

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

4th December - Second Sunday in Advent

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

9:30am All Age 'Toy Service' at All Saints'

11:00am All Age 'Toy Service' 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

11th December - Third Sunday in Advent

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

9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints'

11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's

* Please note there will be no Church Walk this month *
(see <http://HCChurches.org/walking> for info about walks)

4.00pm Family Carols by Candlelight
at St Matthew's

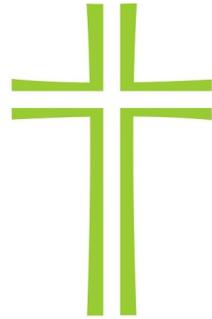
6.30pm Nine Lessons & Carols by Candlelight
at St Matthew's

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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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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

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH



A Christmas lunch will be held in Chilton Village Hall for any who might otherwise be on their own, or who would like company, on Christmas Day from 12.30 – 3.30, including Carols and the Queen's Speech. If you are aware of anyone who would like an invitation please advise Vicky in the church office by 12th Dec.

A donation of £5 from those attending will be requested and any food or other contribution from church members towards the lunch will be welcome.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

St Matthew's will be going to Cherry Tree Court to sing carols on Monday 19th December at 7pm.

All Saints' will be carol singing around Chilton village on Monday 19th. Meet at the Church Lynch Gate at 6.30pm.

There will be beer and carols at The Rose and Crown, Chilton on Wednesday 21st December at 8.30pm all welcome.



CHRISTIAN AID WALK

Thank you for those who sponsored me for the Christian Aid 10 km run. I received £155 from members of the congregations of All Saints' and St Matthew's. Alex Reich.

DO SCIENCE AND GOD MIX?

Professor John Lennox gave a fascinating lecture last Tuesday at the Pickavance Lecture Theatre on whether Science and God Mix, concluding that they do so very well, but that Science and Atheism mix rather less well!



As well as the lecture, around 200 people enjoyed a buffet and an opportunity to ask questions. The event was part of our year-long 'Crossing the Gap' Science and Faith Project, was videoed and should be available soon—watch this space. Well done to Carina and team for organising the event.

Family Science Club at 4.30pm on the last Friday of the month in Harwell Church Hall continues in January.

SCOUTING POST

For 2016 we will be placing our boxes in the usual places (see advertisement) and making deliveries over two weekends. Boxes will be emptied at 4pm on Thursday 8th and Thursday 15th December with delivery two to three days thereafter.

However, we can only accept cards for delivery to: Harwell, Chilton, Chilton Fields, Rowstock, West Hagbourne, AEA site - North and South Drive. Upton, Steventon, Great Western Park South of Boundary Park only [Greenwood Way, Harebell Road, Bramble Lane, Orchard Mews, Chestnut Drive, Cherry Tree Road, Foxglove Way, Ivy Close, The Poplars and Holly Lane]

Thank you. Brian Zimmerman.

GENERATION TO GENERATION

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

Pebbles 9; Kids Church 11; Pathfinders n/a (orchestra)
YF 13; Fledgelings 38 children & 34 adults; Y Club 13.
At least 10 people donated 28 hours of time to serve
G2G - excluding all the time given by those who have
helped with the Living Advent Calendar

Living Advent Calendar

We have 95 children registered to take part in the event
this year, across Chilton & Harwell. Thank you to
everyone who has offered to be a 'door' in the calendar.
Let's pray this strengthens our community and makes
the Nativity story an integral part of every child's
Christmas.

One Moment

Just like everyone who attends the services this
morning, all the pupils at both our primary schools will
be hearing the importance of s l o w i n g d o w n and
waiting. Advent can be so frantic that we miss the real
awe & wonder of God in human form!

Other News

YF are thinking about "A baby in a manger - so what?";
Fledgelings are doing about "Journeys" - Mary &
Joseph's, the Shepherds & the Kings; Y Club have
finished a series about the kings with the birth of the
King of Kings.

ADVENT CALENDAR

The Real Advent Calendar
is a fun way for parents,
grandparents and
Godparents to share the
Christmas story. The
calendar comes with a
free 28-page Christmas
story activity book
designed to be used every
day in Advent. This year, the book is illustrated by
award winning artist, Alida Massari. You can get the
calendar from [www.meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/](http://www.meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/products)
products



JOB VACANCIES

Science and Faith Project Assistant

January to August 2017,
25 hours per month
(flexible), £8 per hour.
Duties to include preparing
equipment and materials,
publicity, and record-
keeping.

Deadline 18th December.
More info from Carina
Lobley, Jonathan Mobey or
<http://HCChurches.org/sfpa>

Debt Coach for Didcot (part-time)

Do you have a heart for
evangelism in our local
community, working with
poor or disadvantaged
people?

If so, please prayerfully
consider whether God is
calling you to join the local
CAP (Christians Against
Poverty) Debt Centre as a
part-time Debt Coach.

The post, which will
operate predominantly in
the Didcot area, is for 8
hours a week for one year
initially with the possibility
of extension beyond that.
Salary: £20k per annum pro
rata (£4,267 per annum).

For more information,
including a detailed JD:
[http://www.ridgeway-
church.org.uk/associations/
cap-christians-against-
poverty/](http://www.ridgeway-church.org.uk/associations/cap-christians-against-poverty/) or contact Sue
Bright, Centre Manager
(suebright@capuk.org).
Closing date 19th January.

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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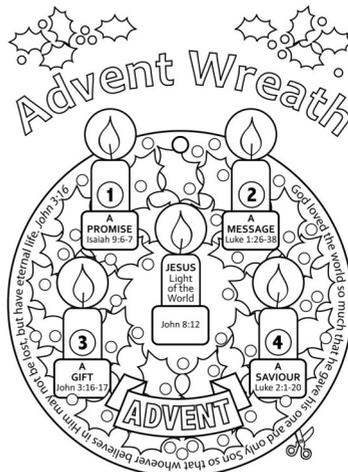


P R A Y E R F O C U S

'...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 affected by Hurricane Matthew, the earthquakes in Italy and all those bringing aid
- Those who live in Manor Close Chilton and in Downes Close, Harwell
- Christians Against Poverty
- The two Sudanese Pastors awaiting trial; Hassan Taour & Kuwa Shamal



Colour in the green leaves and berries. Cut out and hang up on ribbon.
Each Sunday in Advent colour in a candle and read the Bible verses.
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Collect for Second Sunday in Advent

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.