

# 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 11TH FEBRUARY

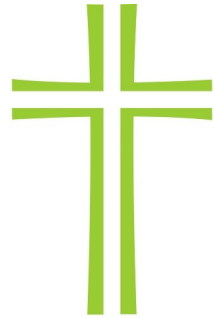
### Sunday before Lent

- 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

## SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

### The first Sunday of Lent

- 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
- Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church Hall  
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If you would like to  
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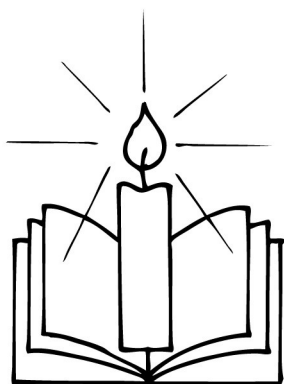
St Matthew's Harwell  
with All Saints' Chilton

## 14TH FEBRUARY

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



PSALM 119:105



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

## 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](http://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.

## FLEDGELINGS

At Fledgelings this week we finished our topic of Creation. We made some wonderful animal masks and learned in our "See & Know" time that on day 6 God made animals and people and on day 7 He rested (as we are doing next week during half term when there is no Fledgelings!).

The children also made Christingles and we thought about what each of the parts meant.



## 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.

## PARISH GIVING SCHEME

This Sunday our church Treasurers, Stuart and Peter, will be reporting on our annual accounts for 2017 and our budget for 2018. We will also be launching the 'Parish Giving Scheme' (PGS), which is a new way to organise regular, planned giving to All Saints' or St Matthew's. Whether or not you already give regularly,



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please would you consider registering with PGS to support the work of the church?

## MENS OUTING

Philip Garner is organising a visit to the RAF museum in Hendon for men on Saturday 24th February. Entrance to the museum is free, but there is a parking charge. Contact Philip for more information and to arrange lift share.

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rafmuseum.org.uk/london/

## MARK 9 : 2 - 8

*After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)*

*Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"*

*Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.*

## 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...

- Those who live in Hillpiece in Chilton, and in Orchard Way 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 the Sunday before Lent*

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; 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>