

RIDGEWAY BROADSHEET

September 2017



Don't miss our special Spy Academy Family Service on
Sunday 3rd September
at Harwell School at 4.30pm
Followed by a spy-tacular BBQ
(free, but donations welcome)

You'll be joined by the leaders of The Decoders,
The Trackers, MI5, MI6, The CIA, The FBI and The KGB
Please RSVP to office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk



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SPY ACADEMY

We hope that the children who came along to our Spy Academy Holiday Club this year had an amazing time. We thought about being Daring, Selfless, Different, Courageous and Loving and completed a daily Secret Agent Mission. We also investigated our Agent Handbook (the Bible) and cracked the code to find our verse for the day. Our afternoons were full of activities; football, swimming, decopatch, robot programming, baking, hand bells, science, craft, board games, photography, croquet, drama, rounders and cricket!

'You may never know what results come from your action. But if you do nothing, there will be no result.' Mahatma Gandhi



All are welcome to join us for the Spy Academy themed Family Service at Harwell Primary School on Sunday 3rd September at 4.30pm. There will be free BBQ food after the service (free, but donations accepted). Please let Vicky know if you'd like to attend by emailing office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk or just turn up!



RECTOR'S LETTER

How are you? In my experience, that classic British greeting usually gives rise to one of two responses: "Fine, thank you", or "Busy". For many of us, 'busy' is normal and expected.

We live in a 24-7 "always on" society. We have moved a long way from the rhythms of nature, with sunrise and sunset defining and policing our hours of activity. The industrial revolution and the invention of electric lighting put paid to that. The always-on society has been advanced further by mass transportation, globalisation, and the world wide web, which connects us, at any time of day or night, to shopping, entertainment and even work.



It is not bad to be busy, and work can be fulfilling. Human beings are made to work. But excessive busyness can be damaging. Sleep deprivation is commonplace, and stress-related illness seemingly an unavoidable part of modern life. Rest is for our good. We work more effectively and happily when we are properly rested.

We are made in the image of God, who from the very beginning has been at work, but who is also described in Genesis as resting after - and taking time to enjoy - his work of creation. God wants us to be the same - to work, but also to rest. It is in fact one of the Ten Commandments that we should take time out of our busy working lives for rest and recreation, and

also to worship God. The Bible calls it 'Sabbath', and it is where we get our word sabbatical.

The Bible also prescribes for the Old Testament people of God an annual cycle of feasts and holidays, tied in to the agricultural year, to celebrate God's provision and their shared history. These are the forerunners of our modern holidays (or Holy Days), when we can step back from the regular patterns and

commitments to do something different and - hopefully - refreshing and life-enhancing.

Sabbaths and holidays are the antidote to rushing through life in a blur, and a foretaste of heaven. They are an

opportunity to stand back, to look around, and to look up to God who gives us the ability to work, but also blesses us with the gift of rest.

Jesus says, 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.' (Matthew 11:28-30).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan". The script is cursive and fluid.

Revd Dr Jonathan Mobey
Rector of Harwell with Chilton

SPY ACADEMY

HARWELL HQ: DAY 002

BRIEFING Code Word: **SELFLESS**



- Tell us about the people who sacrifice things to serve you.
- How could you put your parents & family first and honour them?

INVESTIGATION Agent Handbook ref: **Ruth 1 v1-18**

Who? What? When? Where? Why?



- > Why do you think Ruth's sister (Orpah) decided to go back to her own country? Would you have?
- > Would you give up something you wanted to do for others?

ULTIMATE HERO

Jesus said He came to earth to serve others (Mark 10 v 45). His life & even His death proved it.
Can you think how?



COMMUNICATIONS

- > Thank God for the heroes who serve & sacrifice for you every day.
- > Ask Jesus to help you serve others without wanting a reward



Secret Agent Mission

- Do a random act of kindness for someone at home or at Spy Academy.
- Learn the prayer of Saint Ignatius Loyola

Mission Completed ☐



Replace numbers with vowels

(1=A, 2=E, 3=I, 4=O, 5=U)

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"True heroism is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost." -Special Agent Arthur Ashe

Services at All Saints'		Services at St Matthew's	
9.30am Morning Worship	3rd Sept	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Morning Worship 6.15pm Evening Prayer	
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship	10th Sept	11.00am Morning Worship	
9.30am Holy Communion	17th Sept	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Holy Communion 6.15pm Evening Prayer (BCP)	
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship	27th Sept	11.00am Morning Worship 6.15pm Holy Communion	

OTHER EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

3rd Sept 4.30pm	Family Service & BBQ at Harwell Primary School
6th Sept 8.30pm	Night Prayer, All Saints' Church
9th Sept 8.30am	Coach trip to the seaside
9th Sept 8.30am	Ride and Stride around Oxfordshire Churches
11th Sept 2.30pm	Generation Gold service at All Saints' Chilton
12th Sept 7.45pm	All Saints' Women's Group, All Saints'
21st Sept 2.30pm	Evergreens, St Matthew's Church Hall
21st Sept 7.30pm	Science and Faith Group, St Matthew's Church Lounge
23rd Sept 10.00am	All Saints' Art Group, Chilton Village Hall

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



GENERATION GOLD

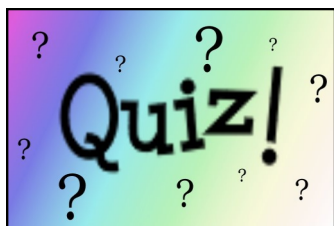
Our next Generation Gold service is on Monday 11th September at 2.30pm at All Saints' Chilton. The service will be around 40 minutes long and will be followed by light refreshments. Please contact Vicky in the Church Office if you would like a lift. Our theme in September is 'Tables'.



