

RIDGEWAY BROADSHEET

March 2019

Mothering Sunday 31st March 9.30am All Saints' Chilton 11am St Matthew's Harwell



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CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Did you know that Harwell and Chilton Churches run two baby and toddler groups? Fledgelings meet from 9.30-11.30am on Monday mornings in St Matthew's Church Hall, Harwell, and Wednesday mornings in Chilton Field Community Room.

Both groups are well attended by families from both our villages as well as from Didcot and further afield, with new families regularly joining us.

We have lots of toys to play with, a craft activity, hot drinks and cake for parents, a snack time with fruit for the children and a time of singing.

Continually growing means we regularly reach capacity at Chilton Fledgelings, which is why after February half term holiday we are starting a new

*** WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON FLEDGELINGS! ***

The new group will meet in Chilton Field Community Room on Wednesday afternoons during term time from 1-3pm.

Another new venture starting after half term is a manned crèche in St Matthew's. We have recently reordered the back area of St Matthew's to be more baby and toddler friendly. There is now a comfy sofa for parents to sit while their children play, a table for colouring or play doh, books and toys. There are also a couple rows of chairs just outside the crèche where parents can be nearby but still "in" the service. After February half term the plan is for the crèche children to join Kids' Church (our Sunday morning group for primary aged children) in the lounge

for some singing, before returning to the crèche for a bible story and a simple craft or colouring sheet. [There is also a group for secondary-aged children called Pathfinders that meet the 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sunday of each month].



In All Saints' rather than a manned crèche we have a family area where children can sit and play during the service. We also run "Pebbles" during the services for children

aged 3-9 years old. The children start in church before walking to the Village Hall with the Pebbles leaders for a time of singing, bible story and a craft.

Every second Sunday of the month sees Pebbles Family Service running at Chilton Village Hall. This is a very informal service where families sit together around tables in a café style setting. We start at 9.00am with breakfast, followed at 9.30 with singing, interactive activities (based on something the Bible teaches us) with families having time to discuss questions and ideas together, a craft for children, a short talk for the adults, and prayer.

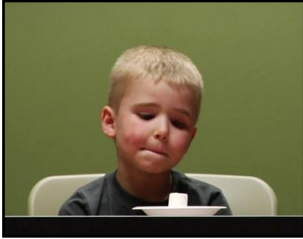
There is a small mat area with toys for babies/toddlers, and we really don't mind a bit of noise and wandering around! We finish at 10.30am with drinks and cake when we are joined by those who have been at the traditional service at All Saints' Church. The next Pebbles Family Service is 10th March; we would love to see you there!

We have other special events happening through the year such as family craft sessions, Easter Trail, and Holiday Club. Follow us on [Facebook.com/HCCChurches](https://www.facebook.com/HCCChurches), or see www.HCCChurches.org.

RECTOR'S LETTER

Is it really worth it?

There is a famous experiment in which children are given a marshmallow and given the choice of eating it straightaway, or sitting alone with it for fifteen minutes (which is a very long time for a young child!), but then being given two.



The experiment – with variations – has been repeated many times, and a number of entertaining YouTube videos are available

documenting how different children approach the challenge – some working hard to distract themselves, some giving in eventually, and others simply eating the marshmallow as soon as the researchers leave the room!

Many of the decisions of this life are about delaying gratification; choosing a more difficult option in the short-term, for a greater benefit in the long-term. It is this mind-set that makes it possible for athletes to train for their events, students to study for exams, and individuals the world over to make gruelling journeys for the promise of a longed-for holiday, or even of a new life.

The would-be followers of Jesus are challenged to make this sort of choice.

This term as a church we are reading through Luke's account of Jesus' life, and we have now reached chapter 9, with a focus on the cost of discipleship. Here Jesus sends out his hand-picked team of 12 on mission, proclaiming the kingdom of God and healing the sick. And he sends them with instructions to travel light, to accept hospitality where it is offered, and to be prepared for rejection. He later speaks of his own forthcoming rejection, betrayal and crucifixion, and how his followers are called to walk in his footsteps.

But Jesus assures them that it will be worth it; that giving up earthly privileges – and even their very lives – is as nothing compared to gaining the unimaginable riches of heaven and eternal life.

