

Songs of Praise

All Saints' Church, Chilton had a Songs of Praise event on the 6th June. We heard from 4 people, 1 of whom was Bruce Keeble. Here is some of his story:

I was born in north-western China, near the Gobi desert, and went to school on the eastern coast then under Japanese control. In 1942 we were interned in a Japanese civilian prison camp. I spent the next three years in 3 of these camps. On release, aged almost 13, I weighed just 56 lbs, or 4 stone.

I then came to England and caught up on my schooling. I then worked for a while in Lloyds of London before beginning 5 years study in London and Switzerland. In 1960 I was ordained.

In 1992 I went to serve in a church in Glasgow which a Japanese couple regularly attended. During my ministry there a group of Japanese from Livingston (40 miles away) came to the church most Sundays. In 1995 the original Japanese couple were interviewed by *Scotland on Sunday*, describing how little most Japanese knew of their part in the war and apologizing for what Japan had done.

I believed this deserved a response so at one Sunday service I invited the couple to join me at the front of the church. I explained that it was almost 53 years, to the day, since their compatriots had taken me prisoner. Belonging to Christ, I believed in reconciliation and could hold no resentment.

The couple have since visited us in Chilton three or four times. Their recent visit in April 2015 was specifically because they wanted to talk about this act of reconciliation and grace and the Resurrection.

We also heard from Liz Morris. Jonathan introduced Liz as someone whom lots of people know, and who has lived in the Village for 37 years.

Liz is a busy person because she is involved in lots of things,



having been Parish Clerk for 26 years, am also on PCC, past churchwarden, School governor and in the WI.

Liz manages all this by sitting quietly every now and then. Liz says she chose *Be still for the presence of the Lord* "Because it tells me that the Lord is always around where ever I am, not just in Church. I can sit quietly somewhere and know that he is with me."

All Saints' Church was decorated with flowers and art work. Thank you to all those who contributed, and visited.



Festival Time

Glastonbury, Isle of Wight, Cornbury, Reading, Blackheath. Many thousands come from far and wide to be there. Are you planning to join them?

With the arrival of the summer come summer festivals. To gather in large numbers for a big celebration has long been and remains today a powerful urge. Even when the weather refuses to cooperate, revellers are prepared to brave fields that have become quagmires to soak up (sometimes literally) all that is on offer at these huge events. Of course some of what happens is not good, but many of those involved are motivated by an impulse that runs deep in humans. The festival is an important part of life.



The word festival comes for the Latin for 'feast', and festivals and feasts are a key feature in most religions. Well-known in Christianity are the joyful feasts of Christmas and Easter, but there are also lesser known feasts, such as that of the Ascension, when Jesus ascended to heaven 40 days after his resurrection from the dead.

Another key feast is Pentecost, or Whit Sunday, recently celebrated, which marks the giving of the Holy Spirit to the Church 50 days after Easter. The Feast of Pentecost is the origin of the Harwell Feast held on Spring Bank Holiday in late May. And what a great event it was this year.

Feasts in the Bible are full of joyful voices, festive music, dancing, and abundant food. So not unlike festivals today. But unlike secular festivals, they are not simply parties, but celebrations together of God's goodness towards his people. They also do not simply celebrate the past or present. They are also a foretaste of things to come.

Jesus spoke of God's planned future for humanity – the kingdom of heaven – as a great feast to which people from around the world and throughout the epochs of history will come.

"I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven"

Matthew 8:11

At end of history God will resurrect all his people from every age to live with him forever. Every feast celebrated now is a small taste of what is to come. All are invited to the eternal feast. Will you be there?

