

# RIDGEWAY BROADSHEET

May 2017



**Prof Sir Colin Humphreys**  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June**  
**6:30pm Buffet**  
**7:00pm Start**

Pickavance Lecture Theatre,  
Rutherford Appleton Lab,  
Harwell Campus OX11 0FA



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## CROSSING THE GAP

We have completed our second term of the Crossing the Gap project - that is two terms within our two churches of building a greater understanding of the relationship between science and faith. We're now coming towards the end of the project.

Family Science Club has been happening on the last Friday of the month, meeting at 4:30pm in the Harwell Church Hall. Our 'hands-on' science this term has involved code breaking, Venn diagrams, making predictions, investigating the properties of Ooblek and looking at how things can appear very different but be very similar - ice and water, frogspawn, tadpoles and frogs, grass seed and grass. We've had a great deal of fun - I think particularly all were captivated by the Ooblek (1:1 cornflour and water) which is solid and liquid and enabled us all to have a go at walking on water!



We've used our science to look at our faith. Our code breaking illuminated how we can piece together fragments of something we don't understand and find understanding. Just before Easter we used examples from nature to try and understand the Resurrection more clearly.

Every session concludes with a free meal shared together. It has been a delight to

welcome between 20 and 30 people to each session and to see parents and children together exploring science, learning about faith and having fun.

Each fortnight on a Thursday a science discussion group meet in the lounge at St Matthew's church to deepen our understanding of how science can guide us towards God and how God can guide us in our work as scientists.

The final stream of the project has been to invite guest speakers to the Harwell Campus to give a wider view on Science and Faith. We very much enjoyed the visit of Dr Ruth Bancewicz in February. She spoke to us about the great wonders we can see in Science and that these wonders can be pointers to the greatness of our Creator God. We look forward to welcoming Professor Sir Colin Humphreys in June to question with us whether a scientist can believe in miracles.

This project will be running until August so it is not too late to come to join in! If you would like to know more please email [carina.lobley@cantab.net](mailto:carina.lobley@cantab.net) or see [HCChurches.org/science](http://HCChurches.org/science)

Our Family Science Club Team consist of (from the left): Emily Baldcock, Medical Statistician; Liz Ryan, retired Doctor and therapist; Carina Lobley, Professional Bioscientist; Hazel Connelly, Nuclear Safety Expert; Alison Gale, retired school teacher; Sid Gale, retired computer programmer. Amanda Brummitt, Mechanical Project Engineer and Jonathan Mobey, Rector and Doctor, are part of the team but not in the photo below.



## RECTOR'S LETTER

"It's a disaster!" cried out one of my teenage children, clearly distressed. "What's wrong?" enquired their father, sympathetically, and with genuine concern. "The Wi-Fi\* has gone off!" came the reply. Paternal interest rapidly evaporating, my attention was drawn back to the interrupted task, but only for a moment as a further – slightly more significant – piece of information was passed my way. "And the power seems to be off, too." Now I was more interested. Had a fuse tripped? We had had problems with a kettle recently, and I wondered if the issue had recurred. But no, it turned out that the problem was not limited to our household, but a significant part of the village was without power, causing no small degree of domestic and commercial disruption. But other than an inability to keep up with social media for an hour or so, and having to make a cup of tea by boiling water over a gas ring rather than using a kettle, our household was not significantly affected by the short-term disruption to the power supply.

But the incident did get me thinking about what it is in our lives that we consider to be essential, how much we strive to keep those things in place, and how much we build our lives around them. For my teenage offspring, free Wi-Fi is considered a basic human need (and the main significance of electricity being to ensure that the Wi-Fi stays on). Most people across the world would consider something like clean water to be of greater importance, its absence for a relatively short time making human life impossible. But then how does one compare the importance of this to that of the very air we breathe, without which we could not last more than a few minutes? And what about the non-physical things, such as the safety and security of the place in which we live, from both hostile human forces and the forces of nature? What about the need for the care and companionship of other humans, and human love, even? How far would we get in life without them?

