

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

2nd October - The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

9:30am All Age Harvest Thanksgiving at All Saints'

11:00am All Age Harvest Thanksgiving 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

9th October - The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

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

9:30am Morning Prayer (BCP) at All Saints'

11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's

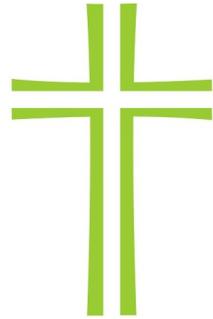
Walking Group 2.30pm - see item inside noticesheet

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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 and groups on the church website: <http://HCChurches.org>



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CHURCHES**

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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

CAP MONEY

Our next CAP money course will begin on Saturday 29th October at 10.30am. There will be two more meetings on 5th and 19th November at the same time at St Matthew's Church Harwell.

The course is offered for free and is open to anyone who would like to learn to budget, save and spend well. Contact Vicky on 834256 or book your place at capmoneycourse.org

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

Starting Friday 7th October for ten weeks.

Christianity Explored gives time to think about the big questions of life and explore the life of the person at the heart of the Christian faith—Jesus Christ. It is an engaging video- and discussion-based course that is rooted in Mark's gospel and is an ideal introduction to looking at the Bible with others.

Each week there will be an optional meal (served between 5.30pm and 6.30pm, during which there is an opportunity to meet with the earlier 'Family Fridays' group—see separate news item), followed by a session start at 7pm, with a break for dessert and coffee.

Everyone welcome. Please contact Jonathan or Vicky if you are interested.

HARVEST WEEKEND 1ST-2ND OCTOBER

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. 1 Chronicles 16:34

We look forward to a wonderful display of gifts in our churches this weekend. All of the tins and packets that are suitable will be taken to Didcot Food Bank to help local people in need. If you would like some of the perishable gifts from our Harvest services, please take the items you would like, and leave a donation in the wall safe; items will be available in the churches during the week. Money raised will go to Tearfund, a Christian Charity passionate about ending poverty.



HOMEGROUPS

We have a number of homegroups meeting throughout the week in Harwell and Chilton and would love to see more people joining our groups. Homegroups are small groups of people who meet together regularly to read the bible, ask questions, learn from one another and pray.

Morning groups - Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Afternoon groups - Wednesdays and Fridays

Evening groups - Mondays, Wednesday, Thursdays

Our groups are very happy to welcome new members. We're also looking for some help to look after young children for our Tuesday morning group. For more information please contact Jean Barton on 861117 or jeanvbarton@btinternet.com



"Generation to generation praises Your works. Your mighty acts they declare"

Psalm 145:4

CFW numbers

Attendance last week: Pebbles 8; Kids Church 13; Pathfinders N/A; YF 14

Fledgelings 40 adults + 44 children

At least 11 people donated 26 hours to serve our children and families. Thank you.

Crossing the Gap: Last weekend was the launch of our new Family Science Project spearheaded by Carina Lobley. We welcomed 22 adults & 12 young people to the event, shared party food & delicious homemade cakes then made the discovery that it is possible to pass a pencil through a bag full of water and have no leaks (or not too many)! And by the time you read this, the first of the monthly Family Science Clubs will have happened. We'll report how it went next week. We're really pleased to have the support of Harwell Primary School's "Tech Club" who are re-scheduling their own club so the children can come along to Family Science Club as well.

YF: Thank you to those who have offered to go on the refreshments rota. There are still a few more gaps, so if you think you could feed up to 20 teenagers with some less-than-healthy food, then I'd love to hear from you. Alternatively, donations of drinks, crisps, biscuits, cakes, chocolate, fruit and vegetables-etc would all be gratefully received.



Guardians of Ancora: ...is a free adventure game developed by Scripture Union, available for most mobile devices. If reading the Bible is a chore, then

playing it most definitely won't be! It's got great reviews by children and parents. Why not give it a go - and let me know what you think of it.

www.guardiansofancora.com

The Walking group will be meeting next Sunday afternoon, 9th October, at 2.30pm at Chilton School car park for a 4.5 mile walk.

This is a straight-forward walk suitable for people and dogs of all ages. The terrain is a mixture of grass, gravel, tarmac and concrete, footpaths, roadside and tracks, gentle ups and downs, and no stiles. The route starts in the car park near Chilton School and skirts the Harwell site perimeter fence, passing through the disused water treatment plant and alongside the iconic Dido and Pluto reactor buildings. Total distance is about 4.5 miles, time 2 hours. Meet in the Chilton School parking area at 2.30pm and remember to wear stout shoes and clothes appropriate for the weather. Bring water, too.

See <http://HCChurches.org/walking> for dates and times, walking guidelines and other useful info.



VISITORS' INFO

Children and young people are especially welcome at our services, and there are groups for children and young people in Harwell, and for primary aged and pre-school children in Chilton, along with a family area in both churches.

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: <http://HCChurches.org>

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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 Elderfield Crescent Chilton and in Barrow Road, Harwell
- Church Army - our mission focus for September
- The process of advertising for and appointing a 'Science Ministry Apprentice' (HCChurches.org/sma)
- The farmers and farm workers in the Parishes
- Our work and work place
- Bishop Steven, following his inauguration on the 30th September and several welcome services in the coming weeks
- The two Sudanese Pastors on trial

Collect for the 19th Sunday after Trinity

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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.