

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

10th July - The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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

17th July - The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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

9:30am Holy Communion at All Saints'
with David & Heather Sharland, CMS

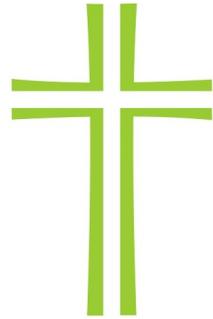
11:00am Holy Communion at St Matthew's
with David & Heather Sharland, CMS

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

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If you would like to
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St Matthew's Harwell
with All Saints' Chilton

NEXT SATURDAY

Our walking group will be meeting at Chilton Village Hall next Saturday 16th July at 4pm for a circular walk, open to all. No need to book, just turn up on the day. Children, friends, relatives, neighbours and well-behaved dogs are all very welcome. The walk will be followed by tea and cake with the Sharlands.



MEET THE SHARLANDS



Meet and hear from the Sharlands at a tea and cake event on Saturday 16th July at Chilton Village Hall at 6pm. David and Heather Sharland work as Mission Partners with CMS (Church Mission Society). They are long-term missionaries and currently work in Uganda. David as an agriculturalist and Heather in health and hygiene.

They will also be visiting our churches on Sunday 17th July: 9.30am at All Saints' Chilton and 11am at St Matthew's Harwell. HCChurches.org/Sharlands

FIT FOR THE FUTURE UPDATE

As part of our mission to Grow God's Church, wider, deeper and closer, St Matthew's PCC have been progressing plans to make the church building more flexible, comfortable and accessible. Following the consultation in November, and the Day of Prayer and the discussion at the APCM in April, the PCC have been researching the options for an upgraded heating system and new seating.

The decision has now been taken to replace the existing high-level radiant heaters with wall-based electric radiators. This system should provide a much more comfortable environment than the current system, with lower hourly running costs. With increasing use of the church building, it should even 'pay for itself'. An electric system would be more flexible, easier and cheaper to install, and less visually intrusive than a gas-fired system, which was the main alternative.

A working group have carefully considered various chairs to replace the pews in the main body of the church, taking account of things such as comfort, stackability, and durability. The recommendation, accepted by PCC, is for a chair called 'Abbey', widely used in churches and cathedrals, and for the whole floor to be covered with a carpet of a similar type and quality to the present one.

The next steps are to develop these plans, consulting with the Church Architect, Diocesan authorities and historic societies, and consider fund-raising possibilities. The estimated total cost of an upgraded heating system, new seating and carpeting is around £90,000, and much of this could be covered from existing reserves. Quotes will be sought in the autumn, and permissions in the spring, with a view to all the work being done in the summer/early autumn of 2017.

Please speak to a Churchwarden, member of PCC, or Jonathan for further information.

THANK YOU

Steve Boddy - Daphne, Stephen and Simon Boddy and their family wish to thank all relatives and friends for the kind messages of sympathy and donations received during their recent sad loss of Steve. Your love and support has been much appreciated. Please accept this as a personal acknowledgement.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES WORK

CFW Numbers 3-9th July

Holiday Club All Age Service at St Matthew's last week so no children's groups on the Sunday morning.

All Age Service 50 Children 95 Adults

YF 14; Fledgelings 36 children 25 adults; Y Club 13

Thank you to the 18 Volunteers who gave 48 hours of their time to make it all happen.

Fledgelings events: As part of their fund-raising efforts to purchase new outdoor play equipment, a number of the mums are organising some great events.

Picnic in the Paddock - Monday 25th July
10am-1.30pm, £2.50 per adult/child, bring a picnic and rug, tea/coffee and ice lolly included.

Barn Dance in the Church Hall -
Saturday 6th August
8-11pm, £10pp, 2 course meal included, BYO.
Checked shirt essential!

YF on ET: YF completed their series of 'Hot Topic' debates by debating the motion, "There is reason to believe God has created life elsewhere in the universe". It threw up more lively discussion than anticipated! So, is life here by chance or by design? See: reasonablefaith.org/finetuning

Camelot is coming! We had a fabulous time at the All Age service in Harwell last week, introducing ourselves to our Holiday Club theme. We sang the songs, met Sir Dance-a-lot and most importantly asked the question "Who do you say Jesus is?". Special thanks to Vicky MacArthur and the band for the songs, Elizabeth Berger for the stage decorating, and Jonathan Wood for taking more great pics. See the website to view more. HCChurches.org/news



GWP SUMMER

Activities week

25th - 29th July 2016.

Craft and fun activities for all ages. If you would like to help please contact Mark Bodeker on 07970 111110 markbodeker@gmail.com

PRAYER SPACES



Please pray for Churches Together in Didcot as they have a week of prayer spaces in Didcot Girls School this week.

HARVEST BARN DANCE

Saturday 1st October 7-11pm, Chilton Village Hall. Live music with "the Shady Grove String Band" plus experienced caller – tickets (£10 per adult and £7.50 per child, on sale soon) includes a baked potato + choice of toppings. Raising funds for Tearfund.



TICKETS NOW FOR SALE

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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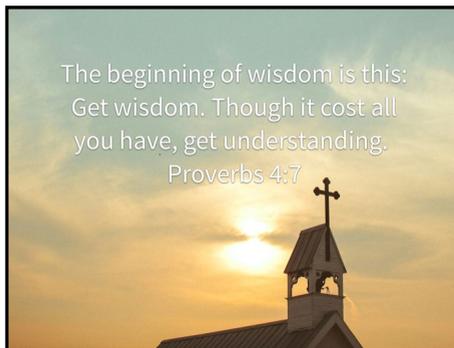


P R A Y E R F O C U S

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

Please pray for...

- For reconciliation and wise decisions in the wake of the Referendum result
- A peaceful solution to the troubles in Iraq, Syria, Ukraine and Gaza
- All those seeking refuge from war-torn countries
- Those who live in The Orchids, Chilton and in The Styles, Harwell
- The guests and team members involved in the Alpha Course
- John Abu Bakker who runs Fellowship for Neighbours India
- All the preparations for Holiday Club
- Those preparing for marriage, particularly William Bond and Jenna Wilcox, Anthony Burgess and Rachel Stevens, Sarah Cox and Lukas Somarakis
- The process of advertising for and appointing a 'Science Ministry Apprentice' from August (HCChurches.org/sma)



Collect for the 7th Sunday after Trinity

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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.