But to live this way is hard! During an amazing experience with Jesus on a mountain, three of his disciples get swept up in the occasion and seem desperate to cling on to and prolong it for as long as possible. They want to delay their descent back down the mountain to where they know they will face the challenges and harsh realities of daily life. Many today do the same – seeking to escape into lives of fantasy or be hypnotised by the distractions of materialism.

But the followers of Jesus need to be like those children who have the maturity to wait for the greater reward. As God provided for his pilgrim people who spent a generation in the wilderness, so Jesus will provide for his followers in this life, as demonstrated in the miracle of the feeding of the 5000. And he will give us far better nutrition than marshmallows; he gives us himself, the very 'bread of heaven'. It really is worth it!



"Whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?"
Luke 9:24-25

Jonathan

Rev'd Dr Jonathan Mobey
Rector of Harwell with Chilton

WEEKLY GROUPS

Mondays

9:30-11:30am Fledgelings Toddler group (term time) St Matthew's Church Hall
7.30pm Bell ringing at All Saints' Church Tower (by arrangement)
8.00pm Home group in Harwell

Tuesdays

9.30am Home group (during term time)

Wednesdays

9:15-11:15am Fledgelings Toddler group (term time) Chilton Field Community Room
1:00-3:00pm Fledgelings Toddler group (term time) Chilton Field Community Room
10.15am Home group (term time) at St Matthew's meeting room
1.45pm Home group (term time) in Chilton
7.30pm Home group at various homes in Chilton Field
7.30pm Choir Practice at All Saints'

Thursdays

7.30pm Bell ringing at St Matthew's Church Tower
7.45pm 'Lent Central' at St Matthew's and home groups at various homes in Harwell
8.00pm Home group (1st, 2nd & 3rd, in term time)

Fridays

2.00pm Home group at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell

Saturdays

8.30am Prayer meeting both at St Matthew's and All Saints'

Sundays

Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church Hall
7:00-8:30pm for those in school years 7-13

REGULAR EVENTS

You can find details of all our regular events and meetings on our website HCChurches.org. You can also pick up a welcome leaflet from All Saints' Chilton or St Matthew's Harwell for this information.

We also put information, and sometimes photos of our events on our facebook page: facebook.com/HCChurches



Services at All Saints'		Services at St Matthew's
9.30am All Age Worship (Education Sunday)	3rd March	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am All Age Worship (Education Sunday) 6.15pm Evening Prayer
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.00am Pebbles Family Service *CVH 9.30am Morning Worship	10th March	11.00am Morning Worship
9.30am Holy Communion	17th March	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Holy Communion 6.15pm Evening Prayer (BCP)
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship	24th March	11.00am Morning Worship 6.15pm Holy Communion
9.30am All Age Mothering Sunday 6.15pm Holy Communion	31st March	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11am All Age Mothering Sunday
9.30am All Age Worship	7th April	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am All Age Worship 6.15pm Evening Prayer
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.00am Pebbles Family Service *CVH 9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP)	14th April	11.00am Morning Worship
9.30am All Age Easter Sunday	21st April	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am All Age Easter Sunday 6.15pm Holy Communion
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship	28th April	11.00am Morning Worship 6.15pm Holy Communion

*CVH = Chilton Village Hall

(BCP) = Book of Common Prayer - a more traditional service

MOTHERS DAY



Join us on **31st March** for our Mothering Sunday All Age services. 9.30am at All Saints' Chilton

and 11am at St Matthew's Harwell. Celebrating motherhood and mothers. Small posies will be handed out at the end of each service.

LUNCH GROUP

Over 50? Enjoy being with children?

If that is you, why not join Full Circle?

Full Circle is an organisation that over the last twenty years has set up small and friendly groups in Oxfordshire Schools. In a group, school-age and older people plus a member of staff meet for an hour at lunch time once a week during term building up friendships and mutual understanding.

After having lunch together a group enjoys doing a variety of activities while chatting about life, having fun and getting to know one another.



Our local group which meets on Fridays in Harwell Community Primary School, is presently looking for new adult members.

