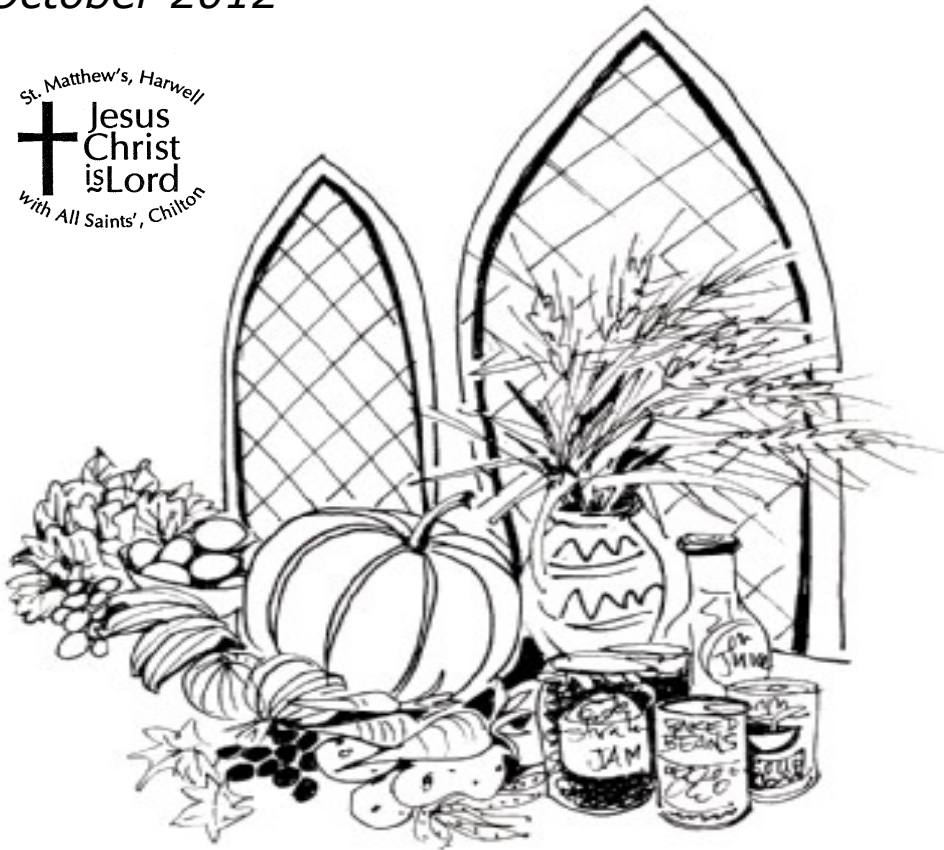


Ridgeway Broadsheet

October 2012

St. Matthew's, Harwell
+ Jesus
Christ
is Lord
With All Saints', Chilton



Harvest Festival Sunday 7th October

*All Age Worship: 9.30am at All Saints' Chilton
and 11.00am at St Matthew's Harwell*

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Chilton Harvest Lunch & Auction for Tearfund

All Saints' are holding a Harvest Lunch and Auction of Produce in Chilton Village Hall on Sunday 7th October. The Bring & Share Finger Buffet Lunch will start at 12.30pm followed by the auction of produce donated at the morning Harvest Thanksgiving service at 1.30pm. All proceeds to Tearfund.

Harwell Harvest Lunch

This will be on Monday 8th October in the hall and there will be coffee or tea served from 11 a.m. onwards and food from 12 p.m. until approximately 2:30 p.m. or the last crumb has been devoured. I have enquired with the ladies and the proceeds from the Harvest Lunch should definitely go to 'Tearfund' and only the produce collected in Church might go to the food bank in Didcot. However, fresh fruit or vegetables as well as the flower arrangements from church are going to be sold at the Harvest Lunch and the money added to the 'Tearfund' account.

TOWER FLOODLIGHTING

Since 2000 St. Matthew's has been floodlit at Christmas, with money provided by the parish. We hope that again the inhabitants of Harwell will want to see their church providing light amid the gloom! It costs about £184 pounds to pay for the electricity, at about £5 a day. Contributions will be very welcome, in £2 coins in the wall safe just inside the door. All £2 coins put here will be used only for the floodlighting.

