

# Review of 2013



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## A year in the life of All Saints', Chilton

This is a very short Review of 2013 at All Saints', Chilton. It is taken from the much longer publication - the Annual Report - which is the official record for authorities such as the Charity Commission, since All Saints' is a registered charity. You can find the Annual Report [here](#).

All Saints' Chilton and St Matthew's Harwell are two parishes under one Rector, Jonathan Mobey. The Rectory is in Harwell and the Administrator for the two parishes, Carolyn Vickers, works from Harwell church. Carolyn is your first port of call for many queries. You can reach her on 01235 834256 or [office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk](mailto:office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk). You can find other ways to contact us at the end of this Review.

The vision of both Churches is *"Sharing life at the heart of the community, making followers of Jesus"*. All of the activities you can read about in detail in the longer Annual Report or elsewhere on this website support that vision.



Snowdrops in the Churchyard

## Worship, music and prayer

Every Sunday we meet together to worship God, hear from his Word, pray together, and encourage one another. Our services range from the quiet, traditional ones from the Book of Common Prayer, to contemporary, family-friendly ones. We have a weekly prayer meeting held on Saturday mornings and once a month, on a Wednesday evening, night prayer is led by our choir. Our choir also sing at weddings and lead the carol singing in the village and in the Rose and Crown at Christmas. Several small House Groups meet regularly, usually weekly, to read the Bible together, to pray and to support one another in the Christian life. All are welcome to our Sunday services, prayer times and home groups and we are particularly pleased that several new members, who have recently moved into the new housing development at 'Chilton Field', have joined us this year.



The Choir

## Youth and families

Children are a very important part of our church family and children of all ages are welcome at our services. We have three

groups which meet on Sundays during term time. Discoverers for children between the ages of 3 and 9 and Check-it-Out for older children over the age of 10 meet during the morning service. [Youth Fellowship](#) for young people between the ages of 14 and 18 is a joint activity with St Matthew's, Harwell and meets on a Sunday evening in St Matthew's Church Meeting Room. All ages are approximate and our young people are welcome to join the group where they feel most comfortable. During the week on Thursdays there is a thriving after school club held at Chilton School called 'Y-Club'. A dedicated team under the leadership of the Assistant Curate, Pam Rolls runs the club.

Find out more about all the children's and young people's groups [here](#).

All Saints' has a good relationship with the local primary school and the Rector and Assistant Curate regularly take assemblies. In July 2013 members of All Saints' congregation were actively involved in the school's Reflective Prayer Spaces event. You can see a report about the event [here](#).

**Connect** was launched in January 2013 as part of our programme of welcome to the new families moving into the 'Chilton Field' development. It takes place in Chilton School on a Sunday afternoon, monthly and offers a place to meet, socialise and play and a place where some of the key themes of Christianity are gently presented. Each session is based on a Bible story or theme, and key ingredients are a film clip or short animation, a craft activity, games such as table tennis and darts, singing together and food. Find out what's coming up next at Connect [here](#).

**Holiday Club** 2013 took place over a week in August, was free to attend and open to all children of primary school age. More than 60 volunteers from both St Matthew's and All Saints' made it happen. 82 children attended, 66 of



them for all five days, and they represented 51 families drawn from a wide area, covering Chilton, Harwell, Didcot, and surrounding villages.

We held three **activity sessions** aimed at primary school children in 2013, one in Chilton and two in Harwell. The Chilton event was an Easter Praise Party held in the Village Hall. The activity sessions are structured around a Christian or Bible theme and generally feature

crafts, a story and singing.

**Fledgelings** caters for both parishes and is for pre-school aged children and their parents and carers. The group meet in St Matthew's Church Hall, Harwell. There is play and activities for the children and chatting for the adults and the high ratio of volunteer helpers ensure a welcoming, supportive atmosphere. Do you know someone who'd like to join us? Discover where and when [here](#).

### **Outreach, support and other activities**

The Chilton **Visiting Team** continues to make a valuable contribution to both the Church and the wider community by offering practical support to those in need of help. Often this work is done out of sight of most people. Visits are made to people at home or in care locally.

The Chilton **Wives Group** offers evening fellowship on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and hosts special events such as a quiz night and plant sale to raise funds for various charities. Its membership includes churchgoers and non-churchgoers, as does the All Saints' Art Group who enjoy a relaxing session of drawing, painting and chatting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday morning of each month.

Cream Teas were served in the Church one Sunday in August (an annual event) and as usual attracted a good number of people from the local community and passers-by.



Another community-wide event organised by All Saints' is the Harvest Tea which happens on the Sunday afternoon following the Harvest

Service. The produce donated during the Harvest Service is sold to raise money for Tear Fund.

We set aside 15% of our annual budget to support a variety of mission partners working in the UK and across the world. See who they are and where they work [here](#).

## Finances and fabric

All Saints' is a charitable organisation which depends on the giving of church members and well-wishers and we are very grateful to all those who have generously supported the Church financially and by giving their time and energy over the past year. Our income just about covered our expenditure and although we do have some funds in reserve, these are restricted funds which under the rules for charities cannot be used for the general running of the church. You can see the Church balance sheet in full [here](#).

The care and maintenance of the Church, which dates back to the 12th Century, is the responsibility of the Fabric Committee helped by a dedicated team of volunteers. There are two ongoing major projects at present: investigating the possibility of installing under-floor heating and improving access to the Church by renewing the paths through the churchyard. The Church tower houses six bells which date from 1623 to 1892. The bells were retuned and rehung for the millennium. Find out more about our bells and bell ringing [here](#).



## Who's who

The Rector is [Rev Dr Jonathan Mobey](#) who is supported by two Churchwardens and the Church Council (the PCC).

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