

Happy Easter! 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.

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. You may also like to register on our website: http://HCChurches.org

# SUNDAY 1ST APRIL

#### Easter Day

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

# SUNDAY 8TH APRIL

### 2nd Sunday of Easter

- 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at All Saints'
- 9:30am Morning Prayer (BCP) at All Saints'
- 9.30am Pebbles Family Service at Chilton Village Hall
- 11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's
- 2.30pm Walking Group meet at Chilton Village Hall
- No Youth Fellowship returning on 22nd April

# HARWELL CHILTON CHURCHES

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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

# HE IS RISEN!

Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, 'Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?'

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

'Don't be alarmed,' he said. 'You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."'

Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Mark 16:2-8



### 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



Well done to everyone who completed the Easter Story Trail. We hope you enjoyed it! A BIG thank you to everyone who either put up a poster, donated some chocolate and/or prayed for those doing the trail.

Thank you to Sainsburys Didcot who donated lots of chocolate eggs for our prize draw.

If you didn't win an egg, and

haven't yet received a prize, please collect a book or comic that explains the Easter story.

### ALPHA DATES



Alpha will run on Mondays at 7.30pm at Chilton Village Hall, starting on 16th April. 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

# 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?!

# Fledgelings

We had Easter fun at Fledgelings this week making Easter cards and chocolate crispy nests - yum!

In singing time we learned that Jesus died on the cross for our bad things but came alive again so we can be his friend - hurray!

# WALKING GROUP

All are welcome to join the Walking Group walk on Sunday 8th April. Meet at Chilton Village Hall carpark at 2.30pm for a 2hour circular walk. More details can be



found online at: HCChurches.org/walking

### S O M E T H I N G D I F F E R E N T ... .

Radio 4 have produced 5 short audio dramas from the Judas Iscariot.

Listen to them via the Radio 4 website. There is a link on HCChurches.org/news

### 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.

### 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 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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# 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 Manor Close in Chilton, and in The Croft in Harwell
- For Didcot & Wallingford Area CAP Debt Centre
- For those caring for the homeless and those in poor housing.
- 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 Easter Day

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. 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