

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 19TH MAY

5th Sunday of Easter

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 (BCP) at St Matthew's

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

SUNDAY 26TH MAY

6th Sunday of Easter

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 2nd June



**HARWELL
CHILTON
CHURCHES**

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

HOMEGROUP

Are you part of a homegroup? Homegroups meet together weekly, often in someone's home, to read the bible and pray. It's a great way to get to know others in the church.

We have a new home group meeting on Tuesday evenings to look at the Diocesan study 'Pilgrim', based on the Lord's Prayer.

If you are interested in joining this home group, or another one, then please contact Jean Barton or Vicky Johnston in the Church Office.



FOOD BANK

The Didcot Food Bank are always grateful for food donations especially tinned meat, tinned vegetables, whole UHT milk, biscuits, packet puddings, treats and sugar to help people in and around Didcot.

Donations can also be left in St Matthew's or at All Saints' Church.

Thank you for your support.
Mel & Margaret Gibson.



WALKING & SOCIAL GROUP



The Bank Holiday Monday walk was well attended by 20 people and 3 dogs. It was a relaxed 3 mile walk.

We had our Hospitality Sunday on the 12th May, where a number of people joined together for a Sunday lunch.

THY KINGDOM COME

An Invitation:

Following an initiative started 3 years ago, our archbishops Justin Welby and John Sentamu are again encouraging us during the eleven days between Ascension Day and Pentecost to join in "Thy Kingdom Come", which has now become a worldwide season of prayer for the growth of God's Kingdom here on earth.



During Lent a number of people from our two churches met together to learn & share. Many found this to be helpful. This year Ascension Day falls on **Thursday 30th May**. Our Holy Communion celebration that evening from **7.45pm at St Matthew's** will include a time of discussion and prayer for the growth of God's Kingdom.

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will

- ◆ Deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ
- ◆ Pray for God's Spirit to work in the lives of those they know
- ◆ Come to realise that every aspect of their life is the stuff of prayer

Please come and join in!

HARWELL FEAST

Our churches will be involved in Harwell Feast on Bank Holiday Monday 27 May in various ways and we need more volunteers to help with this. The activities are:

1. Helping to set up and staff the **Church Stall**. This will have religious-themed craft and other activities on it (at no charge) aimed at families with small children

2. **Selling tea and cake** at the pavilion (the money goes back into Feast funds)

3. **Selling entry programmes** near the car park on the field

Rotas are in 1-hour slots from 9am-5pm for the Church Stall and for the pavilion teas; and 9am-3pm for the programme selling.



Please contact Vicky Johnston in the church office on tel 834 256 or at VJ.HCChurches@gmail.com asap if you can help, stating what time(s) you are available and which task(s) you would be prepared to do. Sarah Barrett (Church Stall) or Jane Woolley (teas/programmes) will then get back to you.

We will be running an activity tent at the Chilton **Family STEAM day on Saturday 8th June**. Please let Sarah know if you are able to help. It was a very well attended stall last year by families and we were busy throughout the day.

REFLECTIVE SPACES

We are running Reflective (Prayer) Spaces in Harwell Primary School again this year. It will be from the week of Monday 10th to Friday 14th June.

We would love any volunteers to help in this week by coming along and running prepared activities with the children. Any time you could give would be gratefully received. We would also love it if people could pray for a successful week. Contact Sarah at SB.HCChurches@gmail.com



BELL-RINGING



There will be no ringing in Harwell while repairs are being made to the

tower, which is expected to last about a month.

Starting next Thursday, 9th May, Harwell ringers are welcome to come to Chilton for practice starting at 7.30pm. Chilton will also welcome any Harwell ringers who wish to ring for the service starting ~8.45am for about 30 mins on Sunday mornings.

HOLIDAY CLUB



Please take home one of our prayer booklets to help you pray for our Space Academy Holiday Club coming up this summer. We've had over 140 children apply for the Club this year.

The Club runs at Harwell Primary School from Monday 29th July - Friday 2nd August, 9am-3pm.

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 Lawson Lane in Chilton, and in Barrow Lane in Harwell
- Didcot & Wallingford Area CAP Debt Centre
- 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)
- Holiday Club planning, and for a good range of afternoon activities to offer
- The work of Christian Solidarity Worldwide
- Local teenagers taking GCSE and A Level exams
- God's Kingdom to come in Harwell & Chilton

Collect the 5th Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he 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>