

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 4TH FEBRUARY

The Second Sunday before Lent

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

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

11:00am All Age Christingle Service at St Matthew's

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 11TH FEBRUARY

Sunday before Lent

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

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

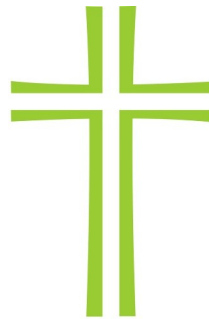
9.30am Pebbles Family Worship at Chilton Village Hall

10.30am Kites & Coffee at Chilton Village Hall

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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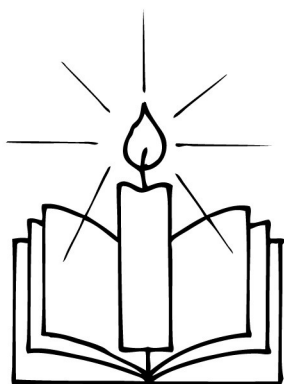
14TH FEBRUARY

This year, Ash Wednesday is on Valentines Day. We'll have a communion service at All Saints' Chilton at 7.45pm.



Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday

PSALM 119:105



"Your word is a lamp
for my feet,
a light for my path"
Psalm 119:105

CPCC

Please pray for all our PCC members as they meet for a Combined PCC meeting on Tues 6th February.

11TH FEBRUARY WALKING GROUP

This 4.25 mile walk follows the Ridgeway Circular Route around White Horse Hill near Uffington, starting and finishing in the National Trust car park for the hill. It should take about 2 hours to complete. Dogs and children are welcome, although there is a short section of roadside walking and dogs must be kept on their leads for some sections because of grazing animals and game birds. White Horse Hill is a great place to fly a kite (see opposite)

For those who would prefer an easier walk there is a pleasant stroll on a good path from the NT carpark to Wayland's Smithy, a Neolithic chambered long barrow dating from about 3590 BC. This is a linear walk - come back the way you go.

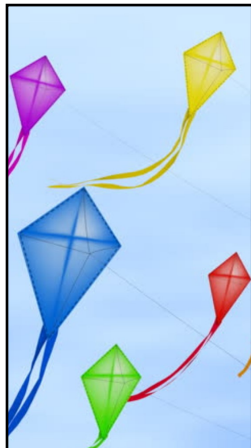
We will meet at the NT White Horse Hill car park to start the walk at 2.30pm. As always, bring water to drink and wear clothing suitable for the conditions. Waterproof footwear is strongly advised. See HCChurches.org/walking for more information.



ST MATTHEW'S TOWER

There is a suspect section of plasterwork halfway up the west face of the tower of St. Matthew's that we need to inspect with the help of the church architect. It was first noticed when the floodlights were being put up early in December. It will take some weeks to arrange for an inspection at close quarters since it is 10 metres up from the ground and care will have to be taken that the inspection is done safely and does not itself damage anything. In the meantime, temporary fencing has been put up.

11TH FEBRUARY IN CHILTON



Next Sunday we'll have our first Pebbles Family Service at Chilton Village Hall at the same time as our BCP Service of Morning Prayer in All Saints' Church, 9.30am.

All Ages welcome for a family friendly time of informal and relaxed singing, story, prayer and kite making.

Coffee & Kites

At 10.30am everyone will gather together at Chilton Village Hall for refreshments and kite flying! Fly the kite you made in the Pebbles service or bring one along.

ST MATTHEW'S RE-ORDERING

We are delighted that the carpet has now been fitted and we have received some of the new chairs. The rest of the 200 'Abbey' chairs are due mid February.

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.

UGANDA TRIP



Yvonne Sanderson has a friend who will be visiting projects in Uganda that she has links to. If you can donate any of the following: school shoes (all sizes), new underwear boys/girls, children's shorts, football kit, school bags, please contact Yvonne at yksanderson@yahoo.co.uk or on 07930 998221.

SCIENCE & FAITH

"Explaining Religion (away?)" A talk by the Revd Dr Jonathan Jong on Thursday 8th February, 7.30pm, at Ripon College Cuddesdon. Free entry, all welcome.

If you would like a lift to the event please email Rector@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk

LEPROSY MISSION

Harwell and Chilton Churches support the Leprosy Mission. 57 year old Easter has been greatly helped by the Mission. She lives on the outskirts of Delhi. Leprosy has left the mum-of-four unable to work as she has numb hands and feet as a result of nerve damage. Coming from a leprosy affected family Easter would have been left in a desperate situation 10 years ago when her husband died. The Leprosy Mission however provided education and training for Easter's children and they now support her. She said, 'Without the Leprosy Mission I would probably be begging on the street and homeless, but I thank God for leading me to a dignified life.' To find out more about the Leprosy Mission you can go to their website: leprosymission.org.uk Nicola Barclay-Watt

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 2nd 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...

- Those who live in Gore Hill in Chilton, and in North Drive in Harwell
- For Sarah Barrett and Melanie Shields as they begin as our Children and Families Workers
- For the work of The Leprosy Mission, this month's World Mission Focus
- For CAP Debt Centre in Didcot & Wallingford, specifically two families that are facing eviction through debt and are in great need. Please pray that they will know God's love at this time.

The Leprosy Mission Prayer

Almighty Father, the giver of life and health, look mercifully on those who suffer from leprosy. Stretch out your hand to touch and heal them as Jesus did during his earthly life. Grant wisdom and insight to those who are seeking the prevention and cure of the disease; give skill and sympathy to those who minister to the patients; reunite the separated with their families and friends; and inspire your people with the task set before The Leprosy Mission, that it may never lack either the staff or the means to carry on its healing work, in accordance with your will, and to the glory of your holy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for 2nd Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, 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>

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