

Ridgeway Broadsheet



The OlymPicnic

Sunday 1st July

You are warmly invited to this exciting, family-friendly FREE event which will focus around a barbecue and games on Harwell Rectory Lawn from 12 noon. All ages welcome.

The day begins with a short All Age service at 9.30am in Chilton. Then - for the adventurous - there will be a 2-mile relay from Chilton to Harwell down The Holloway by whatever means you like - walking, jogging, cycling, three-legged, etc. - with prizes for novelty and fancy dress.

An All Age service at Harwell begins at 11am, before *The OlymPicnic* which begins at midday with FREE burgers and games. Come to as much or little of the day as you can: everyone welcome



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CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Our thanks go to Betty McNiven, who is retiring after 24 years as our Children's Society representative, organising the Box Collections. Over the years Betty has increased the number of Box holders and overseen a total contribution of around £8000 for the Society. Mandy Birkinshaw is taking over from Betty, and she will be in touch with existing Box holders in the autumn. Meanwhile, if you would like to have a Collection Box for loose change - and more - please give Mandy a ring on 221161. Thanks again Betty, for all your faithful work and excellent administration!

JUBILEE CREAM TEAS

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped at the cream teas at All Saints' on Jubilee Monday. So many people made lovely cakes and biscuits, helped move pews and serve and wash up. As always, it was a lovely atmosphere with over 150 people dropping into church for tea, cake and a chat. We raised £268 for charity. Thank you so much for all your hard work - I could not do it without you all. Hazel King.

CHARITY SALE, COFFEE AND TEA

Thursday 7th July,
St. Matthew's Church Hall.
Come along and enjoy:
Bring & Buy, Bric-a-brac, plants,
cakes, books, produce, etc.
Coffee morning 10am-noon;
afternoon tea 2-4pm.
In aid of individuals and outreach
agencies supported by
St. Matthew's Church.
Entry by donation.
Contributions to Betty Pyke 835324.

GENESIS SERIES - JUNE TO AUGUST

The sermon series from June to August for our 9.30am and 11am services is 'Genesis: Beginnings'. A number of homegroups will be studying Genesis in parallel with this, and now would be great time to join a group if this interests you—further information from Kate Evans on 512939 or kate@sungrove.plus.com.

GALATIANS SERIES— EVENING SERVICES

We have begun a study series during the 6.15pm services on the Epistle, or Letter, to the Galatians. This will continue until August. Galatians contributed to the major turning point Martin Luther brought to the Christian faith in the Reformation. This letter is about the true nature of our relationship with God and Jesus Christ and "helps us to understand what God - not others - requires of his followers and how we can live out our faith" in freedom. Those who would like to follow this series might like to use John Stott's Bible Studies, 'Galatians, Experiencing the Grace of Christ', £4.65. An alternative would be Tom Wright's Bible Study Guides, Galatians, £4.24. Both guides have questions to prompt our thoughts as we read this Letter.

CHRISTIAN AID

The house to house collection for Christian Aid raised £832 in Chilton and £1522.98 in Harwell. Thank you to all who gave and those who collected.

Jonathan writes...

"Send her victorious, happy and glorious!" The Diamond Jubilee celebrations are only just over, and the country finds itself gearing up for another major event. Again, the National Anthem will be played, but now to urge Team GB to victory in the London Olympics. This year is a gift for schools, who are able to link their Sports Days to this global celebration of sporting excellence to encourage their pupils to athletic endeavour.

Sport and athletics can be very valuable, not only in promoting physical health, but also for encouraging teamwork, building self-esteem and developing perseverance. A number of pioneering projects in poor communities use sport to great effect, and sports teams and events have great potential to bring together people from diverse backgrounds.

