

Welcome

A very warm welcome to you. Whether you are visiting, 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.

SUNDAY 29TH DECEMBER

The First Sunday of Christmas

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

9:30am Holy Communion at All Saints'

11:00am Pebbles & Kids Church at St Matthew's

11:00am Holy Communion at St Matthew's

6:15pm Evening Prayer at All Saints'

No Youth Fellowship until 12th January

SUNDAY 5TH JANUARY

Epiphany

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

9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints'

9:30am Kids Church & Pebbles at All Saints'

11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's

6:15pm Evening Prayer at St Matthew's

No Youth Fellowship until 12th January

SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY

The First Sunday of Epiphany

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
6.30-8.00pm 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, or via the Church Office

St Matthew's Harwell
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HOLIDAY

The Church staff team will be back in full swing on Monday 6th January.

Please contact Jonathan Mobey with any urgent, pastoral concerns during this time: 799376 or jm.HCCchurches@gmail.com

PARKING

Please could those parking along the fence just outside St Matthew's avoid the area just opposite the driveway to Willowbrook House. Thank you.

WEBSITE

Our website providers have upgraded their security, so when you log in you may receive a few emails to inform you that someone has signed into your account on Web Office (the Church Website). You may also be asked for a more secure password. If you have signed into your account, please just ignore these messages.



COMBINED CHILDRENS GROUPS

Pebbles & Kids Church will meet jointly during our 11am service at St Matthew's on 29th December.

Pebbles & Kids Church will meet jointly during our 9.30am service at All Saints' on 5th January.



CAP UPDATE

In 2019 we have seen 17 individuals and families go completely debt free and who are no longer dealing with the stress of creditors chasing them, feelings of guilt, shame and inadequacy, or trying to hide their situation from loved ones. Others are on management plans working towards that day. In 2019 five people that we know of have prayed salvation prayers to Jesus - and we have seen five client baptisms in our partner churches.

Many more clients are being loved, blessed and supported - and many are exploring further on the Money Course, Alpha Courses or coming along to church.

Thank you so much for your support for this very tangible expression of God's love.



12TH JANUARY — THE LEPROSY MISSION

We will be welcoming Chris Stratta to our services on Sunday 12th January. Chris is the South Central Regional Manager for The Leprosy Mission (TLM), a missionary organisation that Harwell & Chilton Churches support financially and in prayer.

The theme for World Leprosy Sunday is Hospital Heroes, focusing on the remarkable sacrifice that the staff at TLM hospitals make for people with leprosy and Chris will be speaking about this during our services on 12th January. Do come along to hear him.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES—2019 CLOSING HEADLINES

We've had a busy, fun 2019 and thought we'd give you a snapshot of what we've been up to below recently.

Fledgelings in Harwell and Chilton have continued to thrive with new families joining us most weeks replacing those who move onto nursery. Due to an ant infestation at the Church Hall, a temporary move to St Matthew's Church has become a more permanent arrangement in Harwell. Feedback from the families has been overwhelmingly positive and it's lovely welcoming them into the church each week.



We trialed an afternoon Fledgelings in Chilton which enabled us to welcome back some of the families whose children had moved onto nursery. When these children went to full time school in September numbers dwindled to make afternoons no longer viable, but it was lovely to reconnect with them, and some new families, for a time.

Pebbles Family Services have also seen growth this year. Monthly we average 60 people attending each service, but following Holiday Club we welcomed several new families when the children were presented with Bibles after completing the memory verse challenge set during Holiday Club.

Pebbles, Kids Church and Pathfinders continue to run on Sunday mornings. The groups are constantly changing as the children age and move from group to group. Pathfinders (our group for Secondary School children) has grown considerably this past term, as several young people have moved up from Kids Church.

YF continues to run on a Sunday evening and has also seen numbers grow over the past term with some new young people coming post-Holiday Club.

As well as our regular groups we also have one off and special events/ services happen throughout the year. These include **assemblies, Christingle, The Easter Trail, mums' social, Education Sunday, Baptism Celebration, Mothering Sunday, Reflective Spaces in schools, Holiday Club, Light Party, Remembrance, The Living Advent Calendar, Christmas decoration making, Travelling Crib, Carols by Candlelight, Crib Service...**

Looking at all this, it goes without saying that there is far too much going on for your Children and Families' Workers to do alone. The only reason we are able to do so much is because of the amazing team of volunteers we have across both churches. There are far too many people to list, but we are so grateful for all the time, energy, creativity and enthusiasm each and every one of them give.

We feel very blessed to be able to serve our churches and villages as Children and Families' Workers and even if you're not involved directly in working with children and families, we want to thank you too for your prayers, support and encouragement.

Wishing everyone across both churches a very happy Christmas and a blessed, peaceful 2020.

Melanie & Sarah



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 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 Hillpiece in Chilton, and in North Drive in Harwell
- Didcot & Wallingford Area CAP Debt Centre
- God's guidance through the year ahead, especially as we develop our '2020 vision'
- Those who preach and teach in our churches
- Those who are homeless and cold especially in this bitter weather. Draw near and comfort them in spirit and bless those who work to provide them with shelter, food and friendship
- Those in hospital; surround the frightened with your tenderness; give strength to those in pain; hold the weak in your arms of love, and give hope and patience to those who are recovering
- Comfort for people who are hurting because a loved one has died.

Collect for the First Sunday of Christmas

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for The Epiphany

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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>