

RIDGEWAY BROADSHEET

July/August 2019



**Join our daytrip to Bournemouth on
Saturday 7th September 2019**
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GENERATION GOLD



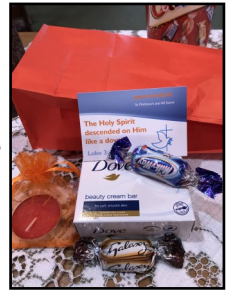
Generation Gold is an exciting and welcoming service for people of retirement age. Jan and I started Generation Gold 4 years ago because we felt God calling us to minister to older people with a service which was tailored especially for them, and to help them to realize that God and the church value them – hence the reference to them being ‘gold’!

Generation Gold happens once a quarter in March, June, September and December and alternates between Chilton and Harwell churches.

We welcome a growing congregation of people from both parishes some of whom are regular church members and others not. We worship God and spend time catching up with each other over delicious refreshments. While Jan and I lead Generation Gold we are supported generously by a great team of people in both parishes who use their musical gifts and baking skills to bless our congregation.

Each service lasts about 35 minutes and is based on a different theme each time. Over the last year our themes have been Lammas (the wheat harvest), angels

(messengers from God), butterflies (and how our lives are changed when we believe in Jesus), and Pentecost (the birthday of the Church). Last year we also had an extra ‘special’ when we remembered summers at the beach. We sing well known hymns and sometimes learn new hymns and songs too. We have an interactive discussion during the service, hear a couple of Bible readings and a short address. We end our services with the giving of a gift to everyone to take home to remind them of our theme, and the serving of refreshments.



Next time we will be holding a harvest-themed service and complimentary harvest lunch on Monday 9 September at 12.30pm at Chilton Village Hall.

We began with about 30 people and have now grown to around 60. Our ‘Goldies’ share their enthusiasm with their friends and bring them along too. Would you like to join us, or do you know someone who might like to come to Generation Gold? Do speak to Jan or me if you’d like to know more.

Revd Pam Rolls & Revd Jan Radford
Associate Minister & Assistant Minister



RECTOR'S LETTER

So who will it be? At the time of writing, the contest for the new leader of the Conservative Party – and so the new Prime Minister – has been whittled down to two. Having survived a series of votes by their MP colleagues, the survivors now get put to the party membership to make the final decision. Who will be able to give the leadership needed to break the Brexit impasse? Who will be the best person for the Top Job?

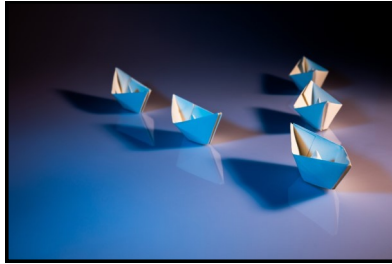
The selection of a new leader for the nation of Israel around 1000 BC gave a surprising result – surprising even to the prophet Samuel. Following the failed leadership of King Saul, the youngest brother from an insignificant family is chosen. Outwardly there were far more impressive candidates, but David was God's choice. It was not CV, patronage or appearance that mattered to God, but what was on the inside.

"For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart" 1 Sam 16:7

David was the man for the job and God worked powerfully through him at a time of national crisis. David was to make mistakes, and had significant moral failings. But fundamentally he was a man who sought God with his heart.

We can't expect our leaders to be perfect, because no one is, but we are rightly concerned with what is going on in their hearts. Our leaders, their selection, and their fitness for office is a regular topic of news and discussion. Some we get to choose, many not. A headline grabber whose leadership and pronouncements are under constant scrutiny is Donald Trump, whose power and influence has been granted to him by the American electoral system. Many of the most significant 'movers and shakers' are not elected, however.

Those in charge of powerful media organisations and multinational companies are hugely influential and have a massive impact on the world and its inhabitants, but are often not held to account for their power.



The Bible has a lot to say about leadership, but except in exceptional cases promotes submission to the authorities and urges that we pray for our leaders – whether we agree with them or not – and that we pay our due in terms of taxes, revenue, respect and honour.

"Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established" Rom 13:1

Whilst none of them are perfect, and all will make mistakes, leaders have a hard job to do, and they need our support and prayers. Leadership is hard.

But we are all called to leadership. I read recently the definition of a leader simply as someone who influences others. And that applies to all of us at times. Every leader is different, and our leadership flows from who we are. Christians are called to be leaders at the same time as followers – followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, whose loving leadership led him to the Cross; whose motivation was the welfare of those he had been given to care for.

So let's pray for all our leaders, that their hearts would seek after God, and that they would be motivated and empowered by God to love those they lead.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan".