CHARITY MARKET STALL

Come along and join the Chilton Market Stall on Saturday 9th September between 9am and 12noon. We'll be raising money for the Oxfordshire Branch of Crohn's and Colitis Society. Thank you for everyone who supported the stall in August when we raised £300 for the Oxfordshire Branch of Motor Neurone Disease Association.

CHARITY QUIZ



The next cryptic quiz will be available from 9th September. Pick up your copy

at the Market Stall (see above) or contact Judy Goodall on 834503.

HARWELL GARDENERS CLUB

4th September 7.30pm at the Harwellian. Opening Your Garden for the National Garden Scheme with Ann Dawson. Comp: Photo of a Yellow Book Garden. Produce Show on 9th September. Contact David Drummond on 821615; dave.drummond@hotmail.co.uk

EVERGREENS

Meeting at St Matthew's Church Hall on Thursday 21st September to hear from Mr Brian Lowe on The Oxford of C S Lewis. Talk followed by tea, coffee and cake. Contact Gill Gay on 831592.



RIDE & STRIDE

This year the Oxfordshire Historic Ride and Stride is on Saturday 9th September.



This is a county-wide bike ride, horse ride or walk where people are sponsored to check in at as many churches as they can, enjoying refreshments and some of Oxfordshire's most stunning scenery as they go. Money raised will be shared equally between the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust which gives grants to churches needing help with restoration or renovation work, and the church of your choice. Please collect a sponsor form from All Saints' or St Matthew's. See www.rideandstrideuk.org

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

"He who believes in Me will live"

Mary Denton

Ann Harris

Baptisms

"Welcome into the Lord's Family"

Noah Phipps

Willow Dunsdon

DIDCOT FOODBANK

Didcot Emergency Foodbank always needs non-perishable goods. There is a list of items required in both church porches. Please leave donations in either of our churches. Users of the Food Bank are incredibly grateful for the help that they receive through the food parcels. Thank you.

PETER SHIELDS

Peter Shields has just completed his 3 year contract with Harwell and Chilton Churches. We are so thankful for all the amazing things he has done as our Children and Families Worker. Holiday Club has provided some highlights, from a Secret Agent this year, to Sir Random Finds, Sir Dancelot, and Professor Heinz. We are delighted that the Shields family have no plans to move away.



JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Join us for a 6 week series from 10th September where we'll be thinking about how to come alongside and care for one another more.



We'll be challenged to think about some of the reasons why we might not stop to help someone in need, how we can bring hope to difficult situations and how to be in step with the Spirit to bring healing.

Weekly notes will be uploaded to our website so that you can join us on this journey from home.

See [HCChurches.org/journey](https://www.HCChurches.org/journey).

He comes alongside us when we go through hard times, and before you know it, he brings us alongside someone else who is going through hard times so that we can be there for that person just as God was there for us.

(2 Corinthians 1:4, The Message)

ALL SAINTS' WOMEN'S GROUP

All Saints' Women's Group is open to all ladies in Harwell and Chilton. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 12th September at 7.45pm at All Saints' Church Chilton. We'll be hearing from the Respite Nursing for Oxfordshire Sick Youngsters followed by light refreshments. Contact Judy Goodall on 834503.

INTERVIEW WITH MICHELLE WALKER

Michelle grew up in Harwell as a child and attended Harwell Primary. After a brief period of living in Upton, Michelle is back in the village with her husband Stuart and two sons Sammy & George. Michelle says "It's great to be back in the village I loved so much as a kid!"

As you spend lots of time with children during term time as Manager of the After School Club, why do you give up a week of your summer holiday to help at Holiday Club?

I love spending time with children, they have such a different way of looking at things and things are never dull! Holiday Club is such a unique experience and has a fantastic atmosphere, I think I enjoy it as much as the children because I get to do things that I wouldn't ordinarily do every day and I get to talk about my faith which I am passionate about. This is my sixth year doing Holiday Club now and it's a week in the holidays I look forward to knowing it's going to be so much fun.

What have you been doing at Holiday Club?

This year I have been leading with the help of my fabulous assistant Clive, a group of 11 CIA agents who made excellent spies! Music is another passion of mine and I have the pleasure of using it in the Holiday Club band. I love watching the children really engage and enjoy themselves from the stage, joining in the songs and following the actions. They soon let you know if they like something or not!!

What is your highlight from Spy Academy?

It's so hard to pick out any one highlight because there have been so many!! But if I had to pick out any from the week it would have to be the leaders' "dance off" that was so much fun - what I lack in skill I make up in enthusiasm! I loved watching my agents putting together their secret spy invention. They had so many great ideas which they managed to find a way to work. James Bond would be lucky to have any of them as his quartermaster. A special highlight has to be working with Charlotte Orr and being the subject of the children's spy themed photo compositions. Many families around Harwell and Chilton will have a picture of me on their wall this summer.



Photo by Charlotte Orr

Is Holiday Club similar to 'Kid's Church' at St Matthew's on Sunday mornings?

We try to bring Kid's Church (which runs on Sunday mornings at 11am at St Matthew's Harwell) to Holiday Club but on a much larger scale! Holiday Club is a week long party of fun, games, creativity, teaching & quiet time, Kids Church is a condensed version: we play games, we act a bit silly, we sing and jump about, and we learn about Jesus and what the bible says. The great thing about Kids Church is that it runs every week. Without our fantastic volunteers who give their time neither would be possible. There is also a children's group that runs at All Saints' Church in Chilton on Sundays at 9.30am called Pebbles.

If you would like to know more about Kids Church or Pebbles, please get in touch with Vicky in the Church Office.

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