

Ridgeway Broadsheet

October



2011

St. Matthew's Harwell with All Saints' Chilton
invite you & your family to a



On Sunday 30th October
In Chilton Village Hall
At 4.00-5.30pm

CRAFTS ~ GAMES ~ FOOD

Come in bright clothes

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St. Matthews Harwell Bell Ringing

We have a weekly practice on Thursdays from 7.30pm until 9pm, the first half hour is aimed mainly at our learners. All visitors (ringers and non-ringers) are most welcome. For details please contact Philip Roberts 861409 or Debbie Greenfield 820760.

There is an official joint practice with Chilton at Harwell on the 6th and 20th October (1st and 3rd Thursday)

There are no weddings in October but we do have visitors on Saturday the 8th. Ringing from 10am until 10.45am.

They are coming from the Dorchester, Chinnor and Thame area, which is the South Oxon Branch of the Oxford Guild. So listen out for them!

We rang prior to Jonathan's induction service on Tuesday 6th September, managing a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles with some fine ringing. The ringers were: Elizabeth Gill, Clive House, Philip Roberts, Stuart Gibson, Mark Vincent & Keith Tyler.

On the 10th September a local band rang before Heidi and Gerry's wedding and immediately after a full peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was successfully rung. After a hesitant start the ringing settled down into a good rhythm. As well as for the Bride and Groom, this peal was to welcome Jonathan to St Matthews. The ringers this time were:

1, Philip Roberts 2, Katie Lane 3, Nick Clarke 4, Di Bridle 5, Paul Hartley 6, Peter Bridle 7, Tim Pett 8, Lee Pennington.

More next month.

Philip Roberts
Harwell Tower Foreman

All Saints' Chilton Bell Ringing

Chilton ringers will attend the joint Practice in Harwell on the 6th and 20th from 7.30 to 9pm.

Contact Philip Roberts for details of Harwell ringing Tel: 861409.

A Chilton practice may be held in the 2nd and 4th weeks, 13th and 27th October starting at 7.30pm; telephone in advance to confirm we shall practise.

If you want to come you will be most welcome, but bring several friends with you if you want to ring methods.

Contact Alec Samler for details of Chilton ringing. Tel: 834589

Other Ringing:

Saturday 8th Visitors ringing 11.30 - 12.15

Monday 11th Branch Practice Steventon time to be announced

Wednesday 26th Branch Afternoon Training Brightwell 2 - 3.30pm

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Jonathan writes...

I would like share this joke with you. The picture is of a wife addressing her husband, who is somewhat pre-occupied. "You never listen to me," she says in frustration, "you only hear what you want to hear." "Sure," he replies, "I'll have a beer." The sad truth is that we are not always very good at listening to one another. It is all too easy to get locked into our own little world, and pay too little attention to the views and feelings of others. But that is not the way it should be. It has been suggested that since humans have two ears and one mouth they should listen at least twice as much as they speak.

Listening skills are a key part of the curriculum at good medical schools. Such skills are taught for at least two reasons. Not only is good listening therapeutic in itself, it is also essential to the process of making a diagnosis. It is said that 90% of all diagnoses can be made simply from listening to what a patient says. Listening is also a key part of the next stage in making a diagnosis – the examination – hence the importance of the stethoscope. Another reason for listening is to expand one's own resources by gaining from the wisdom and experience of others.



I and my family are new to Harwell and Chilton, and since arriving we have been listening hard, trying to learn who's who, what's what, and where's where. I have decided, particularly during my first 70 days in post, intentionally and carefully to listen in order to discern the future direction for the churches of Harwell and Chilton. This decision is partly informed by common sense but also by Christian theology. You see, Christians believe that God is a God who cares for his people and speaks to them in order to guide them.

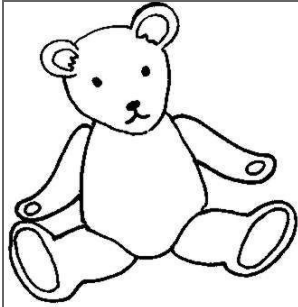
A familiar biblical image of God is that of a shepherd. In the ancient near-east and in many parts of the world today, shepherds guide their flocks to places of safety and good pasture by calling to them. The sheep learn to recognise and trust the voice of the shepherd and so follow. Jesus says "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:27).

God speaks to and guides us in all sorts of ways. Christians believe that the primary way is through his Son, Jesus Christ, as revealed in the Bible, but that God also speaks to us indirectly through other people, our circumstances and our consciences. It can be difficult to hear the 'still small voice' of God (cf 1 Kings 19:11-13) and it can be all too easy to hear what we want to hear. But if we genuinely want to hear the voice of the Good Shepherd guiding us, we can.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Revd Dr Jonathan Mobey is the new Rector of Harwell with Chilton

As part of his 'Listening Exercise', Jonathan would love to hear from anyone with any views on or ideas about the churches and their engagement with the communities of Harwell and Chilton. This can be done online (<http://tiny.cc/rie1w>) or by leaving a message on the Church Office answerphone (834256).



