

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.

## SUNDAY 4TH JUNE

#### Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

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

### Pentecost Celebration in Didcot

Churches in Didcot are meeting at the Orchard Centre outside Sainsburys this afternoon at 2pm for a Pentecost outreach event to praise God and bless the community. The event will include drumming flash mobs, giving our free fruit (cf Galatians 5) and a praise band. All very welcome to join in - but be there just before 2pm if you want to see the flash mob!

# SUNDAY 11TH JUNE

#### **Trinity Sunday**

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

# HARWELL CHILTON CHURCHES

## CONTACTS

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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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## WALKING GROUP

Join our bi-monthly walking aroup on Sunday 11th June for a circular walk on the Ridgeway. Meet at 2.30pm at 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. The route is along rough track, so please wear suitable footwear and - dependent on weather - bring a raincoat/sunscreen/sunhat/ water.

#### GENERATION GOLD

Please note that Generation Gold is on Thursday 15th June at 2.30pm at St Matthew's Harwell.

# SCIENCE & FAITH

Our next Science and Faith speaker event is coming up fast and promises to a great event! Professor Sir Colin Humphreys will be at the Pickavance Theatre, Harwell Campus on Wednesday 14th June. Buffet 6.30pm, start 7pm. Free event but please sign up online at http://tiny.cc/ science\_miracles or see HCChurches.org/science.



### DIDCOT FOODBANK NEWS

"We live in uncertain times - very much a cliché, and very true as we contemplate Brexit and politics around the world; here in Didcot we find ourselves classified as "the most normal town in England" by ASI Data Science, which has a ring of stability about it!

It's certainly true that the town reflects all strata of society, and it is really encouraging to see those who are relatively well off thinking of those who struggle, and taking action to help: in addition to the Foodbank donations that you collect regularly, individuals in the town are this year giving an average of 132 items a week via the collecting boxes kindly provided by Sainsburys at their main store checkout. In addition, Tesco donate any surplus ambient foods left over on Thursday evenings, the SOFEA warehouse on Trident Park kindly provide any fresh fruit, veg and other items that are available.

This is brilliant, for, as some of you know, demand so far in 2017 has not dropped very much after the Christmas season, i.e. we issued food for 215 in December, 176 in January, 204 in both February and March, 177 in April. We have been told that much of this will relate to benefit issues: delays, restrictions, deeper investigation of claims, and the six week wait for payment following a successful claim under the new Universal Credit. It will be interesting to compare experiences with other local foodbanks at next Wednesday's annual Oxfordshire Foodbank Forum.

Can I pass on to you the heartfelt thanks of those who use the Foodbank - when they thank us we tell them that it is you, the local people, who make it possible. Do please pass this on to your group.

What sort of things do we need at the moment? We are always running short of staples such as **tinned meat** and **vegetables**, and **rice**. Other items that are particularly welcome at the moment are **UHT milk**, **breakfast cereals** and **UHT fruit juice**.

We are also always pleased to welcome new volunteers."

Best wishes, Didcot Emergency Foodbank Team.

## GENERATION 2 GENERATION

**Prayer Spaces:** are being hosted at Harwell Primary School from 19-23 June and in All Saints' Church from 26-30 June. Please let Peter know if you'd like to be involved in this popular & significant event in the life our parishes.

#### **Spy Academy:** Holiday Club runs from 14-19 August at Harwell Primary School. We've got over 100

children asking to come



along, many of whom we saw at our Holiday Club last year. There are lots of ways to get involved - either at home preparing crafts, praying in the run up to the club, or during the week providing refreshments, games or an extra pair of hands. Do speak to Peter to find out more and find out how you can be involved.

# SEASIDE TRIP



Harwell and Chilton Churches are going to the seaside on Saturday 9th September! Tickets are now on sale! We have booked a coach to pick up from Harwell at 8.30am and Chilton at 8.40am. We aim to arrive in Bournemouth around 10.30am. The coach leaves Bournemouth at

6.30pm. For those who would prefer to drive and meet us there - we will provide a mobile number so that you can find us. We'll aim to have lunch (bring a packed lunch or get fish and chips) together on the beach and have some games in the afternoon.

Please contact Vicky for more details about the day. If you would like to reserve space on the coach please sign up on the list on the Church noticeboard or email Vicky: office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk

### HARWELL FEAST

Thanks once again to those who gave their time to serve on the Harwell Feast BBQ on Bank Holiday Monday. This is a stall which St Matthew's organises the manpower for, drawing on people both from the congregation and from the wider community. All the proceeds go to the Feast and the stall represents an important opportunity for us as a church body to contribute to this community endeavour.

We made c.£2,500 profit for Feast funds, or c.£53 per hour of each volunteer's time.

# CHILTON SCHOOL

Chilton School need help at Chiltonbury, a festival that helps raise essential money for the school. In particular they need volunteers to help at the refreshments stand in the main hall. If you can help for an hour on Saturday 8th of July please email Laura Gibson: laura.gibson2012@icloud. com. Thank you.



# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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# PRAYER FOCUS

*'...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 and Gaza
- Those that we know would come to faith in the Lord Jesus
- Those who live in Isis Close in Chilton and in Tyrells Close, Harwell
- Prayer Spaces coming to Harwell School and All Saints' Church this month
- For our young people, especially those taking exams in the coming weeks
- 2017 Holiday Club preparations

### Collect for Day of Pentecost

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, 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