

Welcome

A very warm welcome to you, whether you are new to St Matthew's and All Saints' or worship with us every week. We hope you will feel at home in our churches. Please introduce yourself to someone, and stay for coffee, which is served after most services. Please see the back page for useful information for visitors.

If you are a newcomer or visitor, do please consider filling in and returning a welcome card, so that we can be in touch with information about groups and activities of interest and how we can serve you.

THIS SUNDAY

1st May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's
9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints'
11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's
6:15pm Evening Prayer at St Matthew's
Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church Hall
6:00-7:15pm for those in school years 7-9
7:00-8:45pm for those in school years 10-13

NEXT SUNDAY

8th May - Seventh Sunday of Easter

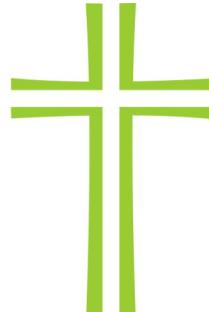
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COMING UP . . .

Sunday 29th May 4pm, Harwell Recreation Ground

'Songs of Praise' with a Queen's 90th focus

Taking over the Feast marquee, mini-interviews with some church members, favourite songs and hymns led by St Matthew's orchestra and three choirs—the Celebration Choir, Harwell Young Singers, and a specially-formed Scout Choir! Tea and coffee from 3.30pm, all followed by a barbecue! Don't miss out!



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If you would like to talk with the Rector about any matter, please contact Jonathan directly, or via the Church Office

St Matthew's Harwell with All Saints' Chilton

CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid Week will be from 15th May to 21st May. The event starts in Chilton with the Plant Sale in Chilton Village Hall on Saturday 14th May, organised by All Saints' Women's Group.

We have a number of volunteers who deliver donation envelopes to houses in Chilton and collect them a few days later. Some of our deliverers have moved away from the village so we need some more volunteers.

Please contact Hazel King
hazel.king@btopenworld.com or 01235 821714.



CHRISTIAN AID SERVICE

There is a Christian Aid United Service being arranged for Sunday 15th May, 6.00pm at St. Andrew's Hagbourne. All are very welcome to attend. To find the church: From Didcot, come into East Hagbourne along New Rd, and turn right at the Lower Cross war memorial. Drive through the village until you reach the Upper Cross. The church is on your left; parking is usually available a little further up to the right, at the village hall.

P R A Y E R

A Call to Prayer—Jesus Christ calls every person to follow him. As Christians it's our duty and joy to share that invitation. That's why the Archbishops of Canterbury and York are inviting every church in England to join a week of prayer this Pentecost, from 8-15 May - let's pray for every Christian to receive new confidence and joy in sharing this life-transforming faith.

See www.thykingdom.co.uk for more information.

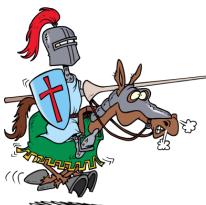
There is also an excellent video calling us to pray for 5 of our friends or family to become Christians: thykingdom.co.uk/praying-for-five-friends. The video reminds us of D L Moody who prayed for 100 of his friends to become Christians. By the time he died, he'd ticked that 96 of them had become Christians. The other 4 became Christians at his funeral!

Some suggestions to help you remember to pray for your five people: Find five small stones (light coloured ones are best) and write each of the people on your list onto each of the stones. Place them on your desk, bedside table or fireplace as a reminder to pray. Alternatively, you could place each stone in a different room of your home and pray for each person as you enter or leave the room.

Or set a reminder on your phone at a time when you'll be able to pray for God's kingdom to come.