Revd Dr Jonathan Mobey
Rector of Harwell with Chilton

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Thank you to everyone who came to see us at **Harwell Feast and Chilton Family Fun Day** this year. We really enjoyed making so many kites!



The Church Office is busy as we prepare for our **'Space Academy' Holiday Club** in the



summer at Chilton Primary School. We are expecting 130 children in 11 'dens'. We'll be thinking about the Biblical book of Daniel in the mornings, along with singing, dancing, a quiz, craft, and some out of this world challenges.

Daniel was a great example of how to follow God faithfully, and our Holiday Club song is called 'God's Way'. We are so thankful for all our volunteers who enable the Club to run, including those who run activities for the children in the afternoon. This year we have hand bells, colouring, board games, crafts, rounders, football, microscopes, number hockey, sewing, and hama beads amongst others!

Everyone is welcome at our monthly **Pebbles Family Services**. Starting at 9am with breakfast pastries, at 9.30am the informal service starts with songs, a bible reading and a craft activity for children. Tea and cake is then served afterwards at 10.30am. We meet at Chilton Village Hall on Sundays 14th July, 11th August, 8th September, 13th October.



We had a great time with **Harwell Primary School** in our reflection tent. Each class came along and thought/reflected/prayed

about their aspirations (see below), things to be thankful for (see across),



how to handle frustrations, and positive and negative thoughts about ourselves.



Services at All Saints'		Services at St Matthew's
9.30am All Age Worship	7th July	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am All Age Worship 6.15pm Evening Prayer
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9.30am All Age Worship	4th Aug	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am All Age Worship 6.15pm Evening Prayer
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.00am Family Service *CVH 9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP)	11th Aug	11.00am Morning Worship
9.30am Holy Communion	18th Aug	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Holy Communion 6.15pm Evening Prayer (BCP)
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship	25th Aug	11.00am Morning Worship 6.15pm Holy Communion

*CVH Chilton Village Hall. (BCP) Book of Common Prayer, traditional service.

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



GOSPEL CONCERT

Gospel music for summer: Didcot Gospel and band make a joyful return to Harwell church when they perform rich Gospel sounds, classic hits and well-known songs from musical theatre on **Saturday 13 July**, in aid of Children's



Air Ambulance. Tickets £8 (£6 children/concessions) on sale in the church at noon on Sunday 7th July, from the

ticket line on 07923 453143 or from didcotgospel@gmail.com. Doors open at 5pm with the concert starting at 5.30pm.

SOCIAL EVENTS

On **Saturday 20th July** we have a trip to Gaydon Motor Museum. You are very welcome to join us and we are happy to co-ordinate lifts.



There will be a walk at 4pm on **20th July** for around 4 miles, followed by a meal at the pub. Meet at Chilton Village Hall carpark. Well behaved dogs are welcome.

On **Wednesday 28th August** we'll have a day out in Oxford.

On **Saturday 7th September** we are arranging a trip to Bournemouth, after a successful day trip there in 2017. Tickets are £10 each from the Church Office. Or meet us there!



Email Social.HCChurches@gmail.com or contact Vicky in the Church Office or see www.HCChurches.org/social

CHARITY MARKET STALL

The next charity stall will be raising funds for the Oxfordshire branch of the Parkinson's Society. The market will be held on **Saturday 13th July** between 9am and 12noon on Crafts End Green. We will be selling plants, books, cakes, breads, savoury and fruit tarts, jams and other home produce and an amazing selection of white elephant goods. Offers of books, plants and small white elephant goods will be greatly welcomed.

In June, **£537** was raised for Brain Tumour Research. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

U3A

U3A Calling all semi- or retired individuals wishing to meet with like-minded people who want to Learn, Laugh & Live. Come along to the monthly meetings held on the Third Tuesday of each month in the Didcot Civic Hall, meetings commence at 2pm - early arrival recommended!

17 July - Fly Girl Adventures - Anita May a professional airline pilot with a colourful career and as Anita says, 'all of it true!'

21 August - My Life as a Radio and TV Script Writer - Nick Thomas gives an insight into a world where a skill with words pays the bills!

Contact: chairman@didcotu3a.org

HARWELL EVERGREENS

Trip to Hillier's Garden Centre on **Thursday 18th July** for lunch.

All very welcome to attend our Coffee Morning on **Saturday 27th July** at St Matthew's Church Hall 10am-12noon. **Thursday 15th August** we have our Summer Party at the Church Hall.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Weddings

"Those God has joined together"

Alistair Dorman-Smith & Victoria Hughes
Gabriel Olarte & Victoria Martin

Funerals

"He who believes in Me will live"

Ted Lay

Baptisms & Thanksgivings

"Welcome into the Lord's Family"

Isabelle Clarke
Elsie Davis
Arthur Skaife

ALL SAINTS' WOMEN'S GROUP

In June All Saints' Women's Group had a most interesting visit to All Saints' Sutton Courtenay. On the **9th July** the group will be enjoying lunch at Millets Farm – the last meeting before the summer break.