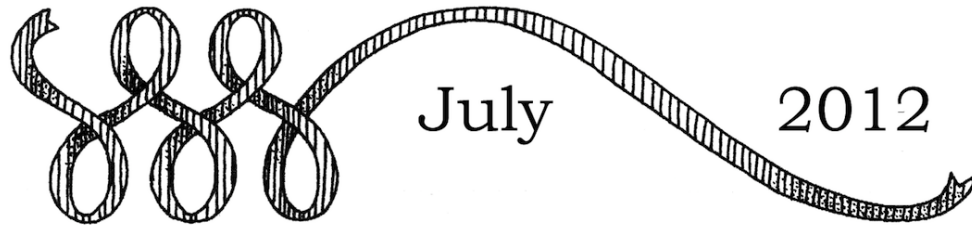
But not everyone is sporty. Some people have been scarred by bad experiences at school, not being picked for the team, or coming last in the race despite trying hard. Some people would love to be good at sport, but it just doesn't happen for them. What does the Olympics have for them? Well, one thing the Olympics offers is a chance to cheer on the national team that is representing us. Although we may not be up to competing, in a way they are doing it for us. They go through the gruelling training and the pressure of competing, paying a great personal cost, in order to win the prize on our behalf. We can cheer them on, and if they win medals, we can celebrate with them. Winning gold in the Olympics is out of the question for most of us, but they can do it for us.

The Christian faith sees Jesus representing us in a similar way; the champion athlete representing his nation and winning the prize on their behalf. And as there is only one gold medal or crown of laurels to be won in each race, only Jesus is able to win the prize. As the Apostle Paul says, "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize?" He goes on to say that the prize that Christians are really interested in is one of supreme value, of even greater worth than an Olympic Gold; it is "a crown that will last forever" (1 Corinthians 9:24,25).

Jesus is the one who is truly victorious, happy and glorious. He wins the prize that we are incapable of winning, but he wins it on our behalf. As we cheer on our team at the Olympics this summer, urging them on to win the prizes that are far beyond our reach, we can know that, however many they win, the ultimate prize of eternal life is already won for those who cheer for Jesus.

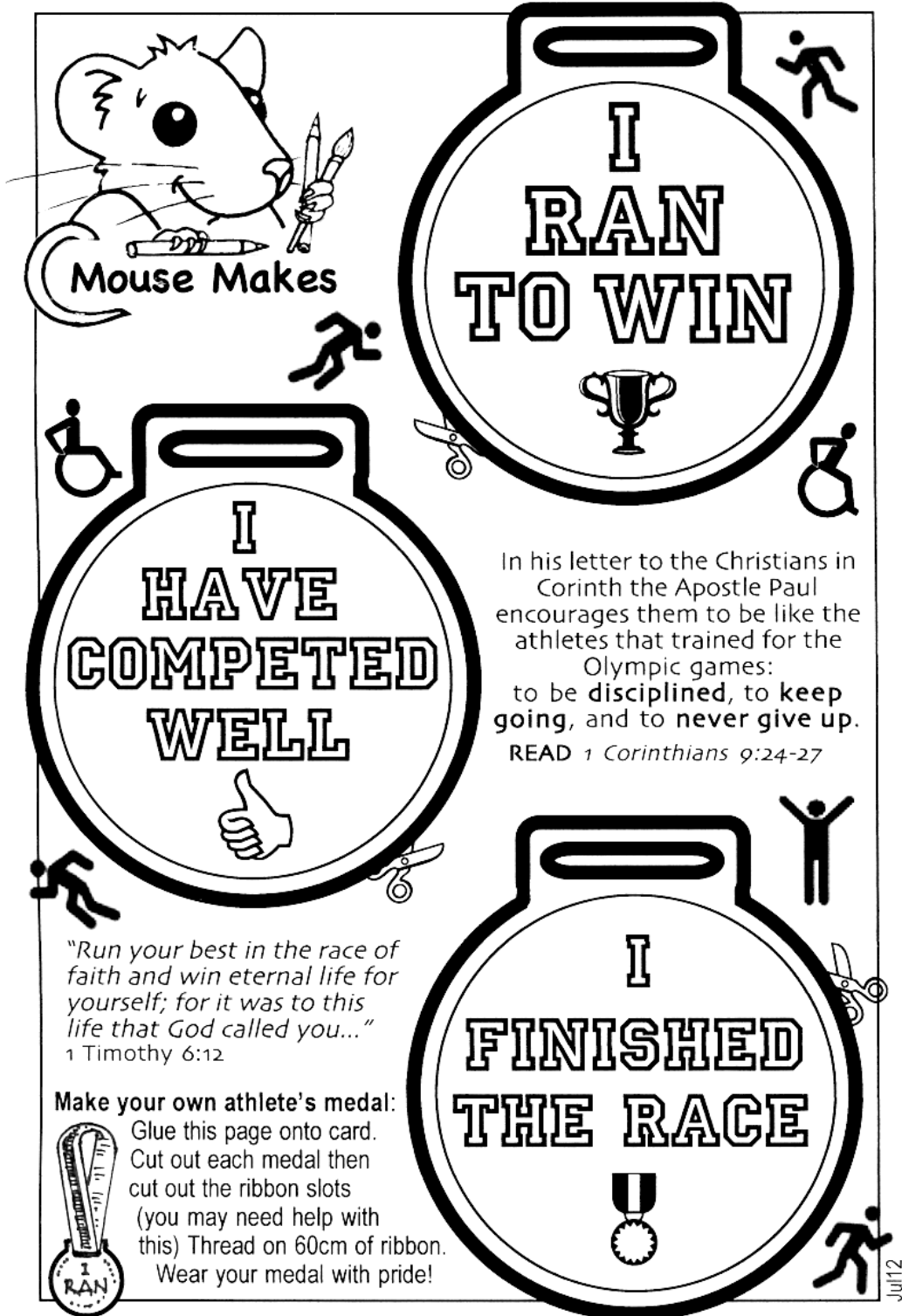
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Revd Dr Jonathan Mobey
Rector of Harwell with Chilton
July 2012



