

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.

26TH FEBRUARY

Sunday before Lent

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

9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints'

11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's

6:15pm Holy Communion 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

12.30pm Chess Tournament
at St Matthew's Church Hall

1ST MARCH

Ash Wednesday

7.45pm Ash Wednesday Service at St Matthew's

5TH MARCH - EDUCATION SUNDAY

The First Sunday of Lent

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

9:30am All Age Service at All Saints'

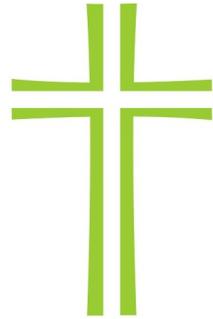
11:00am All Age Service at St Matthew's

6:15pm Evening Prayer at St Matthew's

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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 starts on Saturday 4th March in St Matthew's Church Lounge. 10.30am - 12.30pm. (3 sessions including 11th and 25th March). Book your place at capmoneycourse.org or ring Vicky on 834256.

The CAP Money course is designed to help people budget, save and spend well. It is a free course, open to anyone who'd like some ideas about getting their finances into shape.



ALL SAINTS' TREES

The two large chestnut trees at the front of All Saints' churchyard have become seriously diseased with blight and honey fungus. Sadly this means they will have to be felled, and this is scheduled for 9th and 10th March. Please be very careful if you visit the churchyard while the trees are coming down.

Unfortunately, because of Honey Fungus, most of the wood has to be taken away by the contractor.

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

Would you like to be Baptised or Confirmed?

Baptism marks the beginning of the Christian life and Confirmation the point in the Christian journey at which you affirm for yourself the faith into which you have been baptised and your intention to live a life of committed discipleship.



A number of people have expressed their desire to do this, and so we are planning to have a special service of Baptism and Confirmation, possibly in the late summer or autumn. The service would be led by a bishop and would be a great opportunity to invite family and friends to celebrate with us, as we ask God to give power through the Holy Spirit to enable the candidates to live in the way of Jesus. If you would like to find out more, please speak to Jonathan or Pam, or see <http://tiny.cc/conf>

2 PETER 1:3-7



His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.

GENERATION TO GENERATION

CFW Numbers 15-23rd February

Pebbles 4; Kids Church 17; Pathfinders 10
YF n/a (1/2 term); Y Club 9
Fledgelings 38 Children, 31 Adults

Thank you to the 14 people who devoted 28 hours to serve and 'train children to live the right way'. This excludes all the time given by people to plan Holiday Club or provide personal support.

Verse of the week: "Train children to live the right way, and when they are old, they will not stray from it."
Proverbs 22:6

Holiday Club:

We decided to put the theme for this year's holiday club to the vote. We polled the team and previous attenders. Amongst both groups there was a clear winner. I am able to announce that Holiday Club 2017 will be
....[Drum roll]Spy themed.



Kids Church Giving: Last term the children donated £26.81. They have decided to share this between 2 charities - Christian Hope International (£17.87) and Scripture Union (£8.94). It's great that they've chosen to support Christian missions working at home and abroad.

The Wisdom House: "Because you don't always have to learn the hard way." Care For The Family present leading author Rob Parsons sharing life lessons from around the world and across the generations. A great event to invite friends, family & neighbours to. Weds 15th March, Oxford. Tickets £4. Contact Peter or see HCChurches.org/news



Prize Chess Tournament: All ages and abilities are welcome to join our Chess Tournament **TODAY** at 12.30pm, at St Matthew's Church Hall. There will be prizes! Just turn up with some packed lunch.

LENT



Lent Begins Ash Wednesday

We invite you all to the first service of Lent. The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus, his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death and resurrection. Join us on **Wednesday 1st March, 7.45pm at St Matthew's Harwell.**

During the six weeks of Lent, let us spend more time in prayer and drawing nearer to God individually and as a church family. You are very welcome to join one of our homegroups who will be looking at a lent themed study. "At The Cross" a Cover to Cover Group study by Abby Guinness. Please contact Jean if you'd like to find out more about our homegroups: jeanvbarton@btinternet.com

WEBSITE

You can visit our website to find out about our various activities and groups, catch up on news, listen to sermons, access the members-only address book, find useful documents, and lots more: www.hcchurches.org

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 The Orchids, Chilton and North Drive, Harwell
- The three men who have been sentenced in Sudan
- The new CAP Debt Centre in Didcot
- 2017 Holiday Club preparations
- Those being baptised and preparing for Baptism, including Lottie-May who is being baptised at All Saints' Church today.
- Ourselves that we will be faithful in witness, active in service, and joyful in our praise

Collect for Sunday before Lent

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; 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.