CHILTON FILM CLUB



New Chilton Film Club for 50+ Come and join us for the next film club on **Monday 1st July**. Chilton

Village Hall 2–4pm. Enjoy a cinema experience with coffee and cake. £3.50 per session. Next film: The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society. Future dates: 5th Aug, 7th Oct, 4th Nov, 2nd Dec. Contact: Rachel 07827 235 420.

BROADSHEET DELIVERERS

Could you deliver the Broadsheet to a few of your neighbours? Please contact Vicky in the Church Office if you can help.

CAP MONEY COURSE



The CAP Money course (with breakfast) is back in July with a three-session course on Saturday

mornings **20 and 27 July and 20 August** from 10.15am to 12pm in the lounge at Harwell Church. Book now at www.capmoneycourse.org or email: harwellandchiltoncap@gmail.com or by phone to the church office on 834256.

If you have a young person going up to University or college in the Autumn, we are also running a one-off money management session for students on the evening of **Monday 9 September** in Harwell. Contact us in any of the ways above to book in for that.

CAR TREASURE HUNT

Well done to all the teams who took part in the treasure hunt on 16th June. The Hopgood's (pictured) arrived back first, but the Fabulous Finders were the winners. Cars travelled 28 miles (or more) looking for answers to over 70 clues and making some jewellery from finds along the way. How many Bactrian Camels would you say there are on the way out of Chilton Village Hall Car Park? Just the one - each camel has 2 humps!



THANK YOU

Christian Aid 2019: the amount collected from door to door collections in Chilton Village was **£714.62**.

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously and special thanks to those who delivered and collected envelopes.

INTERVIEW WITH PAM FRODSHAM

Pam Frodsham has lived in Chilton for over 40 years. She finds it a really friendly and supportive village, noting that Judy Goodall is a wonderful motivator! She regularly attends Generation Gold and really appreciates all the work that goes into it.

Pam grew up in Bunbury, Cheshire, and was born in a 15th Century cottage where her younger brother still lives. It almost didn't survive the war – when Pam was 3 years old a bomb was dropped very near to the cottage. The bomb bounced on a telegraph wire and fell into a field. When they were given the all clear, they found the front door had gone, all the windows had smashed, and you could see the rafters from the living room. They lived with family members for 18 months before the cottage was repaired and they could finally move back home again.

Pam enjoyed school, and trained in primary education in Manchester. She taught in several different schools in Cheshire. In one she taught 50 children aged 8 and 9.

Pam and a friend were offered work as teachers in Germany to teach for the British Forces. She had a wonderful time travelling all over Europe during the holidays.

Pam then got a job in Tanzania teaching in an International school where 37 different languages were spoken. There was political unrest at the time, and one weekend she had visited the beach but came back after curfew. It was a tense time, while she and her friends were held at gunpoint with some trigger happy young soldiers.

Alongside that, you had to be careful of snakes. A black mamba could kill with just one bite! Pam can remember always wearing

wellies (because of the danger of snakes). On Sports Day, one of the children told Pam that there was a baby black mamba by her foot!

She was so thankful for those wellies that kept her safe.

There were adventures that took Pam camping and driving many miles through East Africa. Once they ran out of fuel, and Pam was left in the bush whilst her friend went to get some petrol. They lost the windscreen and had to drive around 1,000 miles without

one! It was the rainy season – but it was so warm it was like having a shower. With no windscreen, they arrived back home with a huge number of flying insects in the back of the car. One was a beautiful swallowtail butterfly.

Pam can remember camping one night in a small tent near the Victoria Falls, and something bumped into her side and woke her up. Her friend said it was probably a lion!

Pam came back to England and got a job in Didcot, at Greenmere School (now Willowcroft) She was Deputy Head, and then briefly, Head Teacher.

After completing a degree at Oxford Polytechnic (now Brookes), Pam was offered a job tutoring in the Primary Education Department. She really enjoyed the chance to visit lots of primary schools in the area to visit her students.

In retirement, Pam has done a Pam Ayres and a Joyce Grenfell act at local clubs such as Harwell Evergreens, and All Saints' Women's Group. She is also a member of U3A in Didcot and their singing for fun group. Pam regularly attends St Matthew's on Sunday mornings as she much prefers the later start. 9.30am is a little too early for singing!!



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