

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, and for which there is no charge! Please see the back page for useful information for visitors

SUNDAY 25TH MARCH

Palm Sunday

Holy Communion (BCP) at All Saints' 8:00am 9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints' 11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's Holy Communion at St Matthew's 6:15pm Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church Hall 7-8.30pm for 11-18 year olds

HOLY WEEK

Thursday 29th March

Maundy Thursday service St Matthew's 7.45pm

Good Friday 30th March

8.30am Procession from Chilton Field 9.30am 'At the Cross' at All Saints' 11.00am 'At the Cross' at St Matthew's

Saturday 31st March

8.00pm Easter Vigil at All Saints'

SUNDAY 1ST APRIL

Easter Sunday

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's 9:30am All Age Communion Service at All Saints' 11:00am All Age Communion Service at St Matthew's 6:15pm Evening Prayer at St Matthew's No Youth Fellowship - Returning on 22nd April



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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

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Rolls for St Matthew's Harwell and All Saints' Chilton are being revised in the period 1st March to 25th March inclusive. The Electoral Roll is your Parish Church's Register of Electors, the list of those qualified to vote at the Church Annual General Meeting at which the Parochial Church Council and Deanery Synod representatives are elected. You need to be on the Flectoral Roll for at least 6 months to be a PCC member or Churchwarden. If you are already on the Electoral Roll you do not need to re-register.

For St Matthew's Harwell forms (form E2) may be obtained from the table at the back of church, and completed forms should be placed in the wall box near the main door. For All Saints' Chilton forms may be obtained from Gordon Cowan (telephone 831932) or from All Saints' Church (blank forms in the red envelope at the base of the font), and completed forms should be returned to Gordon or placed in the yellow envelope at the base of the font.

Forms should be returned no later than Sunday, 25th March.

All are welcome to attend our Church Annual General Meetings which are at 10.20am on 22nd April at Chilton and 11.50am on 29th April at Harwell.

CHRISTINE PERKINS

St Matthew's Harwell and All Saints' Chilton have been supporting Christine Perkins for 30 years while she worked as a missionary in South Sudan. Christine returned to the UK in 2017 to take care of her mum, who died in February 2018. See the back page for a few prayer points, including for Pastor Hassan who is now living in the US with his family.



EASTER TRAIL



We are running the Easter Trail again this year over the Easter weekend. (30th -31st March)

Please pray that people would engage with the posters and enjoy the trail.

If you would like to donate Easter Eggs to hand out as prizes on Easter Sunday morning - please leave these at St Matthew's and All Saints', clearly marked for the Easter Trail. Thank you!

ALPHA UPDATE



Harwell and Chilton Churches will be running an Alpha course after Easter. The course is a great way to explore Christianity with some

very well presented films and group discussion. Please speak to Jonathan, Pam, Sarah or Melanie if you are interested, or email Vicky at vj.HCChurches@gmail.com See www.alpha.org

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Kids Church

At Kids Church every week the children have the opportunity to ask any questions they have relating to faith, Jesus, the Bible etc. How would you have answered these tricky questions from last week?

Why did Satan turn evil?

Why did God choose man over all other animals? Why did God banish Satan and make him the devil? Answers on a postcard to the Kids Church leaders!

Fledgelings

At Fledgelings this week we waved homemade palm leaves and shouted "Hosanna!" as we learned about Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey.



Continuing the Palm

Sunday theme in our craft time we made donkeys as you can see in the picture.

Holiday Club



We're looking not just for "mummies" but also daddies and anyone else to come and help at this years Holiday Club. No previous experience or expertise required, though if you can "walk like an Egyptian" that would be a bonus! May be you think Holiday Club isn't for

you. Don't be in "deNile", we can find a job for you! We need people to be Den Leaders and Assistants, lead sport and craft activities, make refreshments, supervise the playground, preparing things for Holiday Club in advance....many different jobs that we "sphinx" you'll be great at.

Holiday Club is running from the 20th to 24th August this year. Please speak to Sarah, Melanie or Jane Woolley if you think you can help.

Any guesses as to this years theme?!

PARISH GIVING SCHEME

The Parish Giving Scheme is a new way to organise regular, planned giving to All Saints' or St Matthew's and has the advantage of reducing administration and improving cashflow.

Whether or not you already give regularly, please would you consider registering with PGS to support the work of the church? Leaflets are available at the back of church or see HCChurches.org/news Thank you.









PARISHGIVINGSCHEM

ST MATTHEW'S RE-ORDERING

We are delighted that the carpet has now been fitted and we have received the new chairs.

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.

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

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PRAYER FOCUS

'...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 Main Street in Chilton, and in The Cleave in Harwell
- For Didcot & Wallingford Area CAP Debt Centre
- Those getting married and preparing for marriage, especially David & Emmie, Margery & Tim and Victoria & Daniel
 - The work of Pioneers & Christine Perkins.
 - Pray for Pastor Hassan and Abdel Moniem and their families as they seek permanent residency in the US and for guidance to know what God would have them do next.
 - Pray for South Sudan and the Christians living there where churches are being demolished in shanty towns
 - Pray for the work of Pioneers and for Christine as she seeks to support missionaries

Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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