

# RIDGEWAY BROADSHEET

May 2019



**29th July - 2nd August 2019**  
**Harwell Primary School**



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HOLIDAY CLUB



JOIN OUR



# SPACE ACADEMY

Holiday Club will be returning to Harwell School this year from **Monday 29th July to Friday 2nd August**, 9am to 3pm.

This is thanks to an amazing team of volunteers from Harwell and Chilton. There will be games, sports, Bible stories, songs and much more! It is for children going into years 1-9 in September. Each child will receive a free T-shirt with our Holiday Club logo and will be in a team with other children of a similar age. The whole week is free although donations are welcome.



We had a great time last year with our theme of Ancient Egypt. This year we will be exploring space with a Biblical focus on the story of Daniel. You can find out more and register for Holiday Club at: [www.HCChurches.org/holidayclub](http://www.HCChurches.org/holidayclub)



## RECTOR'S LETTER

"What do you do?" It's one of the first questions we tend to ask when we meet someone new. Often we have in mind what they are paid to do – their "job" or career – but 'what we do' is far more than that very narrow angle on someone's life. Most of us spend are far larger part of our lives doing things that we are not paid for, whether in our families, with our friends, or in our wider communities. We give our time freely to a myriad other activities that serve and enrich the lives of those around us and make us to be the people we really are. Our 'job' may give us a label – something that is relatively easy to lose or remove – it is the other stuff that marks us out in a more enduring way.



What we freely choose is an expression of what is in our hearts. We give time and energy to individuals and causes for whom we care and about which we feel passionate. Love is a verb. Freely giving of ourselves is the essence of volunteering. 'Voluntas' is the will, and our volunteering is service that is freely given.

And it may be freely given, but that does not mean that it is not of value. The opposite is the case. People volunteer and serve as individuals and through a huge number of groups, but one recent study looking at time given by the UK Church and faith groups to their communities estimated the volunteering efforts each year to be worth £3 billion.

Such is the breadth and depth of commitment across the country, 60,000 faith groups in the UK were discovered to run 220,000 social action projects with almost 2 million volunteers and 125,000 paid staff, supporting 48 million people in need.

Of course not everything can be reduced to "pounds, shillings and pence", but the figures do give an indication of the scope of what is

going on – enormous in its impact, but often unseen and unacknowledged, whether it be the work of foodbanks, parenting support, Street Pastors, lunch clubs, debt support, youth clubs, and so on. This edition of the Broadsheet publicises the voluntary work of some of the groups and activities in our communities, but there is so much more that goes on; essential activity that enriches the lives of so many.

We all have gifts and opportunities to serve; there is something for everyone. Get involved!

*"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for*

*you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'*

*"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'*

*"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"*

Matthew 25:34-40

Rev'd Dr Jonathan Mobey  
Rector of Harwell with Chilton

## VOLUNTEERING

We are blessed in Harwell and Chilton with many groups and activities run by volunteers. The monthly Charity Stall, Harwell Feast, Women's Institute, etc etc

We are very aware that many people volunteer for Harwell and Chilton Churches - and we want to thank you for all that you do. We couldn't do it without you!

Thank you for those who help with one-off events, such as Songs of Praise, annual events such as Holiday Club, and the regular week by week help that is offered by those tidying up after toddler group, cleaning the church buildings, playing musical instruments, welcoming people along to our services, praying for events and activities, etc. The list is very long (and these are just a very few examples).



If you support us, THANK YOU!

There are benefits to volunteering - it is a great way to get to know others, especially when you are new to an area, and deep friendships can be made. Maybe you'd like to get more involved in church life, but not quite sure where to start. We'd love to chat with you and find out your gifts and skills, and which part of church life you would like to get more involved with.



## Discover your gifts Develop them here

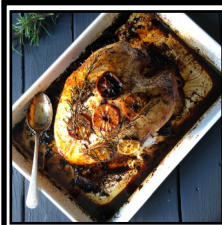
Holiday Club is our biggest event of the year, and we can only do it with the help and support of over 70 volunteers. We need people to serve refreshments to the children in the mornings and afternoons, run activities in the afternoons (come and share your hobby!), prepare crafts (there is a LOT of cutting out usually needed), help with registering, providing cakes for our lovely team of helpers, and so on.

