

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.

29TH JANUARY

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

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

9:30am Holy Communion at All Saints'

11:00am Holy Communion at St Matthew's

6:15pm Evening Prayer at All Saints'

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

5TH FEBRUARY

4th Sunday before Lent

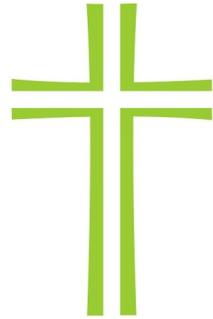
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If you would like to
talk with the Rector
about any matter, please
contact Jonathan directly,
or via the Church Office

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SAVE THE DATE

Harwell and Chilton Churches are planning a day to the beach on September 16th! We will be asking for you to sign up nearer the time so that we can organise a coach or two to take us there.



BISHOP STEVEN

Bishop Steven will be visiting our Deanery on Wed 1st February 2017.

There will be a gathering at St. Mary le More, Wallingford at 7.30pm. Bishop Steven is particularly keen to welcome PCC members, but the evening is open to anyone who wishes to come.

TREES IN CHILTON

The two large chestnut trees at the front of All Saints' churchyard have become seriously diseased with blight and honey fungus. Sadly this means that they will have to be felled quite soon, probably some time in February.

Judith Russell

CHRISTINGLE

Wendy Sinclair is organising our St Matthew's Christingle team this year and will be making oranges into treat laden symbols of God's love on Saturday 4th February, 2pm at 5 Chilbrook. We would love to have lots of volunteers join us. For more information please contact Wendy on 221008. For more information about Christingles in Chilton please contact Vicky in the Church Office.



HUGE THANK YOU FROM WOMEN'S REFUGE

Message from the Oxfordshire Women's Refuge:
"Please can you pass on a huge thank you to everyone involved in collecting toys for the children in refuge this year, your continued support is very much appreciated to Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Service. Your generous gifts have made a real difference to our woman and children and made a difference to their Christmas Day. The gifts also provide comfort to their mothers, who are only able to provide little in the way of gifts because of their current situation. Each child received a stocking filled with surprises, toys, sweets, vouchers and writing/colouring equipment and the pure joy on the children's faces was truly unforgettable."
The full letter can be viewed on our church noticeboards.

DIDCOT OUTREACH

Ridgeway Community Church Didcot will be doing a monthly outreach close to the Orchard Centre, starting on Saturday 11th February. Do pop by and say hi.

WALKING GROUP

Our next Walking Group walk takes place on Sunday 12th February. Meet at 2.30pm. See the website for more information.

GENERATION 2 GENERATION

CFW Numbers 18th –24th Jan

Y Club 9; Pebbles 11; Kids Church 11; YF 10
Fledgelings 34 adults & 39 children

Thank you to the 10 people who gave 30 hours of their time to serve. This excludes all the time given in preparation & attendance at Safeguarding training and in other planning meetings.

Verse of the week:

"Whoever receives one child like this in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me does not receive Me, but Him who sent Me." Mark 9:37



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"Whoever welcomes these children, welcomes me.
Whoever welcomes me, welcomes the One who sent me."

Safeguarding: Thank you to everyone who endured the cold to attend the training. And thank you to Heather House (our Safeguarding Officer) for organising the event. There was a lot to pack into 2 hours. It has given us much to think about - things that we're doing well, and things to improve on. If you would like a copy of the handouts, please contact Vicky in the office.

Prayer Spaces: We are pleased that Harwell Primary School have invited us to take part in their special week focusing on Mindfulness, starting 19th June. The following week in All Saints' we'll be doing a Prayer Space event for the whole community.

Situations Vacant: READERS for Harwell Primary School; CATERERS for YF; ASSISTANTS for Y-Club. Speak to Peter for more details



LEPROSY MISSION



Both our churches have supported The Leprosy Mission for a number of years by giving from funds administered by the PCC's, through collecting used postage stamps, through collecting loose change in money phials and through prayer. To mark World Leprosy Day on Sunday 29th January I am planning to send the money collected in our phials to The Leprosy Mission. If you have a phial that is ready to hand in, please would you give it to me? With many thanks for your prayers and support.
Rosemary Rolls
15 Elderfield Crescent,
Chilton

MESSAGE FROM TONY HUGHES

I am involved with a house clearance and there are various items that can be sold e.g. 32" TV, vacuum cleaner, recliner chair, heaters. Full list available on request. Telephone me on 01235 835301.

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 Spa Street, Chilton and Kings Lane, Harwell
- The three men awaiting trial in Sudan
- The new CAP Debt Centre in Didcot
- Those doing the CAP Money Course
- Greater Christian unity across the churches

Collect for 4th Sunday of Epiphany

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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.

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>

Do please also consider registering on our website if you have not already done so. This gives you access to more information and puts you on the list for occasional email updates that are sent out.