Many people will be familiar with Maslow's hierarchy of needs. Abraham Maslow was an American psychologist who proposed a theory describing how humans require fundamental needs (such as food and clothing) to be met, before intermediate needs (such as safety and belonging) can be addressed, which themselves need to be met before individuals are able to have their

'highest' needs (e.g. self-esteem and self-actualisation) met. Many people think in those terms, and of course it makes a lot of sense. How interested can someone be in studying literature or music if they don't know where their next meal is coming from?

But Jesus provocatively turns Maslow's famous pyramid on its head. Half way through his Sermon on the Mount, having taught about prayer and our attitude to possessions, Jesus says,

"I tell you not to worry about your life. Don't worry about having something to eat, drink, or wear. Isn't life more than food or clothing? [...] Don't worry and ask yourselves, "Will we have anything to eat? Will we have anything to drink? Will we have any clothes to wear?" Only people who don't know God are always worrying about such things. Your Father in heaven knows that you need all of these. But more than anything else, put God's work first and do what he wants. Then the other things will be yours as well."

Matthew 6:25, 31-33 (CEV)



Gosh. Challenging words! Is Jesus saying we should neglect our basic physiological and psychological needs, and go and sit on a mountaintop contemplating eternity?! No. The challenge he is giving is not to *worry* about the basic things of this life, but instead to direct our thoughts – and the actions and emotions that follow – to God who is our loving heavenly Father, who knows we need all these things, and is the ultimate source of them all. It is a question of putting God and his will first, rather than living life according to our own priorities. That is the life of the Christian disciple, and the only way to escape the tyranny of worry and to gain genuine self-realisation and fulfilment.

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\* Wi-Fi is the signal that enables devices like mobile smartphones and laptop computers to connect to the internet without a physical, wired connection

**SPY ACADEMY HOLIDAY CLUB**



Holiday Club will be returning to Harwell Primary School from Monday 14th - Friday 18th August. Thanks to a fantastic team of volunteers from Harwell and Chilton we'll be running the club from 9am-3pm each day. We have games, sports

(hopefully swimming this year), bible stories and singing. It is for children going into years 1-9 in September with an adapted programme for the older children. Each child will be in a team with children of similar ages and will receive a free T-shirt with their team logo on. In fact the whole week is free!

We had over 100 children for our Camelot Holiday Club last year and were oversubscribed. Priority places are given to children within the Harwell and Chilton parishes. Our theme this year, chosen by some of the children who attended last year, and some of our volunteers, is Spy Academy. Keep an eye on our Facebook and website pages for more information about registration. [HCChurches.org/holidayclub](http://HCChurches.org/holidayclub) and [facebook.com/HCChurches](https://facebook.com/HCChurches).



**SERVICES**

**MAY 2017**

<b>Services at All Saints'</b>		<b>Services at St Matthew's</b>
9.30am All Age Worship	7th May	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Morning Worship 6.15pm Evening Prayer
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship	14th May	11.00am Morning Worship
9.30am Holy Communion	21st May	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Holy Communion 6.15pm Evening Prayer (BCP)
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship	28th May	11.00am Morning Worship 6.15pm Holy Communion

**REGULAR EVENTS**

You can find details of all our regular events and meetings on our website [HCChurches.org](http://HCChurches.org). You can also pick up a welcome leaflet from All Saints' Chilton or St Matthew's Harwell for this information.



