

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

8th May - Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at All Saints'

9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints'

11:00am Morning Worship 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

15th May - Pentecost

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's

9:30am Holy Communion at All Saints'

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6:15pm Evening Prayer (BCP) at St Matthew's

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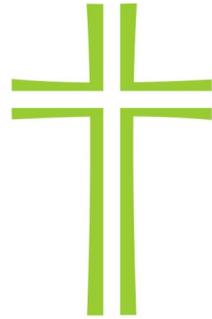
7:00-8:45pm for those in school years 10-13

COMING UP...

Sunday 29th May 4pm, Harwell Recreation Ground

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

Taking over the Feast marquee, mini-interviews with church members, and 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 barbeque! Don't miss out! Put it in your diary and bring friends and neighbours.



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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

HARWELL YOUNG SINGERS

Harwell Young Singers
Spring Sing concerts
6.45pm Thursdays 19th
May at Harwell and 26th
May at Chilton.

GWP SERVICE

Sunday 15th May 12:30pm,
UTC - 'Called into the
Freedom of God'

Many thanks for all those
involved in our Community
Church services in GWP. We
are again looking for people
to get involved and help. If
you would like to provide
food, run one of the
activities, be part of the
welcome team or just come
along please contact
markbodeker@gmail.com
Many thanks Mark Bodeker

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.



HARWELL FEAST VOLUNTEERS

Harwell Feast is on Monday 30 May. Once again, St Matthew's has agreed to find volunteers to staff the BBQ/Pig Roast stall. We need a lot of volunteers as the stall is very busy and requires up to 8 people at any one time. There are 3 roles: taking the money, cooking sausages/burgers, serving the food

If you can volunteer for 30-60 mins sometime between 10.30am & 3.30pm on 30th May, please contact Jane Woolley 2201030 or janemn.woolley@hotmail.co.uk.

WEEK OF PRAYER

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!

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.

CFW Numbers 1st-5th May

Our attendance across all groups seemed to suffer the Bank Holiday effect!

Kids Church = 6; Pathfinders = n/a (orchestra)
YF = 16; Fledgelings = 16 children + 12 adults
(only 1 session); Y Club = 12

I'm very grateful for the 8 people who donated 17 hours of their time to serve the Children & Families Work last week. A number of others gave their time to planning & preparing for some of the up-coming events mentioned below.

Have a Yabba Dabba Do

Time! "Pebbles" is the new Sunday morning program for children starting at All Saints' next week (15th May). We've gathered a large & capable team to start nurturing & discipling the very youngest members of All Saints'. "You have taught children and infants to tell of your strength" Ps 8v2



Prayer Spaces: We're extremely grateful to both our primary schools for the privilege of spending nearly an hour with every pupil giving them the chance to reflect and/or pray. If you can give a minimum of 1 hour (no

maximum!) during the weeks of 20th June - 1st July then I need to hear from you. You can sign-up on the website (HCChurches.org/prayerspace).

Soul Survivor: Amongst the 12,000 people attending Soul Survivor festival this year are 13 young people & leaders from YF. They'll be trying various methods to raise funds towards the cost of this, but if you'd like to make a good old fashioned donation then please pass it on somehow, marking it "Soul Survivor". It's also not too late for anyone to join us... there are programs for all ages. Why not make it a family holiday?

Website of the week: A youtube channel with some helpful, Christian parenting messages, including, "16 ways to make your kids bonkers". You may not like the style but some challenging content. youtube.com/WretchedNetwork

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.

JOHN 17:20-23

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one — I in them and you in me — so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.



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 7th Sunday of Easter

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.