

Ridgeway Broadsheet

November 2015

In Chilton there will be an Act of Remembrance during the morning service at 9:30am in All Saints' Church.

In Harwell the Parade will form up at Townsend at 10:30am and set off for the War Memorial for the service there at 10:45am. After the service the Parade will continue to St Matthew's Church.

Following the church service members of the RBL will march to a short ceremony at the War Graves in Harwell Cemetery.

In addition, a short ceremony will be held on Wednesday 11th November at 11:00am at the War Memorial in Harwell.



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TOY SERVICES

This Christmas, St Matthew's and All Saints' are once more supporting the Women's Refuge in Oxford by providing toys for the children there.



We will be holding our special advent **"Toy Services"** on **Sunday 6 December at 9.30am at All Saints' Chilton and at 11am at St Matthew's Harwell.**

At these services there is an opportunity to donate a toy for the Refuge. The toy should be brand new please, not second hand, and not wrapped (NB no wrapping paper donations required either). The age range of toys required is for children aged 0-15. The Refuge would particularly like toys for small babies (NB cuddly toys are acceptable, again provided they are new) and for 11+s as these tend to be the least well catered for. For the older children, anything that they can "do" e.g. a science or craft kit or game, as boredom is a real fact of life in a Refuge. Toys with violent connotations (e.g. swords, guns, etc) would not be a good idea, for obvious reasons.

Anyone unable to make either service is welcome to hand their toy in to the Church Office by Friday 4th December. The office is open Mon/Tue/Thur/Fri 9.30-2.30 and is up the staircase near the back of St Matthew's Church.

If you would like advice about which toy to buy, please contact Jane Woolley on 221030, janemn.woolley@hotmail.co.uk.

Chilton PCC would like any monetary gifts to be donated to the SeeSaw Charity which provides grief support for the children of Oxfordshire. Thank you.

ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH HALL

We are looking for volunteers to help manage St Matthew's Church Hall. This includes dealing with bookings, meeting with hirers, and managing a cleaner, supplies, and maintenance items. If you are based in or near Harwell village most of the week and would like to contribute to keeping this important asset functioning successfully, we would love to hear from you. If interested, please speak to Jonathan on 799376.



PATH OPENING

Come & Celebrate
THE NEW
ALL SAINTS' CHILTON



Sunday 1st November

All Saints' Church Chilton

3.00pm



Light refreshments
Children's activities

" ACCESS FOR ALL "

In recent years there has been a big drive to make public buildings more widely accessible. Since the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, service providers have needed to make 'reasonable adjustments' to premises to overcome physical barriers to access, whilst balancing cost and other practicalities. This has resulted in wheelchair ramps, hearing loops, large print publications, and many other innovations. The principle is one of natural justice; it is right that everyone should have opportunities to access the good things of life.

This is a very biblical principle. The equality of all humans is asserted in the opening chapters of the Bible, which speak of God creating all humans 'in his image'. All humans have the capacity to relate to God and all are called by God into relationship with him. Throughout the Bible God ensures that special provision is made for vulnerable groups, for the diseased and disabled, the poor, and the 'orphans and widows'. Jesus famously ministered amongst the sick and social outcasts, and the Church and individual Christians have continued that work of serving those in need, setting up schools, orphanages and hospitals, and pioneering work amongst the homeless, imprisoned, addicted, and dying.

Throughout history, the Church has sought to make the Gospel accessible to all, and has in the process translated the full Bible into 531 languages to date, and created myriad forms of worship for different cultures. Youth groups, lunch clubs, prison outreach, and countless other groups and activities have been set up to reach every segment of society with the life-transforming Gospel.

It is the vision of our churches in Harwell and Chilton to be accessible and relevant to everyone, serving the whole community in God's name. The new access path at All Saints' is a concrete(!) expression of that – helping the infirm, elderly and very young to access the church building and all that goes on there. But there is much more to do.

St Matthew's Church Council is actively thinking about how we can make our church building more accessible, comfortable and flexible – this includes thinking about the related issues of heating and seating. At All Saints' we are thinking about how we might make our worship services accessible to a wider range of people – those who want something informal and contemporary, as well as those who love the formal, liturgical expressions of worship; an option being considered is moving to two differing services every Sunday morning.



And we would love to know what *you* think about all this. How do you think our churches could serve the villages of Harwell and Chilton better? How could our church buildings, worship services, and different groups and activities be made more relevant and accessible

to 21st century men, women and children? There are various ways you can let us know.

1. You can respond online to the Chilton Services consultation at <http://hcchurches.org/chiltonservices>, and also at the November All Saints' Charity Market (see p6); response slips are also available in church.
2. St Matthew's 'Fit for the Future' consultation is to be launched in late November, with a display and response slips in church. Further info and resources at <http://hcchurches.org/fitforthefuture>. Further publicity around the village to follow.
3. Do please visit and also let us know what you think of our new 'mobile-friendly' website: <http://hcchurches.org>. It is another way in which we are trying to become more accessible!