If you are interested in joining or wish to know a bit more about what goes on, please call:

Peter Barton on 01235 861117
or The School Office on 01235 835337

See www.HCChurches.org/news to see a video about Full Circle, and to find out more about the events happening in Harwell & Chilton Churches.

CAP MONEY COURSE

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Join us for around two and a half hours each at 10.15am on
Saturday **23 March**
Saturday **30 March**
Saturday **13 April**
in Harwell Church lounge

To book onto this course or find out more email harwellandchiltoncap@gmail.com or phone 01235 83 42 56

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Hear about all that has been happening in our churches in 2018 and plans for 2019. **17th March**, 10.20am All Saints' and **24th March**, 11.50am at St Matthew's

CHARITY MARKET STALL

On Saturday **9th March**, the charity we will be supporting is Oxford-based charity The Porch which supports homeless people.

The market is held on Crafts End Green between 9am and 12 noon. There is an amazing selection of white elephant goods, books, some plants and a wide selection of cakes, pies, breads and jams. Offers of small white elephant goods are always welcome.

We look forward to seeing you there. Contact Judy Goodall on 834503.

FROM THE REGISTERS



Baptisms

"Welcome into the Lord's Family"

Olivia May Roe

GENERATION GOLD

Join us at St Matthew's Church Harwell on Monday **11th March**, 2.30pm for our next service which will include a number of butterflies...



Following the service we'll have light refreshments and time to chat with friends, old

and new. See our website for more details: HCChurches.org/gengold

ALL SAINTS' WOMEN'S GROUP

Meet at All Saints' Church, Chilton on Tuesday **12th March** at 7.45pm for a talk on 'The Azores' by Gill Gay and Frances Taylor.

Our annual quiz evening is at Chilton Village Hall for a prompt 7.30pm

start on Saturday 30th March. For tickets and more information see www.HCChurches.org/news



HARWELL GARDENERS CLUB

The Gardening Influences of Beatrix Potter; a talk by Chris Day. Comp: Mr McGregor's Garden. St Matthew's 7.30pm Monday **4th March**. Contact Janice 832802.

HARWELL SHOW

Harwell Players present **No Go, Joe**

(A play about putting on a play)



Friday 15th March 7.30pm

Saturday 16th March 2.30pm

Saturday 16th March 7.30pm

St Matthew's Church, Harwell

Tickets Adults £10, Concessions £6

Available from Bob's Butchers

and from Janice Markey on

jymarkey@googlemail.com

All proceeds to the

Church Tower Repair Fund

HARWELL EVERGREENS

Meet on Thursday

21st March,

2.30pm at

St Matthew's

Church Hall. Mrs

Jane Card will be

speaking about

The Famous

Robert Loder.

Followed by

homemade cakes,

biscuits, tea and

coffee. Contact Gill 831592.



POEM: TWO MOTHERS

Long time ago, so I have been told,
Two angels once met on streets paved with gold.
"By the stars in your crown,"
said the one to the other
"I see that on earth, you too, were a mother.

And by, the blue-tinted halo you wear
"You, too, have known sorrow
and deepest despair..."
"Ah yes," she replied, "I once had a son,
A sweet little lad, full of laughter and fun."

"But tell of your child." "Oh, I knew I was blessed
From the moment I first held him close to my breast,
And my heart almost burst with the joy of that day."
"Ah, yes," said the other, "I felt the same way."



The former continued: "The first steps he took-
So eager and breathless; the sweet startled look
Which came over his face – he trusted me so."
"Ah, yes," said the other, "How well do I know"

"But soon he had grown to a tall handsome boy,
So stalwart and kind – and it gave me so much joy
To have him just walk down the street by my side"
"Ah yes," said the other mother,
"I felt the same pride."

"How often I shielded and spared him from pain
And when he for others was so cruelly slain.
When they crucified him – and they spat in his face
How gladly would I have hung there in his place!"



A moment of silence – "Oh then you are she –
The mother of Christ"; and she fell on one knee.
But the Blessed one raised her up, drawing her near,
And kissed from the cheek of the woman, a tear.

"Tell me the name of the son you love so,
That I may share with your grief and your woe."
She lifted her eyes, looking straight at the other,
"He was Judas Iscariot: I am his mother."

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