, why not 'like' our Facebook page? [facebook.com/hcchurches](https://www.facebook.com/hcchurches)



And still it rains! I write this during a gap in the clouds and a welcome break in the recent downpour, but I see the forecast is for yet more rain. Where *does* it all come from?!

Having recently had our fair share of dry summers, I suspect we all appreciate the value of rain. Many parts of the world suffer regular and repeated droughts and famines, and I am sure we are grateful to have a rather different climate. But it is of course possible to have 'too much of a good thing', and many in our country have recently experienced disruption, damage and even deaths associated with excessive rainfall and widespread flooding.

But all this is nothing new, and the Bible is full of 'watery stories', including migrant people forced to cross dangerous waters, perilous sea voyages, fearsome storms, and – of course – dramatic floods.

The story of Noah and the Ark is probably one of the best known stories. It is a story of God's judgement and grace, of God's plan to rescue his creation from destruction, and to provide his people with a new start. The story famously ends with a rainbow and a promise, but God's rescue plan was never actually completed in these ancient events. It is fairly obvious that the world and its inhabitants still need rescuing. Noah was not the Saviour, but he did point forward to one.

The story of the Ark is in fact the story of the Church, and it is no coincidence that many church buildings have been designed to look like boats and arks. There is an interesting example near the Headington roundabout on the Oxford ring road.

Noah in his day was mocked for his faith. It seemed ridiculous to be building an enormous boat in the middle of a desert. But in time it became obvious to all that Noah's faith was well placed, and he and his family were saved from the destruction. Many today mock those within the Church who put their faith in a God to save them.

But we surely do need to be saved – not just from dangerous waters, but from everything that results from humanity's rebellion against God and our inhumanity to one another. The Church brings the good news of the possibility of rescue and a new start, of safety and safe passage through this life.

God has not abandoned us. He says to his people, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you" (Psalm 43:2a).

Noah was not the Saviour, Jesus – the one who walks on water and calms storms – is. As we face storms both about and within, let us each put our faith and trust in him.

Revd Dr Jonathan Mobey  
Rector of Harwell with Chilton

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## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Alpha Course

8:00pm-9:30pm Thursdays (during term time) at St Matthew's meeting room

### Bell Ringing

7:30pm Mondays at All Saints' Church Tower

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### Choir Practice

7:30pm Wednesdays at All Saints'

### Fledgelings

9:30-11:30am Mondays (during term time) at St Matthews Church Hall

### Home Groups

8:00pm Mondays at 10 Jennings Lane, Harwell

8:00pm Tuesdays at 13 Latton Close, Chilton (usually)

10:15am Wednesdays at St Matthew's meeting room (during term time)

1:45pm Wednesdays 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton

8:00pm 1st, 2nd & 3rd Thursdays at 'Milburn', Wantage Road, Harwell

### Prayer Meeting

8:30am Saturdays at both St Matthew's and All Saints'

### Youth Fellowship

7:00-8:30pm Sundays (during term-time) at St Matthew's meeting room

## SERVICES

	All Saints' Chilton	St Matthew's Harwell
2nd February	9:30am All Age Worship - Christingle	8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)* 11:00am All Age Worship - Christingle 6:15pm Evening Prayer
9th February	8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)* 9:30am Morning Prayer (BCP)*	11:00am Morning Worship 4:30pm 'Hands Free' Worship
16th February	9:30am Holy Communion	8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)* 11:00am Holy Communion 6:15pm Evening Prayer (BCP)*
23rd February	8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)* 9:30am Morning Worship	11:00am Morning Worship 6:15pm Holy Communion

## MONTHLY EVENTS

### **Connect**

Sunday 16th 4:30pm at Chilton School

### **Chilton Wives' Group**

Tuesday 11th 7:45pm at All Saints' Church - our favourite possession/music

### **Harwell Evergreens**

Thursday 20th 2:30pm at St Matthew's Church Hall -  
a short AGM followed by a talk given by Flt. Lt. Andrew Payne on the RAF

### **Missions Prayer Meeting**

Monday 3rd 10:00am at 'Dromore', Townsend, Harwell

### **Night Prayer**

Wednesday 5th 8.30pm at All Saints' Church

### **Holy Communion (BCP)\***

Tuesday 18th 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)\* at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell

### **Harwell Ladies' Group**

Tuesday 18th 7:30pm at St Matthew's Church Hall - talk by the Rector

## OTHER EVENTS

### **Combined PCC meeting**

Tuesday 4th February 7:45pm at St Matthew's Church

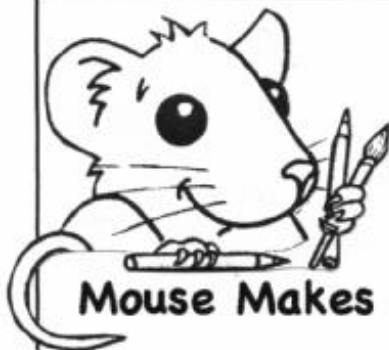
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\*BCP = Book of Common Prayer





## Mouse Makes

The Lord's **LOVE**  
never ends,  
his mercies  
never stop.  
They are new  
every morning.