Or you could simply speak to or email me – my contact details are on the front page.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan".

Revd Dr Jonathan Mobey
Rector of Harwell with Chilton

WEEKLY EVENTS

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2015

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 'Alpha Male' at the Rose & Crown Pub, Chilton
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 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 Church Hall
6:00-7:15pm for those in school years 7-9
7:00-8:15pm for those in school years 9-13



OTHER EVENTS

4th November 8.00pm	Night Prayer at All Saints' Chilton
5th November 7.30pm	Science & Faith Group, St Matthew's Church Lounge
10th November 7.45pm	All Saints' Women's Group at All Saints' Chilton Buckingham Palace Garden Parties - Liz & Judy
17th November 10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell
17th November 7.30pm	Harwell Ladies Group, Sid & Alison Gale - Trek in Peru
19th November 9.30am	Evergreens Outing to Milton Keynes Shopping Centre
19th November 7.30pm	Science & Faith Group, St Matthew's Church Lounge
28th November 10.00am	All Saints' Art Group, Chilton Village Hall
2nd December 8.00pm	Night Prayer at All Saints' Chilton
3rd December 7.30pm	Science & Faith Group, St Matthew's Church Lounge
5th December 1.00pm	Harwell Evergreens Annual Dinner, Harwell Village Hall
8th December 7.30pm	All Saints' Women's Group & Harwell Ladies Group Christmas Celebrations, St Matthew's Church Hall
17th December 7.30pm	Science & Faith Group, St Matthew's Church Lounge

Services at All Saints'		Services at St Matthew's
9.30am Morning Worship 3pm Path Opening Ceremony	1st Nov	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Morning Worship 6.15pm Evening Prayer
Remembrance Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship	8th Nov	Remembrance Sunday 11.00am Morning Worship 4.30pm 'Hands Free' Worship
9.30am Holy Communion	15th Nov	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Holy Communion 6.15pm Evening Prayer (BCP)
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship	22nd Nov	11.00am Morning Worship 6.15pm Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion 6.15pm Evening Prayer	29th Nov	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Holy Communion
9.30am All Age Worship 'Toy' Service	6th Dec	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am All Age Worship 'Toy' Service 6.15pm Evening Prayer
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP) 4.00pm Carol Service 6.30pm Carol Service	13th Dec	11.00am Morning Worship
9.30am Holy Communion	20th Dec	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Holy Communion 4.00pm Carol Service 6.30pm Carol Service
10.00pm Holy Communion	24th Dec	3.30pm Crib Service 11.30pm Holy Communion
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am All Age Worship	25th Dec	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am All Age Worship 12.00pm Holy Communion
9.30am Morning Worship	27th Dec	11.00am Morning Worship

You are very welcome to join us for any of our meetings.

BCP = Book of Common Prayer

GENERATION GOLD

This photograph was taken after the Generation Gold service in September when 23 people gathered in All Saints' Chilton to worship God and share friendship over some delicious refreshments.



Generation Gold is the name we have given to our outreach to parishioners who are of retirement age. We are currently enjoying a series of quarterly weekday services, alternating between Harwell and Chilton Churches, which explore and reflect on different themes. In September we thought about the essential element of water, including the life-giving water that Jesus offers us in eternal life.

Our next service will take place on **Monday 14th December from 2.30pm** to about 3pm in St Matthew's Harwell, when we will be exploring the theme of light. This will be followed by tea and cake. Please consider yourself invited whichever parish you live in - and put the date in your diary! Please contact Pam Rolls for more information, or if you'd like a lift.

We look forward to seeing you.
Rev Jan Radford (Curate)
Rev Pam Rolls (Associate Minister)

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who have been praying for Donna Greer. She has now had her last treatment of radiotherapy.

ALL SAINTS' CHARITY MARKET

The Market on Saturday November 14th will be for **SeeSaw**, the local charity which provides vital support for bereaved children and on December 12th the Market will raise funds for the Oncology Unit at the Churchill Hospital.



The Market is held in the Car Park at the Rose and Crown between 9am and 12 noon on the second Saturday of every month. Come and sample Shea's full breakfasts or bacon baps!

We are always grateful to receive donations of books, cakes, excess fruit and veg from your garden and white elephant items, but not clothing. Contact Judy on 834503, at 43 Crafts End or at thegoodalls43@tiscali.co.uk

ALPHA MALE

A 6 week investigation of life and faith. Come along and join us at the Rose and Crown in Chilton each Monday evening from 2nd November. £36 includes a meal and a drink each week. Contact Peter on 07467 038734 to book.

SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER

We would love to welcome you along to one of our services. Our Toy Service & Carol Services are coming up soon. They are relaxed services for all ages and a lovely way to enjoy the pre-Christmas or Advent season. You can find more information on our new mobile-friendly website www.hchurches.org, or call the office on 834256.

