

# 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.

## SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

### Remembrance Sunday

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

9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints'

10.45am Act of Remembrance at Harwell Memorial

11:15am Morning Worship at St Matthew's

Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church Hall

7-8.30pm for 11-18 year olds

## SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

### 2nd Sunday before Advent

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

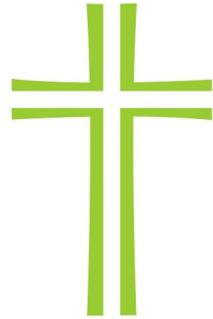
9:30am Holy Communion at All Saints'

11:00am Holy Communion at St Matthew's

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

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CHURCHES**

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If you would like to  
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about any matter, please  
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or via the Church Office

St Matthew's Harwell  
with All Saints' Chilton

## EVERGREENS

Thank you to everyone who supported the Evergreens Coffee Morning last Saturday. We made £267 for the work of Evergreens.

The November meeting at St Matthew's Church Hall, Harwell is Canal Boat Painting.

There is still space on the coach to Milton Keynes on 23rd November at a cost of £12 per person. People who don't normally attend Evergreens are welcome. Please contact Gill Gay on 831592 for more info.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

There are some Christmas Cards for sale at All Saints' Chilton. Each pack of 5 for £3. Proceeds to All Saints' Church funds. Please speak to John Berry or Pam Rolls for more information.

## ALL SAINTS' CHURCHYARD

A enormous thankyou to all those who helped out in the churchyard on Saturday 4 November (plus those who were clever enough to pre-empt the rain and turned out on Friday!) Despite the wet weather a lot was achieved including weeding, ivy removal from trees and walls, chopping back brambles and nettles and of course several tons of rather wet leaves. The effort and results are much appreciated.

## NEARLY NEW TOYS NEEDED

BALSAM FAMILY PROJECT CHRISTMAS APPEAL Please could you help Balsam by donating Children's NEW (or good-as-new) Toys & Books for Balsam's stall at: DDCOT CHRISTMAS STREET FAIR on Thursday 30 November. Please bring donations to All Saints' Chilton and St Matthew's Harwell by Sunday 19 November.

## ST MATTHEW'S CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Since 2000, the St. Matthew's tower has been floodlit at Christmas and the cost of this, nearly £5 per day, has been covered by specific donations. We hope that again the inhabitants of Harwell will want to see their church tower lit up this Christmas and we would welcome your contributions in £2 coins, which can be put in the wall safe just inside the door, any time during November. All £2 coins put here will be used for the floodlighting and will not be put into the general church funds. Thank you.



## CAP VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Have you thought of getting involved in the Debt Centre's work? Could you be a friend to one of our clients while they pay off their debts? Have you wondered what it might involve? Then **Empower Training** is for you! This training looks at the role of a debt centre volunteer, what it means to befriend a client and how to use your skills to support the Centre's work.

For those who wish to join the visit team (or those already involved!) - supporting the debt coaches and clients through the process of setting up a debt management plan - there is **Journey Out of Debt training**. A chance to explore the role further, to understand the process CAP works through and what is required, and to consider how we share our faith with clients. This session is running on **Saturday 9th December from 9am-1pm** (venue TBC)

If you'd like to know more or plan to attend, please contact Sue Bright on 07741 472182 or [suebright@capuk.org](mailto:suebright@capuk.org).

## SPRING HARVEST 2018

Several of our church family have booked to attend Spring Harvest at Butlins Minehead on 3-8 April next year (the week following the Easter weekend). Spring Harvest is a fun-filled, inspiring experience for all ages, so do consider booking to go along at the same time. But hurry – there are very few spaces left. [www.springharvest.org](http://www.springharvest.org). If you do book, please let Jonathan know.



## #GODWITHUS

God With Us is a short, colourful booklet for Christmas that explores the Christian faith. It offers 13 simple reflections that unpack the constant refrain of Christmas readings and carols – that God is with us. It makes an ideal gift and we'll soon have some copies available for you to hand out to friends and family and use at home. If you use twitter, keep an eye out for the #Godwithus campaign.



## PRAISE & PRAYER

Didcot & District Churches are having a Praise & Prayer Service at Didcot Baptist Church on Sunday 19th November 6.30pm. All very welcome.

Didcot & District  
Praise & Prayer

## FLEDGELINGS

At Fledgelings this week we were thinking about different kinds of weather. We thought, and sang about, rain, sunshine, thunder and snow and thanked God for it all. In our craft time we made brightly coloured pinwheels. We just need a nice windy day to properly test them now!



## CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Harwell Celebration Choir will be meeting this evening (Sun 12th Nov), and in the coming weeks to practice for Christmas carol services. We would love to have more people join us - please speak to Anne Cockburn, Kate Evans for Vicky Johnston for more information.

## NIGHT HIKE

Join us on Friday 24th November for a night hike. Meet at 6.30pm just south of Ellaways Barn, half way up Newbury Road out of East Hended. The walk is 1.5 miles and is completely off road. Boots or wellies required if wet, otherwise trainers are okay. Warm clothes and waterproofs advisable. Pick up from 8.00 up at the Ridgeway at Scutchamer. Feel free to bring any treats (flapjack, bonfire toffee, other specialities). Contact Tim Paget or Vicky Johnston for more information.

## 21ST JANUARY

**SAVE THE DATE!** On 21st January we'll be having a commissioning service for our new Children and Families Workers Sarah Barrett and Melanie Shields. We will then be having a bring and share lunch at Chilton Village Hall. All very welcome to join us!

## 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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## 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 and Gaza
- Those who live in Townsend Chilton and in Gaveston Road in Harwell
- Comfort for people who are hurting because a loved one has died.
- The work of Christians Against Poverty, and all those in debt in our parishes
- Help us to grow closer to one another and to God as we journey together

### A Prayer for the Armed Forces

Almighty God, stretch forth your mighty arm to strengthen and protect the armed forces: grant that meeting danger with courage and all occasions with discipline and loyalty, they may truly serve the cause of justice and peace; to the honour of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Collect for the 3rd Sunday before Advent

*Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; 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>