*Lamentations 3:22-23*



Nothing ...  
... will ever be  
able to separate  
us from the  
**LOVE** of God  
that is in  
Christ Jesus  
our Lord.

*Romans 8:39*



God **loved** the world  
so much that he gave  
his only Son, so that  
*everyone* who  
believes in him would  
not be lost but  
have eternal life. .

*John 3:16*

"See how much our  
heavenly Father  
**LOVES** us,  
for he has  
allowed us  
to be called  
his children"

*1 John 3:1*



*1 John 4:16*



For the  
Lord is **GOOD**  
and his **LOVE**  
endures  
for ever

*Psalms 100:5*

Cut out and keep these cards to  
remind you of God's love for us.

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

### Funerals

*"He who believes in Me will live"*

Alex Ray, Gillian Sally Langley,  
John Brearey Child, Betty Watkins,  
Pearl Maureen Fuller

## HARWELL VILLAGE CLUB (RBL)

Harwell Village Club (RBL) is a modern, family friendly Social Club at the heart of our expanding village community and membership is open to everyone, not just ex servicemen and women. However, it does maintain the principles of the RBL and fully supports past and present servicemen and women by way of membership and its continuing support of the Poppy Appeal. The popular Poppies Tea Room is open to the whole community for tea and cakes or a cooked lunch on alternate Tuesdays, providing an ideal opportunity for a friendly chat and to meet new friends. Dates and times are on the Club website calendar at [www.harwellrbl.co.uk](http://www.harwellrbl.co.uk) or you can ring 01235 221126 for further details or to book a table. The Club is supported by a variety of community sporting activities to include snooker, darts, bowls, rugby, boys football etc. - providing opportunities for people of all ages to join in. Social activities to include Dances, Cabaret, Supper Quizzes etc. are posted regularly on the Club website calendar. Harwell Village Club (RBL) Management Cttee.

## HARWELL GARDENERS CLUB

Harwell Village Hall Monday 3rd February  
7.30pm Talk by Russell Bowes  
Competition: Snowdrops  
For more information contact:  
David Drummond 821615

## PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

What the 23rd Psalm is really all about

**The Lord is my Shepherd**

- that's relationship.

**I shall not want** - that's supply.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures**

- that's rest.

**He leads me beside the still waters**

- that's refreshment.

**He restores my soul** - that's healing.

**He leads me in the paths of righteousness**

- that's guidance.

**For his name's sake** - that's purpose.

**Yes, though I walk through the valley of**

**the shadow of death** - that's testing.

**I will fear no evil** - that's protection.

**For You are with me** - that's faithfulness.

**Your rod and your staff, they comfort me**

- that's discipline.

**You prepare a table before me in the**

**presence of my enemies** - that's hope.

**You anoint my head with oil**

- that's consecration.

**My cup runs over** - that's abundance.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me**

**all the days of my life** - that's blessing.

**And I will dwell in the house of the Lord**

**forever** - that's security!

## CHILTON CHRISTMAS THANK YOU S

Thank you to Chilton Garden Centre for their generous donation of the magnificent tree which adorned the top of the tower at All Saints', Chilton. It looked lovely and we are very grateful for their kind gift. Thank you to all who came carol singing around Chilton Village and/or in the Rose and Crown just before Christmas. A total of £114.21 was raised for 'Save the Children'. Thank you also to Bill and Muriel Millar and to Shea at the Rose and Crown for their hospitality.



The Church Mission Society (CMS) was founded in the City of London in April 1779 by members of the Clapham Sect, a group of evangelical Christians which included William Wilberforce. It was committed to three great enterprises: the abolition of the slave trade, social reform in the UK and spreading the Word of God throughout the world. These aims are as relevant today as they were then. Today CMS has around 2,500 members in the UK, demonstrating its concern for local as well as global mission. Globally, CMS mission partners serve alongside local Christians in other cultures, wherever in the world that may take them, including many of the poorest and most needy communities.

All Saints' and St Matthew's have supported CMS financially and through prayer for many years. The overall work of the organisation is supported by a donation from the All Saints' mission fund and by donations from individual parishioner through the mission boxes distributed and collected by Betty Pyke. St Matthew's provides specific financial and prayer support to CMS mission partners David and Heather Sharland and Rachel Ullmer. David and Heather have worked with the rural poor, vulnerable and marginalised in East Africa for more than 25 years. David is an agricultural development specialist and Heather works in health care and training. Between them they have a passion for farming and balance in the environment, improving the health of women (especially mothers), a better chance of survival for babies, and a deepening of faith in everyday life. Currently based in Uganda, David and Heather have a deep love for the people of South Sudan and make occasional ministry visits there. David and Heather are well-known in our churches and visit whenever they are in the UK.

Rachel works in Pakistan, primarily in education but she has also been involved in disaster relief. She speaks the local language, is well-versed in local customs and has a great love for the country and its people. She worked for several years for the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (USPG, now known as Us) but is now operating under the auspices of CMS. Rachel is a frequent visitor to St Matthew's when she is in the UK.

If you would like to know more about CMS visit their web site [www.cms-uk.org](http://www.cms-uk.org) or see the information in church. If you would like a CMS collection box, please contact Betty Pyke on 835324.

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.