

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.

SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER

4th Sunday of Advent

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at All Saints'
9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints'
11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's
4:00pm Family Carols by Candlelight at All Saints'
6:30pm Nine Lessons & Carols at All Saints'
No evening service in St Matthew's Harwell
No Youth Fellowship until 13th January

25TH DECEMBER

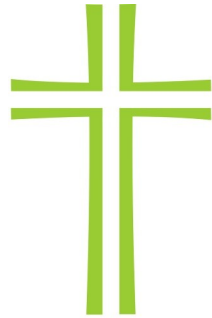
Christmas Day

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at All Saints'
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9:30am All Age Worship at All Saints'
11:00am All Age Worship at St Matthew's
12:00pm Holy Communion at St Matthew's

SUNDAY 30TH DECEMBER

1st Sunday of Christmas

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 at All Saints'
No Youth Fellowship until 13th January



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If you would like to
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St Matthew's Harwell
with All Saints' Chilton

POPPY APPEAL

House to house collections in Chilton and Harwell villages, plus the boxes and collecting tins in Harwell Village and Campus and the Curie Avenue shops and businesses raised a total of £4,535.67 for the 2018 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Thank you to everyone for their generosity and a special thanks to all of the house to house collectors and the businesses who had boxes for us.

Peter Cox, Harwell Village Poppy Appeal Organiser and Hazel Benton, Chilton Village Poppy Appeal Organiser

FOLLOW THE STAR

You can pick up one of the #Followthestar booklets today. These are designed to be read each day from Christmas Eve to 6th January. You can also sign up for daily emails at www.churchofengland.org/followthestar.

Maybe you have a friend or neighbour who might appreciate a copy. If so, please feel free to take one and pass it on.



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. Pick up a programme of readings today.



To help get into the gospel of Luke you might enjoy watching the Luke series of videos from The Bible Project.

We will be posting a thought for each chapter on Facebook and on our website. www.facebook.com/HCCChurches and www.HCCChurches.org/news

CHRISTMAS



We are so thankful to each one of you who serve in our churches - many behind the scenes. We are truly grateful and couldn't operate without you!

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work (1 Corinthians 12:4-6).

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Dear Lord, don't let us miss You this Christmas season. Help us to simplify our activities and traditions so we can focus our celebration on Your birth. Thank You for being the Prince of Peace, and I ask You for that supernatural peace to reign in our hearts. Thank You for the simple but life-changing message of Your love for us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Melanie Chitwood

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED



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This free, eight week course exploring the Christian faith begins on Thursday 10th January, will be held in St Matthew's Church meeting room, and includes free coffee, desert and cheese! Contact vj.hcchurches.org for more info.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Chilton Wyevale Garden Centre for donating the Christmas tree which adorns the top of the tower of All Saints' church. It looks beautiful and everyone really appreciates it. Hazel Benton; Member of Chilton Parochial Church Council



CAP MONEY COURSE

If you know anyone who'd like to get their spending back on track in 2019, please tell them about the next CAP Money course taking place in St Matthew's lounge on Saturday mornings, 12 and 19 January and 2 February. As usual, it's all free including hot bacon rolls at half-time. To find out more or book, contact Vicky our Parish Administrator: 01235 834256 or vj.HCChurches@gmail.com.

If you need help with debt, contact the Didcot Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre for free advice. See www.capuk.org or ring 0800 328 0006

RADIO OXFORD

Recently Pam Rolls was interviewed by Hedley Feast from BBC Radio Oxford about Advent and Christmas in Chilton. If you'd like to listen to the interview it was broadcast on Sunday 23 December just after 6am. You can 'listen again' via Radio Oxford website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p06t1vk9>



HOLIDAY

The staff team will be taking some time off following the busy Christmas season.

Pam will be away from 26th - 29th December.

Sarah & Melanie will be away from the 25th December - 8th January.

Vicky will be away from 25th December - 3rd January.

Jonathan will be available for emergencies, but will be taking some time off during the week.

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>

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 South Row in Chilton, and in North Drive in Harwell
- For Didcot & Wallingford Area CAP Debt Centre
- Those who are homeless. Draw near and comfort them in spirit and bless those who work to provide them with shelter, food and friendship
- For those who find Christmas a difficult time
- For those who have recently lost a loved one, especially the family and friends of Kate Ullmer and Cathie Rushton
- For Great Western Park Church
- For our Queen & Government

Collect for the 4th Sunday in Advent

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Christmas Day

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; 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>

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