

RIDGEWAY BROADSHEET

JUNE 2017



Pentecost

All Age Services
Sunday 4th June

9.30am All Saints' Chilton
11.00am St Matthew's Harwell



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ALL SAINTS' GRAND PLANT AND BOOK SALE

Many of you will know that there is a monthly charity stall in Chilton on the second Saturday of each month. And each year there is a grand sale in May in aid of Christian Aid. I went along for the first time to the newly named Grand Plant Sale and Book Sale and Coffee Morning on 13th May.



Photo: Frank Dumbleton

It was a great event supported by many people from Harwell and Chilton.

There must be many gardens that have been refreshed by new plants following the sale. I enjoyed great refreshment myself by having a Turkish Delight Rocky Road along with a cup of tea and a chat with a friend.

Christian Aid is a Christian organisation that insists the world can and must be swiftly changed to one where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty. It works globally for profound change that eradicates the causes of poverty, striving to achieve equality, dignity and freedom for all, regardless of faith or nationality. It provides urgent, practical and effective assistance where need is great, tackling the effects of poverty as well as its root causes. For more info see www.christianaid.org.uk.

We raised a tremendous total of £1,354.56 for Christian Aid.

Chilton School had a stall at the event and raised enough money to continue the School Garden for the coming year. Mashed and The Old Farm Shop were also at the event.

Look out for the event again next May, and our monthly Charity Stall at the Rose and Crown.

Thank you to Frank Dumbleton and Bob Girling for taking photographs. More can be seen online at www.gnilrig.smugmug.com/General-Photos/Around-About/Chilton-Plant-Sale-2017-/n-nfQ4cN



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FROM PAM ROLLS

Our two Churches are joining in a worldwide prayer initiative called 'Thy Kingdom Come' which gives us all an opportunity to pray for our families, friends and neighbours to come into a relationship with Jesus Christ. The words 'Thy Kingdom Come' are taken from the Lord's Prayer in which Jesus taught his followers to pray that God's will be done in the world. This initiative is taking place between Thursday 25th May (Ascension Day) and Sunday 4th June (Pentecost).

'Thy Kingdom Come' began in 2016 during the same 10 day period and was commended to the Church of England by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. It caught the hearts and minds of many Christians from a wide range of denominations and from many countries, so this year's event has been embraced globally with enthusiasm.

There will be a particular focus on 'Thy Kingdom Come' in our Services on Sunday 28th May at 9.30am at All Saints' Chilton and at 11am at St Matthew's Harwell. Do feel welcome to join us in our services, or join with us at home if you're not able to be present in Church.

See www.thykingdomcome.global for more information and some creative prayer ideas.



Later in June our two parishes will be leading 'Prayer Spaces' weeks and engaging in creative ways to pray.

Harwell School will host 'Prayer Spaces' for their pupils from Monday 19th to Friday 23rd June during the school day. For the first time, the Chilton 'Prayer Spaces' event will take place in All Saints' Church. It will be from Monday 26th to Friday 30th June, when children and adults will be welcome to visit 'Prayer Spaces' after the end of the school day and into the early evening. More details will follow soon so keep an eye on the Church website: HCChurches.org/news

If you'd like to be involved in 'Prayer Spaces' in either parish, please contact Peter Shields on 07467 038734 or peter@machparish.co.uk.

'Prayer Spaces' have become popular in Oxfordshire not only in schools but also in churches, community events and workplaces. If you've never heard of 'Prayer Spaces' or you are curious, come and see!

Both 'Thy Kingdom Come' and 'Prayer Spaces' are great opportunities to contribute to our Church life but also to grow in our own prayer lives as we engage with God in creative ways. Do please feel welcome to get involved in both of these initiatives.

Pam Rolls

Revd Pam Rolls
Associate Minister
Harwell and Chilton Churches

Mondays

9:30-11:30am Fledgelings Toddler group (term time) St Matthew's Church Hall
8.00pm Home group at 10 Jennings Lane, Harwell

Tuesdays

9.30am Home group (during term time)

Wednesdays

9:15-11:15am Fledgelings Toddler group (term time) Chilton Field Community Room
10.15am Home group (term time) at St Matthew's meeting room
1.45pm Home group (term time) at 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton
7.30pm Home group at various homes in Chilton Field
7.30pm Choir Practice at All Saints'

Thursdays

7.30pm Bell ringing at St Matthew's Church Tower
7.30pm Science and Faith Discussion Group (fortnightly) - see below right
7.45pm Home group at various homes in Harwell
8.00pm 1st, 2nd & 3rd Home group (term time)