Maybe you enjoy chatting with others and would like to welcome people along to church, or help at our Evergreens monthly meetings, or our annual plant sale in Chilton. We'd love to discover your unique gifts, and develop them.



Services at All Saints'		Services at St Matthew's
9.30am All Age Worship	5th May	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am All Age Worship 6.15pm Evening Prayer
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.00am Pebbles Family Service* 9.30am Morning Worship	12th May	11.00am Morning Worship
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8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship	26th May	11.00am Morning Worship 6.15pm Holy Communion

SUNDAY LUNCH



We are offering Sunday lunch to members of our villages who would like to join others for a traditional roast dinner. Please contact Vicky in the Church Office if you would like to be invited for lunch on **Sunday 12th May**, our hospitality Sunday. Please also contact Vicky if you'd like to offer lunch to others. [VJ.HCChurches@gmail.com](mailto:VJ.HCChurches@gmail.com)

HARWELL FEAST



Come along and see the Children and Families Workers and their team at the Harwell Feast on **Monday 27th May**, where they will be providing a free activity for children.

They will also be running an activity at the Chilton Family Fun Day on **Saturday 8th June** at the Harwell Campus.

You can contact Sarah & Melanie by emailing [SB.HCChurches@gmail.com](mailto:SB.HCChurches@gmail.com) or [MS.HCChurches@gmail.com](mailto:MS.HCChurches@gmail.com)

\* Chilton Village Hall (see page 7)



## NO GO, JOE

Thank you to all those who supported the Harwell Players in March when they performed 'No go, Joe'. Thank you for your generosity, which raised profits of **£756.94** towards St Matthew's Church Tower Repair Fund.



## CAP MONEY COURSE



Join us for 3 sessions on  
**Saturday 11th May,**  
**Saturday 18th May** and  
**Saturday 1st June** at

10.15am in St Matthew's Church lounge.

The course gives tips about money management, budgeting and saving habits that make life easier.

The course is free and includes hot breakfast butties.

For more info and to book email [harwellandchiltoncap@gmail.com](mailto:harwellandchiltoncap@gmail.com) or ring 01235 834256.

If you need help with debt, please contact the local CAP Debt Centre for Wallingford and Didcot plus surrounding villages. They offer a free service to help you get your finances back on track. See [www.capuk.org](http://www.capuk.org) or 0800 328 0006.



## ANNUAL PLANT SALE

All Saints' Chilton Women's Group

## Grand Book and Plant Sale and Coffee Morning



on

**Saturday 11th May**

**10am to 12pm**

at

**Chilton Village Hall**



All Saints' Women's Group will be raising money for Christian Aid on **Saturday 11th May** at our Plant Sale and Coffee Morning.

There will be yummy home-made cakes and tarts and other home produce, as well as a huge



selection of good condition books for children and adults.

Come and enjoy a cup of coffee and a homemade biscuit and meet up with your friends and neighbours. We, All Saints' Women's Group, would welcome donations of any plants and offers of help. We will have a wide variety of plants, annuals, herbaceous plants, vegetable seedlings, small shrubs and herbs for sale. Once again we are delighted that the Gardening Club from Chilton School will be joining us and selling plants to raise funds for their club.

We will be joined by Manshed, The Old Farm Shop, Pauline and Alex as well as our brilliant White Elephant Stall packed full of interesting objects and toys. Entry is free.

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Funerals

*"He who believes in Me will live"*

Margaret Dexter

Donald Rush

Peter Millward

Josephine Anne Huckell

### Baptisms

*"Welcome into the Lord's Family"*

Frankie-Rae Dobinson

### Thanksgivings

*"Seeking God's Blessing"*

Emilia-Grace Lyford

## ALL SAINTS' WOMEN'S GROUP

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 14th May** at 7.45pm at All Saints' Church.

This is our planning meeting for the year so please come full of ideas of speakers, interesting topics and places to visit.

Visitors are always welcome.

We will also welcome Helen Brook along to the meeting to talk about Christian Mission Society - CMS.

CHURCH  
MISSION  
SOCIETY

The call  
in action



A reminder that our June meeting will be an outing to the watercress beds at Ewelme on **Tuesday 11th June**.

