

# 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 3RD DECEMBER

### 1st Sunday of Advent

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

9:30am All Age 'Toy' Service at All Saints'

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During our annual 'Toy Services' today we will be supporting Oxford Women's Refuge with gifts for mothers to give to their children on Christmas Day. This year our focus is on donating gifts suitable for teenagers, new and unwrapped. For more information see <http://HCChurches.org/toy>. In Chilton, there is also an opportunity to give towards the work of SeeSaw, a local charity supporting bereaved children and families.

6:15pm Evening Prayer at St Matthew's

Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church Hall  
7-8.30pm for 11-18 year olds

## SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER

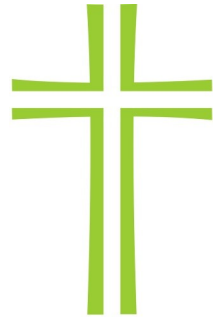
### 2nd Sunday of Advent

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

9:30am Morning Prayer (BCP) at All Saints'

11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's

Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church Hall  
7-8.30pm for 11-18 year olds



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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

St Matthew's Harwell  
with All Saints' Chilton

## #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 for friends and family and use at home. Please take one or more if you can use them, and you may like to consider reimbursing the £1 cost. If you use twitter, keep an eye out for the #Godwithus campaign.

## CHILTON CAR PARKING

Please note that next Sunday, 10th December, there will be a big event at Chilton Village Hall, which means that the car park is unlikely to be available for those coming to the 9.30am service. It should be available for the Carols Services later that day, however.

## NARNIA PRAYER SPACE

The Narnia-themed Prayer Space planned for Chilton Garden Centre on 14-16 December will not be going ahead this year, but we hope to do something similar in the future.

## CHILTON PRODUCE MARKET

On Saturday 9th December Chilton Produce Market will be held at its new venue on Craft's End Green between 9am and 12noon. Come along and join in the festive atmosphere with mince pies and mulled wine. The Charity we will be raising funds for is the Oncology Unit at the Churchill Hospital.

The November Charity Stall raised £350 for SeeSaw.

We would like to thank Shea for allowing us so generously to use his car park for the last six years and we look forward to seeing you all on Craft's End Green.

## ST MATTHEW'S RE-ORDERING

We have now received a Faculty (permission) to replace the pews at St Matthew's with 200 'Abbey' chairs and to carpet the floor. We are now starting to look at planning the work in detail – what all the various associated tasks are, the order in which they should be undertaken, and when and what manpower will be required.

The full cost of the project is £59,000. We have already raised/secured £31,500, and the PCC has underwritten £15,000 from a legacy received, but we still have £12,500 to raise. Would you please consider donating towards this, for example by sponsoring a chair? See separate fundraising leaflet for further information.

## FLEDGELINGS NEWS



This week at Fledgelings we've been thinking about journeys, specifically Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. We learned that God took care of them on their journey and we can ask Him to keep us safe when we travel too.

In our craft time we made these amazing boats and had great fun decorating them. Apparently they float very well in the bath too!

Thursday after school All Saints' was a noisy, glittery hive of activity. We had 20+ children from Fledgelings and Pebbles making Christmas decorations before proudly placing them on the tree. The Christmas tree certainly looks very colourful and sparkly!

## 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.



## CHRISTMAS TOGETHER



We are looking for volunteers to help at our Christmas Together Lunch at Chilton Village Hall. Last year we served 50 lunches, and we'd love to do so again this year. Please speak to Alison Gale or Vicky Johnston if you'd like to help. If you'd like to attend the lunch please book your

place with Vicky in the Church office. Tel 834256 or [office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk](mailto:office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk)

## CAP VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Have you thought of getting involved in the Debt Centre's work? For those who wish to join the visit team (or those already involved!) 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**. For more info please contact Sue Bright: 07741 472182 [suebright@capuk.org](mailto:suebright@capuk.org)

## DIDCOT FOODBANK

The Didcot Food Bank are short of supplies for Christmas and are asking for help to give the area's struggling families a proper treat and ensure nobody goes hungry.

Pasta, rice, tea and tinned tomatoes are especially needed. Didcot Food Bank is hoping to offer Christmas hampers with puddings and mince pies.

Please leave your donations in All Saints' or St Matthew's and we'll take them to the Foodbank.

Thank you.  
Margaret & Mel Gibson

## 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!



## Harwell Village Hall Needs YOU!

### Donate £5 or more and see it double!

Between 12 noon on 28th November and 12 noon on 5th December, go to [www.harwellvillagehall.co.uk/the-big-give/](http://www.harwellvillagehall.co.uk/the-big-give/) OR [thebiggive.org.uk](http://thebiggive.org.uk) with your credit or debit card and donate to the **Harwell Village Hall Performance Arts Project**. Anything you can afford to give (min £5) will be matched through The Big Give and will be worth double to us! *Be part of it!*

**theBigGive.org.uk**  
*helping your donations go further*

## 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>

## 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...

- For the physical and emotional healing of all victims of domestic abuse.
- For the courage of parents and children to make the brave decision to leave their homes, schools, friends and support networks to be free of domestic abuse
- For all children to live in a safe and caring environment and to not be exposed to or witness abuse
- For all perpetrators of abuse to recognise the harm they cause, and the determination to seek support to change
- For the continued strength, passion and resilience of the workers at Oxford Women's Refuge to continue to do the amazing work that they do

### *Collect for the 1st Sunday of Advent*

*Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

### *Alternative Collect*

*Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. 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>

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