Fridays

2.00pm Home group at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell

Saturdays

8.30am Prayer meeting both at St Matthew's and All Saints'

Sundays

Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church Hall

6:00-7:15pm for those in school years 7-9

7:00-8:15pm for those in school years 9-13

HOMEGROUPS

We believe that homegroups are a great way for people to get to know others in our churches, and to grow deeper in their personal faith and understanding of the bible. We have various groups happening during the week, daytimes and evenings, and would love to welcome new members to our groups. Do contact Jean Barton, our homegroup co-ordinator to find out more: jeanvbarton@btinternet.com.



| Services at All Saints' | | Services at St Matthew's | |
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| 9.30am All Age Worship | 4th June | 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am All Age Worship 6.15pm Evening Prayer | |
| 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP) | 11th June | 11.00am Morning Worship | |
| 9.30am Holy Communion | 18th June | 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Holy Communion 6.15pm Evening Prayer (BCP) | |
| 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship | 25th June | 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. 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

OTHER EVENTS

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| 3rd June 5.30pm | Service at Harwell Stone, Harwell Campus |
| 7th June 8.30pm | Night Prayer, All Saints' Church |
| 8th June 7.30pm | Science and Faith Group, St Matthew's Church Lounge |
| 11th June 2.30pm | Walking Group - see HCChurches.org/walking |
| 13th June | All Saints' Women's Group Outing to Wallingford |
| 14th June 6.30pm | Talk: Can a Scientist Believe in Miracles? HCChurches.org/science |
| 15th June 2.30pm | Generation Gold & Evergreens Summer Party, St Matthew's |
| 17th June 3.00pm | Holiday Club Planning Meeting, St Matthew's Church Lounge |
| 22nd June 7.30pm | Science & Faith Group, St Matthew's Church Lounge |
| 24th June 10.00am | All Saints' Art Group, Chilton Village Hall |
| 30th June 4.30pm | Family Science Club, St Matthew's Church Hall |

CHARITY MARKET

The Charity market on Saturday 10th June will be for the benefit of TAB – THE ABINGDON BRIDGE, a vital service that helps young people between the ages of 11 and 25 who do not know where to turn to for support and a non-judgmental ear. The market will take place in the Rose and Crown Car Park from 9am to 12noon. We welcome small white elephant items, home produce and books. In April we raised £425 in aid of Against Breast Cancer; a big thank you to everyone who supported us.

WALKING GROUP

Our next walk is on Saturday 11th June at 2.30pm. We'll be following a circular route along the Ridgeway above East



Hendred. The starting point for the walk is Scutchamer Knob car park (turn off the A417 heading to Wantage at East Hendred and follow the road through the village and up on to the Ridgeway for approx. 3 miles). We will be heading off from the car park at 14:30. The walk is approximately 3.5 miles although for those who fancy a more strenuous activity, there's the option of extending the walk to 5 miles by detouring into East Ginge. The route is along rough track, so please wear suitable foot wear and dependant on weather, bring a raincoat/sunscreen/sunhat/water.

We are meeting bimonthly on Sunday afternoons. All very welcome to join us. See www.HCChurches.org/walking

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC) MEMBERS

At the Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM), Alex Reich & Yvonne Sanderson (Chilton), and Christina Wood & Tim Paget (Harwell) were elected to serve as Churchwardens.

Elections were also held for Parochial Church Council (PCC) members, and following the APCMs and the first meetings of the PCCs the members of the Church Councils for Harwell and Chilton in addition to Jonathan Mobey, Pam Rolls, Jan Radford and the Churchwardens, are as follows:

Harwell PCC: Peter Barclay-Watt, Jean Barton, Lizi Bowerman, Hazel Connelly, Sid Gale, Martin Gibson, Tony Hughes, Andrew Keene, Becca Lewis, Frances Taylor, Michelle Walker, Jane Woolley. Deanery Synod: Gordon Gill.

Chilton PCC: Helen Brook, Phil Corbishley, Stuart Gibson, Steve Hale, Hazel King, Carina Lobley, Liz Morris, Carol Pigott, John Pigott.

PCC members meet 10 times during the year to discuss issues relating to the running of our churches. Do speak to PCC members, or Churchwardens if you would like something to be discussed.

ALL SAINTS WOMEN'S GROUP

Our annual outing this year is on Tuesday 13th June. We are going to Wallingford Castle and Museum with a talk by local historian Judy Dewey. The cost is £10 per head. Contact Judy Goodall on 834503.