Jonathan

Revd Dr Jonathan Mobey
Rector of Harwell with Chilton

Mondays

- 9:30-11:30am Fledgelings (during term time) at St Matthew's Church Hall
 7:30pm Bell-ringing at All Saints' Church Tower
 8.00pm Home Group at 10 Jennings Lane, Harwell

Tuesdays

- 8.00pm Home group at various homes in Chilton

Wednesdays

- 9:15-11:15am Fledgelings (during term time) at Chilton Field Community Room
 10.15am Home group (during term time) at St Matthew's meeting room
 1.45pm Home group (during term time) at 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton
 7.30pm Home group at various homes in Chilton Field
 7.30pm Choir Practice at All Saints'

Thursdays

- 7.30pm Alpha Course at Chilton Village Hall until 9th July
 7.30pm Bell ringing at St Matthew's Church Tower
 8.00pm 1st, 2nd & 3rd Home group (term time)

Fridays

- 2.00pm Home group at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell

Saturdays

- 8.30am Prayer meeting both at St Matthew's and All Saints'

Sundays

- Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's meeting room
 6:00-7:15pm for those in school years 7-9
 7:00-8:15pm for those in school years 10-13

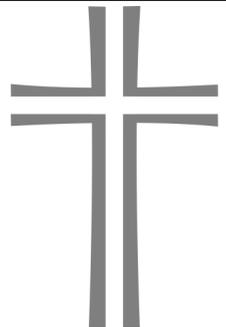
OTHER EVENTS

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| 1st July 8.30pm | Night Prayer at All Saints' Chilton |
| 14th July 7.00pm | All Saints' Women's Group BBQ at Russet Dene, Dene Hollow |
| 16th July | Evergreens Outing to Portsmouth. Non-members welcome. |
| 21st July 10.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell |
| 21st July 7.30pm | Harwell Ladies Group, Jenny Lambert - update on Bulgaria |
| 25th July 10.00am | All Saints' Art Group, Chilton Village Hall |
| 5th August 8.30pm | Night Prayer at All Saint's Chilton |
| 11th August 7.45pm | All Saints' Women's Group |
| 15th August 10.00am | Evergreens Coffee Morning, St Matthew's Church Hall |
| 18th August 10.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell |
| 22nd August 10.00am | All Saints' Art Group, 18 Latton Close, Chilton |

Sundays at All Saints'		Sundays at St Matthew's	
9.30am All Age Worship	5th July	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am All Age Worship 6.15pm Evening Prayer	
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship	12th July	11.00am Morning Worship 4.30pm 'Hands Free' Worship	
9.30am Holy Communion	19th July	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Holy Communion 6.15pm Evening Prayer (BCP)	
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship	26th July	11.00am Morning Worship 6.15pm Holy Communion	
9.30am Morning Worship	2nd August	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Morning Worship 6.15pm Evening Prayer	
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP)	9th August	11.00am Morning Worship No evening Service	
9.30am Holy Communion	16th August	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Holy Communion 6.15pm Evening Prayer (BCP)	
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship	23rd August	11.00am Morning Worship 6.15pm Holy Communion	
9.30am Holy Communion 6.15pm Evening Prayer	30th August	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Holy Communion	

You are very welcome to join us for any of our meetings.
For more information please check our website
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office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk.

*BCP = Book of Common Prayer





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SUNDAY 5TH JULY

ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH, HARWELL

11.00 AM - 2.00PM(ISH!)

**...OR JOIN THE ADVANCE PARTY
AT ALL SAINTS' CHILTON 9.30AM**



**PRIZES for
everyone in
their winter
woolies!**



BBQ

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Marriages

"Those whom God has joined together"

Marriage Blessing

Nick Sevier & Kim Poffley

Funerals

"He who believes in Me will live"

Mary Hanley

Nita Buckell

Beryl Teed

Baptisms

"Welcome into the Lord's Family"

Harry Lay

RAISING THE RAFTERS!

11th July, 7.30pm St Matthew's Harwell
Take a large and lively slug of Gospel music, a dollop of Dixieland jazz and the happiest of youthful harmonies: exactly the right mix to "Raise the Rafters" in support of the Harwell Village Hall Redevelopment Fund. Didcot Community Gospel Choir is coming to St Matthew's, Harwell, sharing the stage with The Bagg's Tree Buskers and Harwell Young Singers. The Church lawn will be open from 6.30pm - bring a picnic or just enjoy a drink pre-concert, which starts at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £7.50 (£5 concessions) and are available from Bob's Butchers or can be delivered by ringing 834295 - enquiries to didcotgospel@gmail.com.