We also put information, and sometimes photos of our events on our facebook page: [facebook.com/HCChurches](https://facebook.com/HCChurches)

**OTHER EVENTS**

3rd May 8.30pm	Night Prayer, All Saints' Church
9th May 7.45pm	All Saints' Women's Group, All Saints' Church
11th May 7.30pm	Science and Faith Group, St Matthew's Church Lounge
18th May 2.30pm	Evergreens, St Matthew's Church Hall with Pam Frodsham
19th May 10.00am	CAP Money Course session, Didcot Baptist Church
20th May 3.00pm	Holiday Club Planning Meeting, St Matthew's Church Lounge
25th May 7.30pm	Science & Faith Group, St Matthew's Church Lounge
25th May 7.45pm	Ascension Day Service, St Matthew's Church
26th May 10.00am	CAP Money Course session, Didcot Baptist Church
27th May 10.00am	All Saints' Art Group, Chilton Village Hall

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptisms & Thanksgivings

*"Welcome to the Lord's family"*

Gracie Key  
Monty O'Reilly

### Funerals

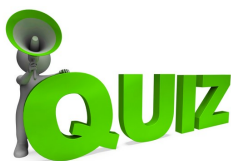
*"He who believes in Me will live"*

Sonia Lucie  
Bill Millar  
David Benn

## DIDCOT U3A

Didcot & District U3A is aimed at those of retirement age and boasts over 26 interest groups. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 2pm at Didcot Civic Hall and visitors are most welcome. 16th May David Tinker presents 'The World of Travel Posters - their diversity and how they influenced the tourist industry' and on 20th June John Caldicott will enlighten us on 'The Foundling Hospital - its history and the stories of the children taken in'. Contact [burscob@icloud.com](mailto:burscob@icloud.com).


## CRYPTIC QUIZ



The last Cryptic Quiz on the theme of American States and State Capitals was won by Barry Sadler from Harwell Village

with 100% scored and the best tie-breaker. Tying with the same score were Gill Riches from West Hagbourne, Debbie Davies, Barbara Anderson and Yvonne Sanderson (all Harwell) and Mollie Farmer (Chris Druce's Mum). It raised £202 which formed part of the Grand Total for the Quiz Night. The 45th quiz is now out and is on the theme of Beatrix Potter and is to raise funds for Christian Aid. Quiz sheets are available from Atomic Hair, Shea at the Rose and Crown and Judy Goodall.

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Christian Aid Week will be from Sunday 14th May to Saturday 20th May. The event starts in Chilton with the Grand Plant Sale. 

We have a number of volunteers who deliver donation envelopes to houses in Chilton and collect them a few days later. Some of our deliverers have moved away from Chilton so we need some more volunteers. Also we need some more volunteers to deliver to roads on Chilton Field. Every little helps - even if you are able to deliver and collect from just a few houses.

If you are interested in delivering/collecting donation envelopes in Chilton, please contact Hazel King.

## CAP MONEY COURSE



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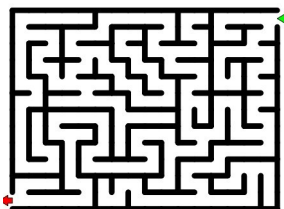
at the Waves Room

Didcot Baptist Church, Wantage Road, Didcot

For more information or to book, visit

[capmoneycourse.org](http://capmoneycourse.org) or call 01235 83 42 56

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## GRAND PLANT AND BOOK SALE

**All Saints' Chilton Women's Group**

**Grand Book and Plant Sale and Coffee Morning**

on  
**Saturday 13th May**  
10am to 12pm  
at  
**Chilton Village Hall**

Home produce    Coffee    Cakes    Books

Proceeds to **christian aid**


 HARWELL CHILTON CHURCHES  
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This annual event will take place on Saturday 13th May at Chilton Village Hall from 10am till 12 noon. Entry is free. We have an amazing range of good quality second-hand books, including a large number of children's books.

We will also have a wide variety of plants - annuals, herbaceous plants, small shrubs, young vegetable plants and herbs. We warmly welcome any donations of plants.

There will be yummy home-made cakes and tarts and other home produce. Come and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and a home-made biscuit and meet up with friends and neighbours.

The Gardening Club from Chilton School will be joining us, selling their own plants to raise funds for their club.

For all enquiries phone Judy Goodall on 01235 834503. The Saturday morning Market stalls including Manshed and The Old Farm Shop will also be there in the Village Hall on this occasion.

