

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.

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

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

12TH MARCH

The Second Sunday of Lent

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

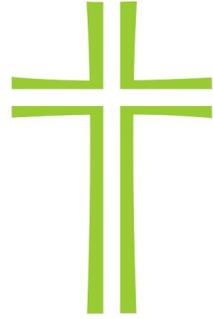
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If you would like to talk with the Rector about any matter, please contact Jonathan directly, or via the Church Office

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CAP MONEY

Our CAP Money course started yesterday, on Saturday 4th March in St Matthew's Church Lounge. 10.30am - 12.30pm. (3 sessions including 11th and 25th March). It's not too late to join! 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>



DIDCOT FOOD BANK



We have received an update from Didcot Food bank, which is available to read on the noticeboards at St Matthew's and All Saints', and on the news section of the website. HCChurches.org/news.

If you are thinking of collecting items for the Foodbank, here is a short list of the most urgent items needed at the moment:

Tinned meat, vegetables, fruit and rice pudding; UHT fruit juice and milk; rice, tea and coffee.

Many thanks again for your support of those who are in a situation where they need help with food, and although that is not good from a national perspective, we are where we are, and what you do is much appreciated.

As usual, you can drop off items for the foodbank at both Churches. Please clearly mark your items.

GENERATION TO GENERATION

CFW Numbers 24th Feb-2nd March

KC 12; Pathfinders n/a; Pebbles 13; YF 9
Fledgelings 33 adults + 41 children; Y Club 9

Thank you to the 15 people who donated 32 hours of time to serve the children and families work last week. This excludes all the people & time given in meetings & support roles.

Checkmate: There were 11 entrants in our first ever chess tournament last week, who all enjoyed the friendly competition. After over 2 hours of play there was a clear Grandmaster! Well done to Mark Johnston on his victory and runner-up Rowan Cockburn. There were many requests for the date of our next one - watch this space!



Testing Times:

Harwell Primary invited us in to lead an assembly about Lent. We watched how the Ikea Test

Lab tests their furniture for durability. If God had a test lab for people what kind of tests would He do? We wondered how we could test ourselves for things like courage, patience, commitment & honesty. And we left them pondering, what's the difference between a test & a temptation? What would you say?

Costa Coffee: We're grateful to Costa Coffee Community Support for match-funding our gifts to the local teachers on Education Sunday. They said, *"We are very passionate about developing positive relations at local level, thank you for all the hard work you doing in the community."*



Wisdom House: Final call for those interested in attending this enjoyable, informative & inspiring evening about family life (Wed 15th March, 7.30pm). Details at HCChurches.org/news, or on the Fledgelings Facebook page. Why not invite a friend or a neighbour with young children? Contact Peter to book.

8TH MARCH



Come along for Tea and Cake on Wednesday 8th March 2017

We will be serving tea and cake in Chilton Village Hall between 3:00pm and 5:00pm on **Wednesday 8th March**. All donations will go to the Rotary End Polio Now Campaign. Hope to see lots of you there!
Richard & Hazel



VERSE OF THE WEEK

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realise what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right."
2 Timothy 3:16

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 Paddock, Chilton and Orchard Way, Harwell
- The two men who have been sentenced in Sudan
- The new CAP Debt Centre in Didcot
- 2017 Holiday Club preparations
- Ourselves that we will be faithful in witness, active in service, and joyful in our praise

Collect for The First Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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.

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.