Sunday	1	8:00am	Holy Communion at St Matthew's, Harwell
		9:30am	All Age Worship at All Saints', Chilton
Trinity 4		11:00am	All Age Worship at St Matthew's, Harwell
		12:00pm	The Olympic at Rectory Lawn, Harwell
		6:15pm	Evening Prayer at St Matthew's, Harwell
		7:00pm	Youth Fellowship at 9 The Cleave, Harwell
Monday	2	9:30am	Fledgelings at St Matthew's Church Hall
		10:00am	Missions Meeting at 'Dromore', Townsend, Harwell
		7:30pm	Bell Ringing Practice at All Saints' Church
		8:00pm	Home Group at 10 Jennings Lane, Harwell
Tuesday	3	3:30pm	Chilton Evergreens at Chilton Village Hall
		7:45pm	Combined PCC meeting at All Saints' Church
		9:00pm	All Saints' PCC meeting at All Saints' Church
		9:00pm	St Matthew's PCC meeting at All Saints' Church
Wednesday	4	10:15am	Home Group at St Matthew's Church meeting room
		1:45pm	Home Group at 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton
		7:30pm	Chilton Choir Practice at All Saints' Church
		8:30pm	Night Prayer at All Saints' Church
Thursday	5	7:30pm	Bell Ringing Practice at St Matthew's Church
Friday	6	2:00pm	Home Group at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell
Saturday	7	8:30am	Prayer Meeting at both Churches
		10:00am	Charity sale, coffee & tea-St Matthew's Church Hall
Sunday	8	8:00am	Holy Communion at All Saints', Chilton
		9:30am	Morning Worship at All Saints', Chilton
Trinity 5		11:00am	Holy Communion at St Matthew's, Harwell
		4:30pm	Hands Free Worship at St Matthew's, Harwell
		7:00pm	Youth Fellowship at 9 The Cleave, Harwell
Monday	9	9:30am	Fledgelings at St Matthew's Church Hall
		7:30pm	Bell Ringing Practice at All Saints' Church
		8:00pm	Home Group at 10 Jennings Lane, Harwell
Tuesday	10	7:15pm	Chilton Wives—BBQ at Russet Dene, Chilton
Wednesday	11	10:15am	Home Group at St Matthew's Church meeting room
		1:45pm	Home Group at 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton
		7:30pm	Chilton Choir Practice at All Saints' Church
Thursday	12	7:30pm	Bell Ringing Practice at St Matthew's Church
Friday	13	2:00pm	Home Group at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell
Saturday	14	8:30am	Prayer Meeting at both Churches