HOLIDAY CLUB

Holiday Club:



Let us Ride to Camelot: Planning for Holiday Club 2016 is well under-way. There's a reason it's so popular: because it's so good. [Even if it's free, children would protest if it was boring!] It's sad to think that there are people in our congregation who are missing out

on something so exciting. Do you know someone with a hobby, skill or sport who could share it with a small group of children in the afternoons? What about cleaning & tidying? What about making crafts? Serving drinks or making cakes? Explaining how to use a Bible or what it means? Don't let these people miss out on putting their time & skills to such worthwhile use - pass their name onto Peter Shields or Jane Woolley.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES WORK

CFW Numbers 24-29th April:

Kids Church = 11; Pathfinders = N/a (orchestra)

YF = 18; Fledgelings = 37+27 adults Y Club =13

Volunteers - 11 people donated 27 hours of time.

ROCKs off! Sadly, uptake for the after-school club to be launched at Harwell wasn't sufficient enough to make it viable. So we've decided to postpone the launch until next term. This will allow us more time to advertise & publicise it, and also have the momentum of Holiday Club behind it. Please pray for this opportunity, and consider how you might be involved.

Help Fledgelings fly! One of the things the parents who attend Fledgelings comment on the most is the friendly welcome, and the lovely volunteers who give them a break from their little ones - even for just a few minutes. Could you spare a couple of hours every week or every fortnight to help serve the parents coffee & cake and/or welcome them and their children at the group? Please contact Peter.

Frugal Fun for Boys



Website of the week:

Frugal Fun for Boys (frugalfun4boys.com/). Loads of great, cheap (or free) ideas for teaching boys, parenting boys and engaging boys, by a Christian mum of four boys. (It'll work for girls too I'm sure).

CHEERFUL GIVERS:

Just like the adults in their service, the children in Kids Church are encouraged to be "Cheerful Givers" towards the work of building God's kingdom. Last term they gave £37.34, and they have voted to divide it between three organisations - Tearfund, Christian Aid refugee appeal, and the British Heart Foundation.

All Saints' Children's Group:

It's exciting to have seen the growth in the number of young families regularly attending All Saints' (just short of 50% of the congregation recently). As a result, on Sunday 15th May the youngest members of the congregation will have a group of their own to attend. If you'd consider being a part of the team then please speak to Helen Brook or Melanie Shields.

THANK YOU

Peter McNiven (Mac). Betty and family sincerely thank all friends and neighbours for their prayers, offers of help, and kindness in so many ways during Mac's illness. We have been shown amazing tender loving care by Carers, Nurses and Doctors enabling Mac to be nursed at home as he wished. Thank you too for all the lovely cards and messages, and to those who came to the Thanksgiving Service, and for donations to the Motor Neurone Disease Association, in excess of £500. May God bless you all.

WEBSITE

There are many church groups and activities happening every week and space does not permit inclusion of all of them. You can find details of all church events on the church website: HCChurches.org/newsitems

JOHN 14:26-27

"All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

VISITORS' INFO

Children are especially welcome at our services. There are groups for primary aged children in Harwell, and a family area in Chilton with activities for younger children.

At our services of Holy Communion all who love the Lord are welcome to share with us. If you require a gluten-free wafer please indicate this to the sidespeople before the service.

Both churches have a hearing loop, and large print service and weekly noticesheets are available. Toilets are at the back of the church in Harwell and accessed from outside at Chilton.

NOTICESHEET ITEMS

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

News items also appear on our website. You need to be logged-in to see some of them.

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P R A Y E R F O C U S

'...in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God' Philippians 4:6

Please pray for...

- A peaceful solution to the troubles in Iraq, Syria, Ukraine and Gaza
- All those seeking refuge from war-torn countries
- Those who live in Pathfinder View, Chilton and in School Lane, Harwell
- Work of the Mission Aviation Fellowship, particularly for the people of South Sudan where there are over 2 million displaced people.
- The guests and team members involved in the Alpha Course
- The new Bishop of Oxford, Bishop Steven, who will be starting in the autumn.

A prayer for the EU Referendum:

God of truth,
give us grace to debate the issues in this referendum
with honesty and openness.

Give generosity to those who seek to form opinion
and discernment to those who vote,
that our nation may prosper
and that with all the peoples of Europe
we may work for peace and the common good;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Collect for 5th Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.