HARWELL GARDENERS CLUB

June 5th Garden Visit to Wayside, Kidlington. Contact David Drummond on 821615; dave.drummond@hotmail.co.uk

FROM THE REGISTERS

Weddings

"Those God has joined together"

Katrina Baljasnikova and William Skaife



SCIENCE AND FAITH

Prof Sir Colin Humphreys will be coming to Harwell Campus on Wednesday 14th June to speak about whether scientists can believe in miracles. It is the third speaker event for our Crossing the Gap project. The event is free, but please book online http://tiny.cc/science_miracles or see HCCChurches.org/science.



DIDCOT HUSTINGS

Didcot Churches have arranged an election forum on Friday 2nd June at Didcot Civic Hall. All are welcome to come along and hear the candidates speak and answer questions. Doors open at 7.00pm for 7:30pm start.

U3A

On 20th June, John Caldicott will talk on 'The Foundling Hospital - the children who were taken in'. 2pm at Didcot Civic Hall. See www.u3asites.org.uk/didcot

D-DAY SERVICE

On the Saturday nearest to the anniversary of D-Day, an annual parade and service is held at the RAF Harwell Memorial Stone at the Harwell Campus. The stone marks the departure point for Servicemen who were amongst the first to land on D-Day. This is organised by the Royal British Legion (Harwell Branch) and supported by the Harwell Campus management.

This year's Service will take place on **Saturday 3rd June at 5.30pm**. Legion Standards, Service Standards and Cadet Forces will be present and assembling at 5.00pm following the adjacent Harwell Campus & Chilton Village Family Fun day. For those wanting to know more details of the Parade or Service or wishing to organize a wreath to lay during the Service can contact the Harwell Branch Ceremonial Officer Peter Davies on Harwell.committee1@RBL.community



GENERATION GOLD & EVERGREENS

Generation Gold Service & Evergreens Annual Summer Party takes place on Thursday 16th June at St Matthew's Church, Harwell at 2.30pm. There will be tea and a variety of homemade cakes after the service. Tel 834256.

INTERVIEW WITH JUDY AND JEREMY BURBAGE

Judy and Jeremy were living in Didcot with their two children Gemma & Kerry, when they decided that they'd like to have the girls Christened. Following their christening, Judy thought back to her own childhood, when a neighbour used to take her along to a local Baptist Church Sunday School. Judy was chatting about this to a friend one day, who suggested that they all come along to All Saints' Church in Chilton – where her friend usually went.

The first Sunday that they went to Chilton church, was a Christingle service and they sat in front of two missionaries who became great friends to Judy and Jeremy. As they came out of All Saints' that day, they noticed a house for sale, which they then bought and moved into 8 weeks later! This was back in 1985, and they've lived in Chilton ever since, though in a few different properties.

When they moved to Chilton they went to All Saints' fairly regularly, but after a while they began to feel discouraged and they stopped attending for a while. Chris Stott, who was the Rector at the time, visited Judy and Jeremy to ask how things were. Their marriage was going through a difficult time, and they were able to talk to Chris about this as he visited each week for a couple of months. Chris gave Judy a little leaflet at one of these meetings which had a prayer printed at the end that asked God for forgiveness, and a new life with Him. Judy told Chris that she would really like to say the prayer, and wanted to become a Christian, but that she would never be perfect.



Chris held out his arms and explained that Christ is a like a bridge to get to God. Jesus Christ was the perfect sacrifice, that provided a way for us to become friends with God. We just need to get onto the bridge. Both Judy and Jeremy then said the prayer, and started a new life with Christ, on that day. Judy says "Our relationship was healed. Life got harder in other ways, but without knowing God we wouldn't be together, and we wouldn't have survived financially – God provided!". In particular, Judy remembers a day when they only had £4 left in the bank and they got home to find a cheque from Judy's brother for £100 which saw them through. He hadn't ever sent them a cheque before, or since! There were also boxes of food that friends left for them. It was an amazing, though difficult time.

Judy & Jeremy have always prayed that God would lead them, and show them where to live and work. They feel that Chilton is the right place for them to be and they love the community spirit in the village, and that All Saints' is a big family of all ages.

They ran a B&B for a few years in Chilton, but now rent out rooms to lodgers as Judy is busy taking children to school at breakfast time – so couldn't provide the breakfast part. Before that, Judy was a mobile hairdresser for 39 years, but had to give up hairdressing when she had two shoulder operations and Jeremy ran an insurance business.

Judy and Jeremy love being part of Chilton village community, and part of All Saints' church family.

Please submit notices to Vicky via the website, by email or by phone.
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