**Harwell Fun Club's Baby and Toddler Nearly
New Sale
Saturday 19th November 2011
at Harwell Village Hall,
10am - 12 noon.**

Items on sale include toys, equipment, clothes, books
plus lots, lots more.
Entry by donation. We look forward to seeing you there.
If you wish to sell or volunteer please contact us at
harwellnns@hotmail.co.uk

We recently handed over a cheque to the Thames Valley
& Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust for £7000

Thank You to all the people of Chilton (& Harwell) for their
supporting the show this year.

Colin Smith (the Chilton postie)



Harwell Gardeners Club

Harwell Village hall

'The delights of the kitchen garden'

Talk by Tim Miles

Monday 3rd October

7.30pm

Competition: Dahlias



ALL SAINTS' CHILTON EVERGREENS'

BAZAAR

Saturday 5th November
in Chilton Village Hall at 2pm

Home-made cakes, gifts, plants,
bric a brac, Refreshments
Everyone very welcome - Free Entry

Day conference Christian support for people with learning disabilities

Do you have a son or daughter, friend or church member with a learning disability?

Would you like to know more about Christian support using personalised budgets/
direct payments?

Then this conference is for you!

Tuesday 18 October 10.30 a.m.—3.30 p.m.

West Oxford Community Centre, (Botley Road, Oxford)

Refreshments will be provided

To find out more and to register an interest Please email
pamelam@prospects.org.uk or telephone 07798 681 113



Harwell Harvest Lunch

Harwell Village Hall

Monday 3rd October

Lunch will be 12.00pm to 2.00pm

Come and celebrate this year's harvest with a delicious lunch! Wander the stalls selling wonderful harvest produce and much more.

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO **Tearfund & Didcot Emergency Foodbank**
CHRISTIANS AGAINST WORLD POVERTY

CHILTON HARVEST TEA FOR TEARFUND



This year we are holding a harvest tea and auction of produce on Sunday 2nd October at 4.30pm in Chilton Village Hall

Come along and enjoy afternoon tea (£3 per person, children free), auction starts at 5.15pm hear more about the work of the Tearfund Charity and celebrate God's harvest

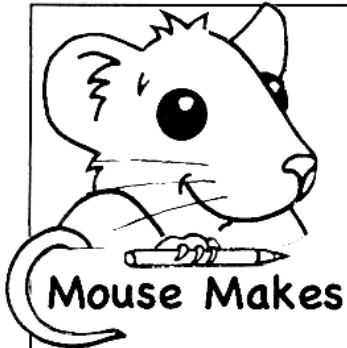
The produce donated at the morning Harvest Festival service will be auctioned and all proceeds will be donated to Tearfund



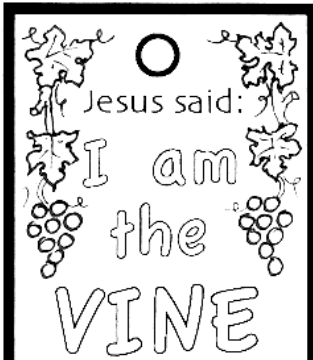
CHRISTIAN ACTION WITH THE WORLD'S POOR

(There will be no Harvest Lunch on Monday in Chilton)

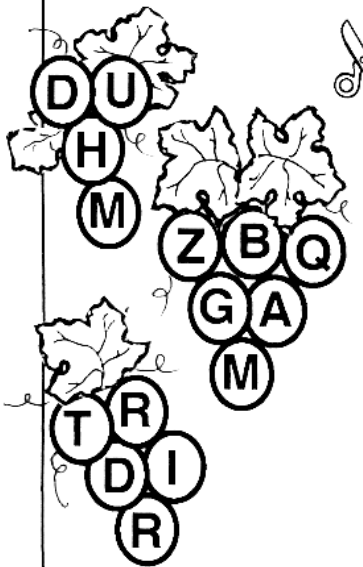
Tinned and packet goods from Chilton will be taken to: The Porch Steppin' Stone Centre in Oxford which works with people who are homeless or vulnerably housed.



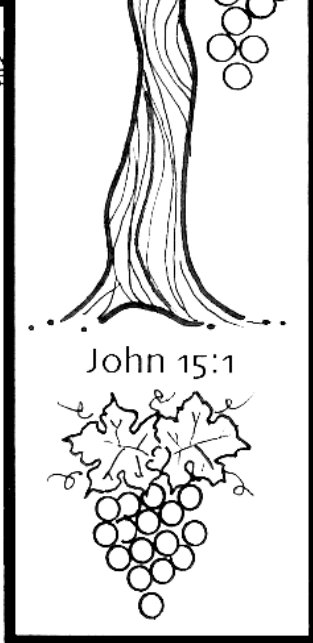
Glue onto card, colour, cut out the cross and hang up.