CHARITY MARKET STALL

Is the second Saturday in the month between 9 am and 12 noon in the Car Park of the Rose and Crown. In May we were delighted to raise £205 for our local Wallingford and District Stroke Club.

ON JULY 11TH the market will be for the Oxfordshire branch of the Crohn's and Colitis Association. We will have a wide range of good second-hand books, White Elephant and tasty home-baked cakes, tarts and crumbles. The Farm Shop and the Bakery will be there as will Mashed with their Chutney and home-smoked bacon. Inside the Pub will be the Artists Group and Cooked Breakfasts will be available. Thank you to everyone who supports the Market and we look forward to seeing many more of you.

There will also be a market at the Rose and Crown Car Park on the 8th August. Contact Judy (834503) for further details.



HARWELL GARDENERS

6th July visit to Mill Barn & Manor, Chalgrove. 3rd August visit to The Grange, Chalgrove.
Contact David Drummond on 821615

DIDCOT U3A

Didcot & District University of the Third Age meeting on 21st July at 2pm at Didcot Civil Hall will be with Malcolm Nelson talking about "40 Years of Smugglers." Telephone:07802 237963

CHRISTIAN AID

Thank you to all those who donated to Christian Aid last month. We raised £1070.98 at the Grand Plant Sale and the door to door collection in Chilton raised £620.49 which makes a grand total of £1691.47. Christian Aid work ranges "from HIV awareness raising to supporting human rights, we don't just tackle poverty - we challenge its causes".
www.christianaid.org.uk

JACK PERRY & THE GUINEA PIG CLUB



Jack Perry is celebrating his 90th birthday in July – happy birthday Jack! Jack & Mary have lived in Harwell since 1957 and have been very involved in village life since then.

Jack grew up in Dartmouth, Devon and loved being near the sea. He joined the Royal Air Force and became a flight engineer. On 31st August, 1944, Jack had a plane accident and was badly burnt on his face and hands. He was 19 years old at the time. He was in hospital for 4½ years after his accident, and had 31 operations. He received treatment from Sir Archibald McIndoe who was doing pioneering work with plastic surgery. He wanted to find a way to make new skin grow – which can now be done.

As part of his treatment, McIndoe recognised that the men needed to stick together, and help each other come to terms with their experiences and injuries. So they set up the Guinea Pig Club. It's name was in part because the surgical treatment that they received had never been done before. Initially the club was started as a drinking club which would disband after the war – but instead, it grew in strength and through the generosity of many people became financially sound. After the war, there were 649 members of the Guinea Pig Club around the world. Sir Archibald McIndoe was its first President. When he died in 1960, HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh became the President. There are 29 members remaining in the club. Jack came out of hospital in 1949 and was married to Mary in 1950.

When they moved to Harwell, Jack worked at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment (AERE) as a draughtsman. He worked up to a senior draughtsman, and became responsible for all the out-stationed draughtsman in the organisation.

Jack became the Social Secretary of the Guinea Pig Club in 1970, and still fulfils this role. Members of the club used to meet for a Weekend Reunion every year in East Grinstead, and on other occasions. As part of this reunion, the men would visit people, many of whom were children, in the burns unit in the hospital – where they had been many years before.

He has arranged many visits and get-togethers since then. In 1975, Jack arranged for the Club to visit The White Hart at Harwell, Royal British Legion & AERE. This became an annual event, and at its strength, there were 2 coaches needed to transfer people between the venues.

It is said that East Grinstead (where the hospital was) was the town that didn't stare, and Harwell was the village that cared. Jack & Mary are so very grateful to the village for their support. When the Harwell visits ended in 2010, Jack received a very warm letter from the Royal British Legion who were sorry to see the event end.

In April, Jack and 2 other members of the Guinea Pig Club attended the Soldiering On Awards in London to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award for all surviving members of the Guinea Pig Club.

From Left:
Sandy
Saunders, Jack
Perry & Des
O'Connell
Photo:
Christopher
Pledger, The
Telegraph



Please submit notices to Vicky by email or by phone.

The deadline is the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

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