

# RIDGEWAY BROADSHEET

October 2018



**Harvest Sunday**  
**7th October**

**9.30am Chilton**  
**11.00am Harwell**

**Followed by a bring and share lunch**  
**at Harwell Village Hall at 12.30pm**



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## RECOLLECTING HARVEST

As I recall it from my childhood (not that long ago) in rural Essex, the fields were always bright yellow and the combine harvesters shiny green. The farm workers who drank in my Grandpa's pub had red cheeks. Of course that's all false memory – especially that farmers had time to socialise when they were busy getting in the Harvest for us. Thank Goodness that in our two villages of Chilton and Harwell we have custodians of parish history who document and recall the reality for future generations.

For example, Chilton's Frank Dumbleton published a book in 2000, called 'Up in the Downs'. Here are two photographs from it:



This is steam threshing in W J Harris's rickyard at Chilton Farm. Frank Butler is on the right, holding the oil can. He was in charge of the steam engine because of his apparent talent for looking after mechanical things. He was Alec Samler's grandfather and the photo comes from Alec's family's own collection. Can anyone identify when this might have been?

Taking a snap from the early 1950s, we see Percy Blissett on the tractor and Jack Prior on the combine harvester – both still familiar surnames in our villages. Again, we have Alec's collection to thank for this gem.



Should parish history be your thing, another set of brains to pick on Chilton is Kate Crennell who has also recorded life in Chilton over many years, producing for the Parish Council an illustrated historic walks guide. She also wrote a history of Chilton Field – before it became the housing estate we welcomed a few years ago!

In Harwell, anyone interested in parish history – agricultural or otherwise – should make their first port of call Kath Luker and the Harwell Parish History Group. They're the people responsible for the permanent exhibition in the foyer between the two village halls. They have a Facebook page /harwell parish history group. While you're at it, take a look too at the Facebook page /Old Didcot, Harwell and Hagbourne. This is where the next picture was posted, of Thomas East hand threshing in the 1940s with the Upton Flyer in the background. (Anyone new to the area might wonder where that railway track is now – the old Didcot to Newbury and Southampton line. It's a very nice foot- and cycle path from Didcot to Hagbourne with spectacular views.) Photo courtesy of Gillian Bishop, Thomas's granddaughter.



There is plenty of farming history to look back on on this particular Facebook page as many families post their own photos from the dawn of photography right up to the 70's and 80s. If you want to see a magnificent and at the time, quite "new fangled" ploughing machine of the 1920s, with farmer Joe Napper atop, look no further!

I hope that, as you enjoy a trawl through the archives mentioned, you take a moment to reflect that, though the farmer's work today is that much more hi-tech, it's a no less onerous and precarious livelihood. They nurture a rich landscape for us to feast our eyes on and they nourish our bodies. Please join me in thanking our local farming community this Harvest time especially.

Liz Roberts

## RECTOR'S LETTER

One thing that unites all humans – all living things in fact – is the need for food. We need it to build, power and repair our bodies, and our physical health depends on getting just the right amount of protein, carbohydrates, vitamins, and so on. Without it we become ill and die. And food is more than biological necessity. The preparation of and consumption of food can give great pleasure, establish and maintain relationships, celebrate milestones, and much more. Much of our human culture and social life is formed around food and meals; what we eat really does make us what we are.



October is a time when traditionally we celebrate harvest and the huge variety of food that we can enjoy. It is a time to recognise that the food that we need is a gift from God, and is an opportunity to give thanks to him for it, and for those who work to bring it to our tables. This year following our harvest services on 7th October our churches will be celebrating with a shared meal at Harwell Village Hall.

But amongst our celebration of material blessings, it is important to remember – as Jesus reminds us in his Sermon on the Mount – that life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. We are physical beings, and need those things, but we more than that; we are also spiritual beings, and spiritual health also needs nutrition, too. As well as seeking physical food, we should also be concerned about spiritual food. But where is that to be found?

At the beginning of his earthly ministry, Jesus spend time in prayer and fasting, during which he was tempted by Satan. When tempted to miraculously create food when he was hungry, Jesus replied "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4, quoting Deuteronomy 8:3). The very words of God are spiritual food.

Words spoken or written by humans are powerful. They can be used to form our thoughts, transmit ideas, affirm, inspire and unite. And they can also be used for great harm, their potential to do great good or harm multiplied by the media and internet.

But the words that emanate from God are supremely powerful. Right at the beginning of the Bible we are told that God literally speaks the universe into existence. Like a powerful ruler, God speaks and things happen. As it says in the famous harvest hymn, "the winds and waves obey him, by him the

birds are fed". And in the life of Jesus we see the same authority and power. When Jesus speaks, critics are silenced, storms are stilled, people are healed, and the dead are raised.

The words of God create, heal and give life. And Christians believe that God's words are to be found in the Bible, and made flesh in Jesus Christ, who is described as the Word of God. Jesus is God in person, word and action, revealing and acting for God. And as the Word of God, he brings spiritual life.