Jesus said
"I am the real vine, and my Father is the gardener.
 He breaks off every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will be



Change each letter on the grapes to the one after it in the alphabet then rearrange to find the words



clean and bear more fruit...
 ...A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it can do so only if it remains in the vine. In the same way you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me.
I am the vine, and you are the branches.
 Those who remain in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me."

John 15
 verses 1-2,4-5

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS



Marriages

"Those that God has joined together"

Heidi Zimmerman & Gerry Bird

Thank you

to all Harwell and Chilton friends who wrote to me while I was poorly. I had lots of lovely cards and it was really beautiful and so uplifting. Grace Mein.

To make it possible for everyone to attend church next Sunday, we are going to have a **"No Excuse Sunday."**

- Cots will be placed in the foyer for those who say, "Sunday is my only day to sleep in."
- There will be a special section with lounge chairs for those who feel that our pews are too hard.
- Eye drops will be available for those with tired eyes from watching TV late Saturday night.
- We will have steel helmets for those who say, "The roof would cave in if I ever came to church."
- Blankets will be furnished for those who think the church is too cold, and fans for those who say it is too hot.
- Scorecards will be available for those who wish to list all the hypocrites present. A prominent space will be allotted at the top of the card for the cardholder to write his own name down first on that list.
- Relatives and friends will be in attendance for those who can't go to church and cook dinner, too.
- We will provide a variety of musical accompaniments for those who feel that the hymns are too dull or that the contemporary service is too contemporary or not contemporary enough.
- One section will be devoted to trees and grass for those who like to seek God in nature.
- And finally, the sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who never have seen the church without them.

Hope to see you there! -----Author Unknown.

Contacting the Churches

Any enquiries about church business for St. Matthew's Harwell or All Saints' Chilton should be directed to:

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Please give items for the **November Ridgeway Broadsheet** to the Administrator Mrs. Carolyn Vickers by **Wednesday 19th October** preferably by email to office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk. Weekly Notice sheet items should be received in the Church office by Wednesday morning of each week. Thank you

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Harvest 15th Sunday After Trinity	2nd	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 4.30pm 6.15pm	Holy Communion at Harwell Worship for all ages at Chilton Worship for all ages at Harwell Harvest Tea & Auction at Chilton Village Hall. Evening Prayer at Harwell
Monday	3 rd	noon	Harvest lunch at Harwell Village Hall.
Tuesday	4 th	2.30pm	Chilton Evergreens - Talk by Norman Francis 'Nora Lindsay- the Great Gardener of Sutton Courtenay' - Chilton Village Hall.
Wednesday	5 th	8.30pm	Night Prayer at All Saints' Church.
16th Sunday after Trinity	9th	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	Holy Communion at Chilton Morning Worship at Chilton Holy Communion at Harwell 'Hands Free' at Harwell
Monday	10 th	9.30am 10.00am	Fledglings at St. Matthew's Church Hall. Missions meeting at 15, Elderfield Crescent, Chilton.
Tuesday	11 th	7.45pm	Chilton Wives- meeting in All Saints' Church.
17th Sunday after Trinity	16th	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 6.15pm	Holy Communion at Harwell Holy Communion at Chilton Morning Worship at Harwell Evening Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) at Harwell
Tuesday	18 th	10.00am 11.15am 7.30pm	Holy Communion at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell. Holy Communion at The Crown care home, Harwell. Ladies Group - Talk by Caroline Jackson on 'Madagascar' - St. Matthew's Church Hall.
Thursday	20 th	2.30pm	Harwell Evergreens - David Marsh talking about his visit to New Zealand - St. Matthew's Church Hall.
Saturday	22 nd	9am-4pm	Walk for Christian Aid—All Saints' Chilton.
Bible Sunday 18th Sunday after Trinity	23rd	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 6.15pm	Holy Communion at Chilton Morning Worship at Chilton Morning Worship at Harwell Holy Communion at Harwell
Monday	24 th	9.30am	Fledglings in St. Matthew's Church Hall.
All Saints' day 4th Sunday before Advent	30th	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 4.00pm	Holy Communion at Harwell Holy Communion at Chilton Morning Worship at Harwell 'Light Party' at Chilton Village Hall
Monday	31 st	10.30am	'Under His Wings' in St. Matthew's Church.
Every Wednesday		7.30pm	Choir Practice in All Saints' church
Every Saturday		8.30am	Prayer meeting in both churches