## HARWELL GARDENERS CLUB

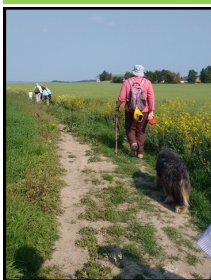
Meet at St Matthew's Church Harwell, 7.30pm on **Monday 6th May**.

'Dazzling Dahlias' talk by Nick Dobson.  
Comp: Razzle Dazzle.

## EVERGREENS

Join Harwell Evergreens on **Thursday 16th May** to hear Dr Lynda Ware's talk on 'Evidence Based Medicine' at St Matthew's Church Hall. Light refreshments are served after the talk.

## WALK



Join our walking group on Bank Holiday **Monday, 6th May** for a local walk. All welcome, including well behaved dogs. Meet at All Saints' Chilton at 2.30pm.

## PEBBLES FAMILY SERVICE

We meet at Chilton Village Hall on the second Sunday of each month for an informal, relaxed, all age service. We meet at 9am for breakfast (all free), have a service from 9.30-10.30am with songs, prayers, a craft for children and a short talk for the grown ups. At 10.30am we have coffee and cake.

Last month we met on Palm Sunday and thought about if we support a football team only when they're doing well, and forget about



them when they're not. In the same way, the people praised God when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, but very quickly changed their 'tune' to shout 'crucify' just a few days later. Our challenge was to think about how we treat God. Do we run to him to pray when things are going wrong, and forget about him when everything is going well? We meet again on **Sunday 12th May**, and again on **Sunday 9th June**. All very welcome to join us.

## INTERVIEW WITH MARGARET MCNIVEN

Margaret came to live in Harwell 49 years ago, in 1970 with her husband and young baby. Margaret really likes that there is so much going on in the village – much of it run by volunteers. Whatever you're interested in, you're likely to find a group in the village, or very close by. Margaret finds the village really friendly and sociable.

Margaret started volunteering for the special care unit at the John Radcliffe after her second son, James, was born and spent some time in the unit.

When her second son James was 6, Margaret set up the Harwell Beaver Scout Group in Harwell. They started with 12 boys over 30 years ago. We now have two Beaver groups in the village to accommodate the number of children who want to attend. Margaret isn't helping regularly with any of the Scouting groups now, but she says that you never really leave Scouting. You'll still see Margaret with her Scouting uniform on for Church parades and special events such as Harwell Feast.

The highlight of Scouting for Margaret is going to camp and out on outings when you see the children for a bit longer and everyone is excited and there is a really good atmosphere.

Margaret can remember one day on camp when the walk didn't quite go according to plan. Margaret looked behind her to see how the children were getting on, and went over onto her ankle and broke it. It was agony! They were on a coastal path in Dorset, and due to the isolated location, Margaret went in a helicopter to the hospital. All the children thought it was wonderful and took lots of photographs and videos. Chris Stott (the former Rector) went into the helicopter

with Margaret and had a great time! Margaret was lying down and couldn't see much at all, however!

Margaret used to listen to children reading at Harwell School, and helped set up an After School Club at the school over 20 years ago.

For many years Margaret has been part of a team of many who deliver the Ridgeway Broadsheet to their neighbours, so that we deliver to every home in Harwell and Chilton villages.

Margaret has been involved with Didcot First, which organises the annual food festival and events at Great Western Railway Centre.

More recently Margaret has helped at Harwell & Chilton Churches Holiday Club at

Harwell School and helping in crèche during Sunday morning services at St Matthew's. Although not a helper, Margaret often attends our church toddler group; Fledgelings, on a Monday morning at the Church Hall with her grandson Jack.

Margaret has been involved with St Matthew's Church for around 40 years. She didn't used to go to Church, and when her second son, James was baptised as a young child, Margaret was baptised at the same time.

Margaret is the one to beat when it comes to the competition for best decorated tent at Holiday Club! Last year, the door to the crèche room was beautifully decorated with reeds and a Moses basket.

With all this volunteering, Margaret really enjoys making good friends, which she says makes up for the fact that you don't get any financial gain. She loves being part of a Scouting and Church family.



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