Jesus says of himself "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty" (John 6:35). Without spiritual nutrition we will die, but Jesus is given to humanity that we might live eternally with God. Our loving heavenly Father provides for us both bread of the earth, but also the Bread of Heaven. Let's celebrate and give thanks for both this harvest time.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan". The script is cursive and elegant.

Rev'd Dr Jonathan Mobey  
Rector of Harwell with Chilton

## SERVICE OVERVIEW OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2018

Date	Chilton	Harwell
	9.30am unless otherwise stated	11am unless otherwise stated
07/10/2018	All Age Harvest Service	All Age Harvest Service
14/10/2018	Stewarding gifts & time	Stewarding gifts & time
21/10/2018	Stewarding money & resources	Stewarding money & resources
28/10/2018	Bible Sunday	Bible Sunday
04/11/2018	Remembering & the Bible	Remembering & the Bible
11/11/2018	Remembering the fallen	Remembering the fallen
18/11/2018	Remembering Jesus - Communion	Remembering Jesus - Communion
25/11/2018	Remembering our loved ones	Remembering our loved ones
02/12/2018	All Age Toy Service	All Age Toy Service
09/12/2018	Morning Worship	Morning Worship
16/12/2018	Holy Communion	Holy Communion 4pm & 6.30pm Carols
23/12/2018	Morning Worship 4pm & 6.30pm Carols	Morning Worship
24/12/2018	10pm Communion	3.30pm Crib; 11.30pm Communion
25/12/2018	All Age Christmas Celebration	All Age Christmas Celebration
30/12/2018	Holy Communion	Holy Communion

## FAMILY SERVICES

At our All Age services on 7th October we'll be celebrating Harvest. You are welcome to bring along tinned and dry goods to donate to the Emergency Food Bank in Didcot. See [HCChurches.org/foodbank](http://HCChurches.org/foodbank) for a list of requested food. Please ensure that item's best before date is in at least 6 months' time. Please bring along fresh produce if you would prefer - we will be offering this fresh food for a donation to Tearfund at our Bring and Share lunch, Harwell Village Hall at 12.30pm.



As well as our meetings listed above, we also have our Informal **Family Services** at Chilton Village Hall on the 2nd Sunday of each month. We meet at 9am for coffee & croissants, followed by a time of singing, praying, and thinking about the Bible from 9.30-10.30am. We also offer a craft activity. At 10.30am we enjoy some tea and cake.

In November, we'll start with the Remembrance service at All Saints' Church at 9.30am and then go over to the Village Hall with children and parents around 9.50am.

Services at All Saints'		Services at St Matthew's
9.30am All Age Worship	7th Oct	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am All Age Worship 6.15pm Evening Prayer
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.00am Family Service at Chilton Village Hall 9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP)	14th Oct	11.00am Morning Worship
9.30am Holy Communion	21st Oct	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Holy Communion 6.15pm Evening Prayer (BCP)
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship	28th Oct	11.00am Morning Worship 6.15pm Holy Communion

**OTHER EVENTS IN OCTOBER**

3rd October 8.30pm	Night Prayer, All Saints' Church
8th October 7.30pm	CAP Money Course, St Matthew's Lounge
9th October 7.45pm	All Saints' Women's Group, All Saints'
18th October 2.30pm	Evergreens, St Matthew's Church Hall
27th October 10.00am	Evergreens Coffee Morning, St Matthew's Church Hall
27th October 10.00am	All Saints' Art Group, Chilton Village Hall
31st October 4.00pm	Light Party at St Matthew's Church

**REGULAR EVENTS**

You can find details of all our regular events and meetings on our website [HCChurches.org](http://HCChurches.org). You can also pick up a welcome leaflet from All Saints' Chilton or St Matthew's Harwell.

We also put information, and sometimes photos of our events on our facebook page: [facebook.com/HCChurches](https://facebook.com/HCChurches)



## ***CHILTON CHURCHYARD***



Chilton  
Churchyard  
Working Party  
Saturday 27  
October  
We Need You!!  
Volunteers are

needed to help with tidying up All Saints churchyard on Saturday 27 October any time from 9.00am and finishing in time for lunch. This is open to everyone in the village, we would love to see lots of people come and give a helping hand for as long as you like as there are lots of jobs to be done to tidy up before winter and to have it looking good in time for the Remembrance Day services. The main jobs are: weeding the borders in the Garden of Remembrance, trimming and tidying round grave stones, and of course raking leaves. For those looking for a heartier workout (treat it as a green gym perhaps?!) there is some trimming of trees and digging out of nettles.

While we have some gardening tools, if you are able to bring your own it would be really helpful, not forgetting the gardening gloves.

Contact Judith Russell on 01235 832484.

## ***WALKING GROUP***

Our next walk is on Sunday 14th October at 2.30pm, meeting in the Chilton Village Car Park.



