

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.

12TH MARCH

Second Sunday of Lent

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

9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints'

11:00am Morning Worship 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

19TH MARCH

Third Sunday of Lent

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

9:30am Holy Communion at All Saints'

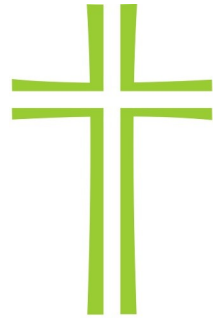
11:00am Holy Communion at St Matthew's

6:15pm Evening Prayer (BCP) at St Matthew's

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If you would like to
talk with the Rector
about any matter, please
contact Jonathan directly,
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St Matthew's Harwell
with All Saints' Chilton

GENERATION GOLD

Our next Generation Gold service is on Monday, 13th March at All Saints' Chilton. We'll be thinking about windows. After the service we'll be serving tea and cake. If you'd like more information please contact Pam on 834475.



EVERGREENS

Evergreens are meeting this week on Thursday, 16th March at St Matthew's Church Hall. We'll be hearing from Mr Rogers about 'The King's boxes and dots'. (A lively history of the Post Office). Evergreens is aimed at people of retirement age, but all are welcome. The talk is followed by delicious cakes and tea or coffee. Contact Gill on 831592 for more information.

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>

CAP VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Our new CAP debt centre is running some volunteer training 'EMPOWER' on **Saturday 25th March** from 2-6pm - venue to be confirmed. The training includes a little more information about what befriending might look like, exploring how to use your gifts and sharing your story. This would be appropriate for anyone who has signed up to volunteer with the centre, or anyone who is wondering whether or not this area of ministry might be for them. Contact suebright@capuk.org

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.

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

Pebbles, KC & Pathfinders - N/A (All Age Service)
YF - 14; Fledgelings - 45 children + 36 adults; Y Club - 11. Thank you to 10 people for the 24 hours of service.

Verse of the week: "Choose today whom you will serve ... But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15

Education Sunday: Thanks to everyone who donated so we could treat our teachers to a Costa Coffee voucher during the Education Sunday service. Between our congregations & the Costa Coffee foundation we've been able to bless each school with £85 worth of vouchers.



In the news: Family is the divinely ordained institution for raising, nurturing, disciplining, discipling & socialising children. There are a number of government proposals that will concern those who believe the Government should not usurp the God-given authority of parents. The issues are complex, but relevant recent developments include the following. In England & Wales compulsory 'Sex & Relationship Education' (sic) has been proposed for children from age 4+ with no mandatory right for parents to withdraw their children; in Wales it is proposed to criminalise parents who use corporal punishment; in Scotland the "Named Person" scheme (that many believe significantly diminishes the role of parents) is being resurrected. To find out how to pray and engage with these issues see care.org.uk or christian.org.uk and consider signing up for their news bulletins.

ALPHA COURSE

We are planning to run another Alpha course. Please contact Jonathan, Pam, Peter or Vicky if you'd like more information.



NOTEBOOK

There is a notebook available in St Matthew's, Church, on the table in the vestry to jot down any messages for the office. This will help Vicky in particular to collect on Monday morning, rather than trying to remember messages from Sunday services.

16TH SEPTEMBER

Keep the date!
Saturday,
16th Sept for
a day out to
the seaside.
Watch this
space!



MOTHERING SUNDAY POSIES



Liz Morris will be making the posies of flowers on Saturday 25th March and will be in the Chilton Church kitchen from 10am. If any one would like to help please come along.

If you would like to help make posies in Harwell, please contact Vicky in the Church Office for more information.

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 Thorningdown, Chilton and Reading Road, Harwell
- The two Christian men who have been sentenced in Sudan
- The Barnabas Fund
- 2017 Holiday Club preparations

Collect for The Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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.