

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 24TH FEBRUARY

2nd Sunday before Lent

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

No Youth Fellowship until 3rd March

SUNDAY 3RD MARCH

Sunday before Lent

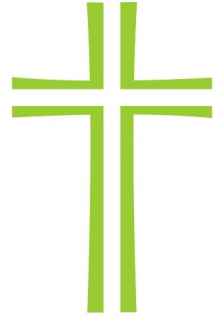
8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's

9:30am All Age Service at All Saints'

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

6:15pm Evening Prayer at St Matthew's

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



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If you would like to
talk with the Rector
about any matter, please
contact Jonathan directly,
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St Matthew's Harwell
with All Saints' Chilton

LUKE 8:22-25

One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and set out. As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!"

He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. "Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples.

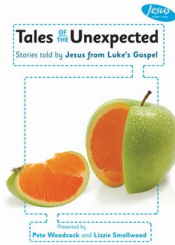
In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him."



LUKE

See Facebook and our website.
www.facebook.com/HCCchurches and
www.HCCchurches.org/news
for thoughts about a chapter of Luke as we read through the gospel each week, or pick up a paper copy from the back of both churches.

LENT CENTRAL... COMING SOON!



For six Thursdays in Lent (7th March to 11th April) we will be running an evening course that is open to everyone, newcomers especially welcome.

Continuing this term's Luke theme, we will be looking at six short sections of Luke's Gospel, telling of exciting encounters that Jesus has and dramatic stories that he tells.

Lent Central will be held at St Matthew's Church on Thursday evenings, 7.45 for 8pm

We will start with tea and coffee, a short time of worship, and then a video to introduce the story that will then be discussed in small groups (along with further refreshments!). The groups will then come back together to share some of their thoughts with those in other groups, and we will finish at 9.30pm.



This is a really good opportunity to spend a season in a sociable setting exploring the Christian faith together and encouraging one another. More information from Jonathan. Save the dates!

Lent Central will be in addition to the home groups that will continue to meet during this time, and would welcome new members (more info from Jean Barton).

LEPROSY MISSION

Thank you for all who gave me donations for The Leprosy Mission to mark World Leprosy Day. A total of £105 was collected and this is now being sent to The Leprosy Mission. Rosemary Rolls



CMS — THE SHARLANDS



From David and Heather Sharland, working in healthcare and sustainable farming in Uganda.

When you look at our work, "What holds it all together? What is the unifying factor?"

The answer is Jesus.

During a week we have many opportunities to share Jesus. Here are a few sample days:

Monday: Monday is an office day; we meet with people to share ideas, plans and pray. We enjoy offering and receiving hospitality.

Tuesday: Meeting and praying with blind boys. At the local primary school there is a blind unit for boys. We run a weekly after school Bible club for 15 boys.

Wednesday: David goes to Eden Farm to work alongside the people there. Midway through the morning they share tea and talk about biblical principles for farming practices.

Thursday: Heather and a colleague are doing a clinic support supervision visit to Anayribu. We enjoy encouraging the nurses in the remote health centres and answering their questions.

Friday: We were invited to a local church fellowship in the afternoon in Wandi Parish to share about trees, the environment and the Bible. On the way, we turned off onto a small track. The sky was black with rain clouds and the path became less noticeable. Praise God we arrived! It felt like a house fellowship in Bible times. About 15 people packed into a small room 3 x 3 metres. After the rain stopped another 20 women and at least 10 children came to listen; it was close fellowship!

Sunday: This is a day for us to enjoy fellowship at our local church. It is wonderful to be part of a large community coming to worship God and listen to Bible teaching. Another week is about to begin. We thank God for all the opportunities we had to share Jesus during this past week.

COFFEE

We would love more people to help serve tea and coffee after our 9.30 service in All Saints' Chilton, and after our 11am service in St Matthew's Harwell. Please consider if you might be able to help. If you don't feel able to be regularly on the rota, perhaps you could offer to bring along some cakes/biscuits. Or to help gather up cups at the end and carry into the kitchen, or help with washing/drying up.

Please speak to Yvonne Sanderson in Chilton, or Margaret Gibson in Harwell. Thank you.



NO GO, JOE

A play about putting on a play at St Matthew's Harwell

Friday 15th March 7.30pm

Saturday 16th March 2.30pm

Saturday 16th March 7.30pm

Tickets Adults £10,
Concessions £6

Available from Bob's Butchers
and from Janice Markey on
jvmarkey@googlemail.com

All proceeds to the
Church Tower Repair Fund

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 Upper Farm Road in Chilton, and in The Holloway in Harwell
- For Didcot & Wallingford Area CAP Debt Centre
- Those attending the Christianity Explored & Alpha Course
- For our Queen & Government
- For the people of Yemen
- For Nigerian teenager Leah Sharibu and humanitarian worker Alice Ngaddah, who Boko Haram say they are keeping as 'slaves for life' (www.csw.org.uk/prayforleah)
- For ourselves as we read through the gospel of Luke to hear God's voice speaking to us
- For our new Fledgelings afternoon sessions
- For Libby and Sarah in their work on Great Western Park
- For David & Heather Sharland in Uganda

Collect for the 2nd Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, 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>