FROM THE PARISH
REGISTERS

Baptisms

"Welcome to the Lord's family"

Edward Barrett
Poppy Bailey
Matthew Utili

Marriages

"Those that God has joined together"

Matthew Clapp & Hannah Leach

Funerals

"He who believes in Me will live"

Alec Fredrick Frank Samler
Hilda Jean 'Scottie' Powell
Brian 'Snowy' Whiting

CHILTON CHURCHYARD



Volunteers are needed to help with tidying up All Saints' Churchyard on Saturday 7th November from 9am and finishing in time for lunch. This is open to everyone in the village, we would love to see lots of people come and give a helping hand for as long as you like as there are lots of jobs to be done such as raking leaves, weeding, cutting ivy off trees, clearing the French drains and lots more. All you need to do is bring yourself and your favourite tools, not forgetting the gardening gloves. Thank you. Please contact Judith Russell on 01235 832484

THE DOOR

What is it? A free newspaper issued each month by the diocese of Oxford. It contains articles of activities from churches around the diocese which help us to see that we are part of a wider Christian community. Pick up a copy from Church at the beginning of each month.

HARVEST

The Harvest Lunch in Harwell Village Hall on Monday 5th October raised £322. All Saints' received £291.58 in donations plus £63.65 from the produce sale and St Matthew's received £245.73 in donations. A grand total of £922.96 for Tearfund's Refugee Crisis Fund 2015. A big thank you to everybody who donated food, time, and/or money.

SCRIPTURE UNION

Both All Saints' and St Matthew's support Scripture Union. For nearly 150 years, Scripture Union has been working hard to share the good news of the gospel with children and young people in exciting and relevant ways. They have lots of resources that can be used with children in your family, such as bible notes, a computer game and resources on finding the light during Halloween. See www.scriptureunion.org.uk.

GARDENING CLUB

November 2nd 7.30pm Harwell Village Hall. Tasty Number to Dine Out On. Paul Hervey Brookes. Comp: Something edible you have grown. Contact David: 821615.

USA MEETING

November 17th, 2pm at Didcot Civil Hall Corry Starling, the miller, will talk about Mapledurham Watermill. 07802 237963

THANK YOU

Pat Samler and family would like to thank everyone for their help, prayers, condolences and donations after the sad passing of Alec, and for attending his funeral; also for helping me after I broke my hip. Please accept this as a personal acknowledgement. Pat.

INTERVIEW WITH CHRISTINA WOOD

Christina Wood is a Church Warden at St Matthew's Harwell. She lives in the village with her husband Jonathan who has a photography business. They have two children, Catherine and Emma, who attend Harwell Primary School.

Christina was born on the outskirts of Sydney and grew up close to the beaches and harbour. From the age of about 7, she loved watching the James Herriot television series about being a country vet, and decided that it was the job for her. Life in suburban Sydney was quite a contrast to post-war life in rural Britain, but something clearly struck a chord! Growing up, Christina and her sister were keen to have a pet and were very pleased with their parents relented and let them have a budgie!

Christina completed her veterinary degree at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, about 600 miles north of Sydney. (Australians have a slightly different sense of what constitutes a long distance!). After working for a couple of years and receiving lots of emails from fellow vets who were working and travelling their way around Europe, Christina decided to follow suit. (This was after acquiring a cat, who had to have an extended holiday with her parents!) In January 2004, Christina arrived in England, planning to work as a locum until the weather warmed up! Her first port of call was Margate, Kent. In theory, English people and Australians speak the same language, but there are a host of confusing and potentially embarrassing subtle differences. In Australia trousers are called pants and pants are called undies or knickers. Imagine a consulting room with a mature couple with a very confused look on their faces and an Australian vet, wondering what was going on. The couple wondering why on earth the vet was talking about her underwear.



Christina's first expedition was a walking holiday in sunny Corfu where she met her future husband, Jonathan.

Jonathan convinced Christina that Oxfordshire would be a lovely place to live and then 'popped out' to Australia to meet her parents.

Christina returned to England permanently in April 2005. Jonathan and Christina were married in August 2007.

Christina attended Church occasionally with her family when she was growing up, and then became more interested as a teenager. During her University years her faith stagnated, as she found it difficult to find her feet spiritually. After graduating she thought about God more, and decided to return to Church to develop her faith and to 'plug into' the local community.

Christina said "When you move to a new place it always takes a while to get settled in, but going to Church keeps your faith strong at a tricky time and you get 'instant friends' from the church community. I was always very blessed by my church family as a new graduate and used to get invited to dinner and other social occasions."

Christina became a Church Warden at St Matthew's in April of this year. The role is very broad and involves, among other things, opening up the Church, organising furniture and rotas for people to welcome others to Sunday services. Christina has really enjoyed getting to know more of the church family and local community through this role, and has become aware of just how many different people give of their time and energy to ensure that the buildings and people are cared for. Appointment to the position of Church Warden is made by the village community. This means that Christina and Mel Gibson, who is the other Church Warden, are Harwell village's representatives at St Matthew's, so please feel free to approach them about anything related to the church and what we do.

Please submit notices to Vicky by email or by phone.
The deadline is the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

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