Sunday	15	8:00am	Holy Communion at St Matthew's, Harwell
		9:30am	Holy Communion at All Saints', Chilton
		11:00am	Morning Worship at St Matthew's, Harwell
Trinity 6		6:15pm	Evening Prayer (BCP) at St Matthew's, Harwell
		7:00pm	Youth Fellowship at 9 The Cleave, Harwell
Monday	16	9:30am	Fledgelings at St Matthew's Church Hall
		7:30pm	Bell Ringing Practice at All Saints' Church
		8:00pm	Home Group at 10 Jennings Lane, Harwell
Tuesday	17	10:00am	Holy Communion (BCP) - Cherry Tree Court, Harwell
		7:30pm	Ladies' Group at Harwell
Wednesday	18	10:15am	Home Group at St Matthew's Church meeting room
		1:45pm	Home Group at 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton
		7:30pm	Chilton Choir Practice at All Saints' Church
		8:00pm	Home Group at Various homes in Chilton
		8:00pm	Men's Group at Rose & Crown Pub, Chilton
Thursday	19	9:30pm	Harwell Evergreens-river trip-Reading to Henley
		7:30pm	Bell Ringing Practice at St Matthew's Church
Friday	20	2:00pm	Home Group at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell
Saturday	21	8:30am	Prayer Meeting at both Churches
Sunday	22	8:00am	Holy Communion at All Saints', Chilton
		9:30am	Morning Worship at All Saints', Chilton
		11:00am	Morning Worship at St Matthew's, Harwell
Trinity 7		6:15pm	Holy Communion at St Matthew's, Harwell
Monday	23	9:30am	Fledgelings at St Matthew's Church Hall
		7:30pm	Bell Ringing Practice at All Saints' Church
		8:00pm	Home Group at 10 Jennings Lane, Harwell
Wednesday	25	10:15am	Home Group at St Matthew's Church meeting room
		1:45pm	Home Group at 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton
		7:30pm	Chilton Choir Practice at All Saints' Church
		8:00pm	Home Group at Various homes in Chilton
Thursday	26	6:15pm	Harwell Young Singers Practice at St Matthew's
		7:30pm	Bell Ringing Practice at St Matthew's Church
Friday	27	2:00pm	Home Group at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell
Saturday	28	8:30am	Prayer Meeting at both Churches
Sunday	29	8:00am	Holy Communion at St Matthew's, Harwell
		9:30am	Holy Communion at All Saints', Chilton
		11:00am	Morning Worship at St Matthew's, Harwell
Trinity 8		6:15pm	Evening Prayer at All Saints', Chilton
Monday	30	9:30am	Fledgelings at St Matthew's Church Hall
		7:30pm	Bell Ringing Practice at All Saints' Church
		8:00pm	Home Group at 10 Jennings Lane, Harwell



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In his letter to the Christians in Corinth the Apostle Paul encourages them to be like the athletes that trained for the Olympic games:
to be disciplined, to keep going, and to never give up.
READ 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

I
FINISHED
THE RACE

"Run your best in the race of faith and win eternal life for yourself; for it was to this life that God called you..."
1 Timothy 6:12

Make your own athlete's medal:
Glue this page onto card.
Cut out each medal then cut out the ribbon slots (you may need help with this) Thread on 60cm of ribbon.
Wear your medal with pride!



FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

"Welcome into the Lord's family"

Chloe & Charlotte Knibbs
Annabell Rose Hoddinott

Funerals

"He who believes in Me will live"

Kenneth Percival Nicholson (84)
William Harold King (93)
Isobel Alice (Babs) Sadler (90)

TORCH RELAY PRAYER

*As this light travels our nation,
may your light, O God,
shine in the hearts of all who gather
to celebrate the energy,
skill and dedication of others.
Send your Holy Spirit
to light up our lives
and set our hearts on fire
with love for you;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

CHURCH WATCH — ST MATTHEW'S

We have been having a few problems from certain younger visitors to the church, mostly on Saturdays and during out of school hours. It would be appreciated if anyone living near the church or passing by (e.g. dog walkers) could drop in now and again to show a presence, especially during such times. We want to keep the church open for the benefit of villagers and visitors, but we also want to try to discourage its use as an indoor play area. A formal rota would be difficult to administer and it would be unlikely to provide full protection, but we are looking into some CCTV coverage.
Tony Hughes and Mel Gibson,
Churchwardens.

FLEDGELINGS

Fledgelings is a drop-in centre for parents/carers of young children, meeting 9.30-11.30am every Monday during term time at St Matthew's Church Hall. There is tea and chat for adults and free play and craft for the children.

If you are the parent/carer of a child, why not come and enjoy a cuppa while we help to look after your baby? If you know some new parents in your road, please let them know about us.

Thank you to all who support us through encouragement and prayer and by providing refreshments. A current need is for volunteers to help set up at 7.30pm on Sunday evening, or at 9.00am on Monday morning. Also, members of our churches are very welcome to join the team to welcome the mums, dads, grannies, child minders and nannies who join us each week. Contact: Anne Gill 833575.



HARWELL GARDENERS' CLUB

Monday 2nd July
Garden visit—
Home Close, Garsington
More information:
Wendy Sinclair 221008

HARWELL FEAST

A big thank you to all of you helpers and shift leaders at the Feast BBQ last month. Your giving up of your time is much appreciated. We did need a quick prayer to get the BBQs to light properly –which was answered partly in the form of Brian Zimmerman, of Scouts fire-lighting fame. If anyone (a helper or a customer) has any feedback/suggestions for us to remember for next time, please contact me asap on tel 221030 or janemn.woolley@hotmail.co.uk Jane Woolley.

CROWNS AND CORNETS

An enjoyable summer evening of choral and instrumental music featuring The Crown Singers. A local chamber choir. Conductor: Richard Goodall with The Wantage Brass Ensemble. Saturday 21st July 7.30pm St Augustine's Church, East Hendred. Interval refreshments. Tickets £6 available in advance from: Hendred Village Stores or 01235 831115 (East Hendred) or 01235 835698(Harwell) or on the door. <http://www.crownsingers.co.uk>

HARWELL CHARITIES

With two members of the Trustee Board standing down, we need to appoint new trustees for this village charity. The charity's main objective is to provide accommodation in the Almshouses on the High Street. There are 4 regular meetings of the Trustees per year, plus occasional other duties between meetings. The Board as a whole needs a wide range of expertise, and at the moment we would be particularly pleased to hear from anyone who has knowledge or experience in the field of Listed Buildings and the Conservation and Planning processes; but do not be put off from applying if that is not your particular strength.

For an informal chat, more information, or to make an application, please contact the Clerk - Mrs Clare Wagner, Jabrin, Reading Road, Harwell, OX11 0LU. Tel 835425. Email: clare.wagner@jabrin.co.uk

CHILTON SCHOOL PTA SUMMER FAIR

Celebrating 10 years. On Saturday 7th July from 12-3pm Come along and join the party at our Summer Fair Lots to do: from Bottle tombola, Adult and Children's Raffle, Sweet Stall, Crockery Smashing, Craft Stalls to dancing and Birthday Games. Plus Circus Workshop and Bouncy Castle. Refreshments of BBQ and Beer or Tea and Scones. Entrance £1 for adults, children free.

Please submit items for inclusion the Ridgeway Broadsheet to Carolyn by the second Wednesday of the month, either via the website, by email, by phone, or by leaving a note in St. Matthew's vestry. Thank you.

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