

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, 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://HCCchurches.org>

SUNDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

Christ the King

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

9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints'

11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's

6:15pm Holy Communion at St Matthew's

Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church Hall
7-8.30pm for 11-18 year olds

At our 9.30am and 11am services we will be remembering our loved ones who have died.

SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER

1st Sunday of Advent

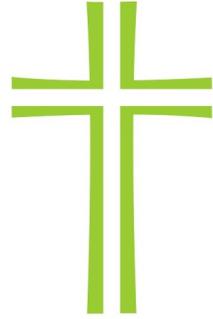
8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's

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

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

6:15pm Evening Prayer at St Matthew's

Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church Hall
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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

BELL-RINGING

While Harwell Tower is being repaired, Harwell Ringers will bring their learners to All Saints' Chilton 7 - 8.30pm on Thursday evenings.



FAREWELL LUNCH



On Sunday 16th December, we are planning a bring and share lunch event after the 11am service. All are very welcome. Please do stay and join in.

This will be the last Sunday for Christina, Jonathan, Catherine and Emma Wood, before they move to Australia.

Please bring along some sweet or savoury finger food to share. If you have any questions, or if you would like to let Anne Cockburn know what you are bringing, please get in touch on 834060 or Anne.Cockburn1@gmail.com

ST MATTHEW'S CLEANING TEAM

We are so blessed at St Matthew's to have a small but dedicated cleaning team who work very hard. However, in recent months the team have been struggling to keep up with the demand and the PCC are considering employing a cleaner to help alleviate the problem. However, before we do this we'd love to hear from anyone who might be able to give a couple of hours a week to help clean the church. Please get in touch with Vicky in the Church Office if you think you could serve in this way. Thank you.



POEM

You must not shut the night inside you.
But endlessly in light the dark immerse.
A tiny lamp has gone out in my tent -
I bless the flame that warms the universe.

Friedrich Rückert
German Poet & Translator (1788-1866)

CAP AT DIDCOT STREET FAIR

The Didcot Street Fair is a great opportunity to make contact with hundreds of local people. Last year we gave out lots of chocolate, balloons and CAP cards showing people where to get help. It's a very easy way to give out information as the cards are small and it's an easy sell "this is in case someone you know needs help with debt". This year we have a great location for our CAP Stall – on Broadway itself just outside John Allan Travel (opposite the Methodist Church). We need volunteers to help with blowing up balloons (pumps provided!) and giving stuff out – we are asking people to commit for an hour sometime between 4pm and 9pm on Thursday 29th November. For more information please or to sign up please contact Nick (Nick.White@thekingschurchdidcot.org or 07747 841956)



ST MATTHEW'S TOWER

This year you may have noticed that the tower is embraced by scaffolding. This is because just under a year ago it was noticed that some of the rendering on the west wall (the one with the clock) was beginning to detach, so it needed investigation and repair. It has taken quite a long time to organize and get approval for this work, and now that it is underway removal of the rendering has exposed the need for more repairs to the underlying stonework than we could have anticipated. Until this is done bell ringing has been curtailed as a precaution against further damage. The tower is not only the tallest landmark in Harwell, but also one of the oldest, having been built almost 800 years ago. So it is not surprising that it needs some occasional 'TLC'.

This though is expensive and the extra work will not only take longer than we hoped, but also cost more than the £14,500 we were expecting. Every year villagers have been invited to put £2 coins in the church wall safe if they enjoy the Christmas lights, to help pay for the cost. If you can add something towards the cost of the repairs this year that would be a great help. Any donation, large or small would be much appreciated, either put in the wall safe inside the church or, if you need more information, contact the church office on 01235 834256, or the church bookkeeper Nick Clarke on 01235 820760.

1ST DECEMBER

Saturday 1st December
Christmas Decoration Making
Make decorations and decorate the church Christmas trees!
Drop in anytime between:
10.30am - 12.00pm @ St Matthew's Harwell
2.30pm - 4.00pm @ All Saints' Chilton
Materials and refreshments all provided free of charge.
Can children please be accompanied by an adult.
For more information email Melanie at ms.hchurches@gmail.com

CUSHIONS

We have received a kind donation of four new cushions in St Matthew's for the use of anyone who has difficulty sitting on a wooden chair. Please speak to a sidesperson if this applies to you and they will be happy to help.

Many thanks to those who've planned, arranged, tested and sewn Velcro on to the cushions for us!

GENERATION GOLD

Our next Generation Gold service is on Monday **3rd December** at 2.30pm at St Matthew's Harwell. As we prepare for Christmas our theme will be 'Angels' and we would be delighted if you could join us. The service will be followed by light refreshments and an opportunity to socialise with friends old and new. For more information please contact Pam Rolls (pamrolls@tiscali.co.uk)

LUKE

We are following the gospel of Luke during our morning services through Advent - Easter and we'll be encouraging everyone to read a chapter of Luke a week during this time. More info to follow.....

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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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 Pathfinder View in Chilton, and in Loder Road in Harwell
- For Didcot & Wallingford Area CAP Debt Centre
- For those attending the Alpha Course
- Comfort for people who are hurting because a loved one has died.
- Those who are sick and all those who care for someone who is unwell
- The 'Pastoral Care' teams of our Churches

Collect for Christ the King

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; 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>