

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 10TH MARCH

The First Sunday of Lent

- 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at All Saints'
9:00am Pebbles Family Service at Chilton Village Hall
9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints'
11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's
Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church Hall
7-8.30pm for 11-18 year olds

SUNDAY 17TH MARCH

The Second Sunday of Lent

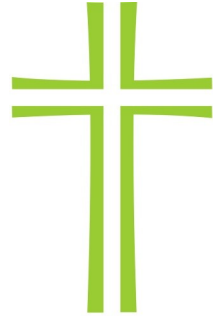
- 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's
9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints'
10.20am Annual Meeting at All Saints'
11:00am Holy Communion at St Matthew's
6:15pm Evening Prayer (BCP) at St Matthew's
Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church Hall
7-8.30pm for 11-18 year olds

Come along to our Annual Meetings to hear about 2018 events and activities, and plans for 2019.

17th March 10.20am at All Saints' Chilton

24th March 11.40am at St Matthew's Harwell

Pick up a blue flyer for more info!



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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

GENERATION GOLD

Come along to Generation Gold tomorrow afternoon (Monday 11th) at All Saints' Chilton 2.30pm.

Butterflies will be featured in our short service. Contact Pam 834475 for more info.

13TH MARCH

Abingdon Progressive Christianity Network Group presents "Love Is His Meaning" Understanding The Teaching Of Jesus by Keith Ward

Weds 13th March 7.30pm
Trinity Church Abingdon

Tickets £5 on the door or call 01235 530480.

Please let Vicky know if you are able to offer a lift to others hoping to attend.

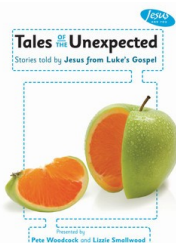
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Please note that there will be NO YF on Sunday 24th March. Please pray for those going away for that weekend with YF.

LUKE

See Facebook and 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



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 start with tea and coffee, a short time of worship, and then a video to introduce the story that is then discussed in small groups (along with further refreshments!). The groups then come back together to share some of their thoughts with those in other groups, and we 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. You are welcome to attend one or two sessions if you're unable to commit to all 6.

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).

FLEDGELINGS

We had a great start to our new Wednesday afternoon Fledgelings sessions last week with 7 children and their carers attending.

Please consider if you could come and help make coffee for mums and carers regularly on Wednesday afternoons, at Chilton Community Centre. If you can help, please speak to Melanie, Sarah, or Vicky.

CMS — THE SHARLANDS

An update from David and Heather Sharland, working in healthcare and sustainable farming in Uganda can be found on our church noticeboards and on our website:

www.HCChurches.org/worldmission



Prayer Pointers:

- As both of our work loads and responsibilities increase, we both are aware that we should be teaching and mentoring local colleagues to take on some of the responsibilities. Pray that we will find the right people to come alongside us and take on the responsibilities with a real Christian heart of service for rural people.
- We continue to have a lot of travel on busy and dangerous roads. Pray for protection as we travel.
- Praise God for a very good harvest of honey approx. 75lbs from the Beehives at Eden Farm.
- Pray for Tree Sunday on the 17th March. The theme this year is "Plant trees to slow down the impact of changing weather". This will lead into a major planting of trees across the whole Diocese.
- Pray for the young Global Link Afrika missionaries being posted to the various health centres across Uganda, that they will settle and quickly adapt to a new area where they do not know the language and culture. Pray that they will share their love for Jesus with the local community.
- Pray for keeping up with the administration work, writing reports for partners, financial accountabilities and the day to day local admin work.

PARISH GIVING SCHEME



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Please consider using the Parish Giving Scheme for your giving to our

churches. It is safe, flexible, reduces administration, and improves cashflow. Further info and forms available at the back of church.

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 St Matthew's Church Tower Repair Fund



CAKES

It would be great to serve tea, coffee and cakes at the 'No Go, Joe' performances. Please contact Vicky in the Church Office if you are able to provide cake, and/or to help prepare and serve drinks at the interval on Friday evening, Saturday afternoon or Saturday evening. Money raised will go to St Matthew's 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 Church Hill in Chilton, and in The Styles in Harwell
- For the family and friends of the St Birinus student who recently died
- For Didcot & Wallingford Area CAP Debt Centre
- Those attending the 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 to hear God's voice speaking to us as we read through the gospel of Luke
- For our new Fledgelings afternoon sessions
- For David & Heather Sharland in Uganda (see inside for details prayer points)

Collect for the First Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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>