We will have a 3-4 mile walk for a couple of hours. All very welcome to join us, including well behaved dogs. See [www.HCChurches.org/walking](http://www.HCChurches.org/walking)

## ***GENERATION GOLD***

What a wonderful afternoon over 40 of our Generation Gold members enjoyed back in August 'Remembering Summers at the Beach'

Thank you so much to all who worked together so well to set up and decorate the Hall, serve teas, and clear away, and to all who so generously sent postcards which were read out during the event.

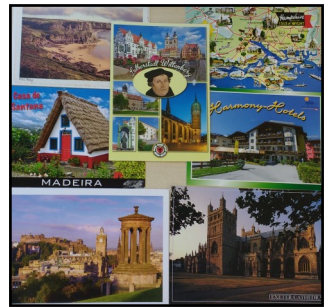
We were touched by the number of parishioners who took the time to write, so thank you if that was you.

As our members left the Hall they were photographed with a (cardboard!) donkey. Our members thoroughly enjoyed an uplifting 'Beach Day'.

We met in September to think about the Wheat Harvest. It was great to see so many joining with us.

Our next meeting is at St Matthew's on 3rd December, 2.30pm when we'll be thinking about Advent.

Jan Radford and Pam Rolls



## ***ALL SAINTS' WOMEN'S GROUP***

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 9th October at All Saints' Church Chilton. All very welcome to join us. Judy 834503.

## ***HARWELL GARDENERS CLUB***

Poppies Tea Room on 1st October, 7.30pm  
Roses, Andrew Mikolajski. Comp: A Rose.  
[jvmarkey@googlemail.com](mailto:jvmarkey@googlemail.com)

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Funerals

*"He who believes in Me will live"*

Margaret Talbot

Marian Otlet

### Thanksgiving

*"Seeking God's blessing"*

Devon Jay Pringle

## CHILTON MARKET STALL



At the September market we were delighted to raise £618 for Crohn's and Colitis UK

(Oxfordshire branch). We were glad that the weather was fine and it was good to see so many people.

We are very fortunate and thankful that we have been offered safe storage space for our White Elephant donations. Once again we thank Hilary and John Alner for all their amazing support.

On Saturday 13th October, the charity we will be supporting will be T2 – a day service in Didcot for people with learning disabilities and/or autism. It is part of the Styleacre Group. Join us from 9am-12noon at the Crafts End green, Chilton. We are grateful to receive small white elephant items, books and home produce.

## LIGHT PARTY

Come along to an alternative to Halloween on Wednesday 31st October 4.30-6pm at St Matthew's. Dress up as something fun and positive. (No Halloween costumes please). See [HCChurches.org/news](http://HCChurches.org/news)



## COFFEE MONRING



All welcome to join Evergreens for tea, coffee, cake and biscuits at St Matthew's Church Hall on Saturday 27th October from 10am-12noon.

## HARWELL EVERGREENS

Thursday 18th October we'll have a talk about Pendon Musuem. 2.30pm at St Matthew's Church Hall.



## BIBLE SUNDAY

On Sunday 28th October, we'll be celebrating and hearing about how the Bible has transformed lives all around the world, and within Harwell and Chilton. We'll also have some free bibles to give

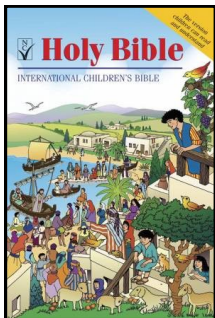


away for anyone who would like to read the bible, but don't have a copy. You would be very welcome to join us, 9.30am All Saints' and 11am St Matthew's.

## KIDS CHURCH

Kids Church meet during the Sunday morning services in Harwell at 11am. They meet in St Matthew's Church lounge - the small room next to the kitchen. Kids Church is for primary aged children.

We are currently going through the Jesus Storybook Bible, which gives an overview of the bible through weekly videos.



We've recently got some new Children's Bibles for Kids Church.

This term we are memorising the 10 Commandments and are using some signs to help us remember which order they come in. You can see the video on our website [HCCchurches.org/news](http://HCCchurches.org/news). Can you list all 10 commandments?

At the end of each term, the children present which charity they would like to support with our giving during that term, and then the children vote which charity to send the money to. In the past we've sent money to Christians in Afghanistan, Christian Hope International, Scripture Union, LIV Children's Village and Marine Conservation.



One of our Kids Church members wrote this to share what happens each week:

Kids Church is on during Sunday morning services. It is very friendly to newcomers and visitors and very fun. We encourage children to believe in the one and only God.

Our programme:

4 reasons to come to Church

Lord's Prayer

Praise Party (my fave bit, songs)

Cheerful Giving

Recap from last week

Bible story (video/reading)  
Questions about the story  
Game/Activity  
Questions & Answers  
Prayer  
Worksheet to take home  
Biscuits after the service

If you want to know what everything is, come along

Toby Johnston

Please submit notices to Vicky via the website, by email or by phone.

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