## HARWELL EVERGREENS

Harwell Evergreens meet every third Thursday of each month in

St Matthew's Church Hall and are always happy to

welcome new members. Evergreens is aimed at people of retirement age and our meetings consist of a talk followed by tea, coffee and delicious home made cakes.

We'll be meeting on Thursday 18th May at 2.30pm to hear from Pam Frodsham from Chilton, who will be entertaining us with monologues by Pam Ayres with a north country accent. Contact Gill Gay.



## CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT



All Saints Women's Group would like to thank everyone who supported the Quiz Evening on Saturday March 18th. The great profit made from the evening was £1,302. This meant that the two charities we supported – ROSY-respite nursing for Oxfordshire's sick youngsters – and Hamlin Fistula UK who provide free treatment for women in Ethiopia with obstetric fistula each receive £651.

The winner this time was a team comprising Frank Dumbleton, three members of the Williams family and two from the Friend family. Many Congratulations!

## GARDENING CLUB

Monday 8th May at Harwell Poppy Rooms, 7.30pm. Travels of a Dizzy Lady by Gwen Barton. Competition: Orchid.

Contact David Drummond on 821615.

## FAMILY SCIENCE CLUB TEAM

This month I dropped in on the FSC (Family Science Club) planning meeting to hear a bit more from the team. I asked them why they had wanted to get involved.

Liz – “I’ve really enjoyed thinking about science and God during the Thursday evening sessions, and I was interested to think about it with children. It’s really exciting to see how the sessions have worked – they’ve really dove-tailed the science and faith together in such a natural way.”

Alison taught science in a Catholic school, “so faith was always part of the teaching, and FSC been a great extension of that.”

Jonathan – “I was keen to show children that science and faith are compatible. You don’t need to choose between science or faith. It isn’t either-or. The sessions have been about blowing away that concept. Its been engaging everyone, both children and parents, and has been a gentle way of exploring faith.”

Carina had the original idea for FSC and she has really enjoyed the planning sessions which have always been great fun, and involved sharing a delicious meal.

Liz – “It’s been great to see toddlers, children, parents and grandparents at the sessions, its been really inter-generational.”

Emily – “The 3 year olds seem to have enjoyed being at the sessions, especially dropping eggs on the floor and making a mess.”

Liz – “There is a lot of fun, a lot of energy...”

Carina – “...especially with the rolling pins! I think we should find a way of using the rolling pins for another experiment as the children enjoyed using them to bash the ice cubes so much.”

Carina was originally worried about how the meals would work out – how we would manage to feed 30 people at the end of the session – but thanks to the gifts and skills of people in the church it has worked out really well.

Hazel – “Its been really nice to share science things in a relaxed environment with children. There has been more time and its been more relaxed than a classroom setting, and I’ve enjoyed doing it in a church context as well.”

Emily – “I wanted to come along to the FSC as a parent because we go to Church, and have a faith, but science has always been a separate thing. I liked the idea of how they fitted together. It looked like fun, and a mess that someone else would have to tidy up!”

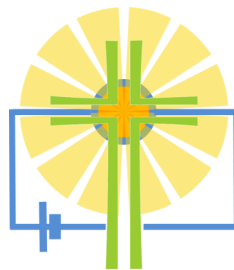
Carina - “Its been a whole lot of fun. When I arrive, I often have a headache after a week at work, but the children make you smile. I really like that it’s all ages, and that the parents stay with the children too.”

Alison – “Yes, its been great to see so much engagement between children and whoever is helping them.”

Carina - “There has been a lot of mixing around with children being helped by other adults at the club who aren’t their parents or carers which has worked really well.”

For a photo and list of the team, please see page 2.

The next Family Science Club meetings are on 26th May, 30th June and 14th July. We would love to see you there. Our team will also be making a special appearance at our Spy Academy Holiday Club in August.



Please send items to Vicky by the 2nd Wednesday of the month.  
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