CLOTHING CYCLE

A massive thank you to everyone from far and wide who donated clothes, coat hangers, clothes rails, mirrors, cakes and time to our recent Clothes Cycle. The cafe was particularly popular, with visitors saying they enjoyed having somewhere in the village to stop off for an unhurried cuppa on a Saturday afternoon! Money taken for clothes will be used for other local practical support activities which we will run as a church. Any unsold goods have gone to the charity shops of Prospects, which provides advice, training and resource materials to churches to help people with learning disabilities.

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

Volunteers are needed to help with tidying up the Churchyard of All Saints', Chilton on Saturday 20th October from 9.00am and finishing in time for lunch. This is open to everyone in the village, we would love to see lots of people come and give a helping hand for as long as they like. There are a variety of jobs to be done, all you need to do is bring yourself, your favourite tools and not forgetting the gardening gloves. If you have a family grave that needs a tidy please come and join us. Thank you. For more details please phone Judith Russell on 01235 832484.

BAZAAR

Hosted by Chilton Evergreens. Saturday November 17th in Chilton Village Hall at 2pm Cakes, gifts, plants, bric-a-brac and books. Refreshments. Free Entry. Contributions for stalls welcomed. Further details Audrey Slater 834558.

Jonathan writes...

To my mind, autumn starts when we first decide to put on the central heating at home. Officially it started on 22nd September – the equinox when day and night each last 12 hours. We may yet get a burst of heat before winter is upon us, but the signs of autumn are certainly all around.

For many of us, the annual turning of the seasons simply adds interest to life, giving an opportunity to wear a different wardrobe, or engage in an alternative set of leisure activities. For others, particularly those who work outdoors or close to the land, the seasons make a huge difference to daily life. For some, particularly the frail or very poor, the change of seasons can lead to illness or even death.

However much we are aware of them, the seasons are a fixed part of life in the natural world. They also point towards the seasons in our own lives.

Over the last few months I have been involved with quite a number of funerals. A popular reading at such services includes the following verses: "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot" (Ecclesiastes 3:1-2).

This ancient book from the biblical wisdom literature reminds us that we are as subject to seasons as the rest of the world. And faced with the inevitable change and seasonality that is built into the natural world, we could become fatalistic, resigned to being trapped in these unavoidable cycles. Or we could try to look beyond them.

In another book of biblical wisdom, Job recognises that the seasons are not directed by an impersonal power, but that there is a person behind them. In a time of personal crisis, Job, with prophetic insight, declares that it is the Lord who gives and takes away (Job 1:21). Years later Jesus further explains that because of his love, the heavenly Father "causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous" (Matthew 5:45).

Whilst they may be outside our control, the seasons are part of God's good plan for his world. So as autumn arrives, whether around us or in our lives, let's give thanks to God for the seasons, trust his loving wisdom, and seek to make the most of the differing opportunities that each brings.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan". The script is cursive and fluid, with a large initial 'J'.

Revd Dr Jonathan Mobey
Rector of Harwell with Chilton

OCTOBER 2012 CALENDAR

Monday 1st

- 9:00am Chilton School Harvest Assembly at Chilton School
9:30am Fledgelings at St Matthew's Church Hall
10:00am Bell Ringing Peal at All Saints' Tower, Chilton
10:00am Missions Meeting at 'Dromore' Townsend, Harwell
8:00pm Home Group at 10 Jennings Lane, Harwell

Tuesday 2nd

- 2:30pm Chilton Evergreens at Chilton Village Hall

Wednesday 3rd

- 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
8:30pm Night Prayer at All Saints' Church

Thursday 4th

- 7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Matthew's Church

Friday 5th

- 9:15am Harwell School Harvest Assembly at St Matthew's Church
2:15pm Home Group at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell

Saturday 6th

- 8:30am Prayer Meeting in both Churches

Sunday 7th

- 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church, Harwell**
9:30am All Age Worship at All Saints' Church, Chilton
11:00am All Age Worship at St. Matthew's Church, Harwell
11:00am Harvest Lunch & Auction at Chilton Village Hall
6:15pm Evening Prayer at St Matthew's Church, Harwell
7:00pm Youth Fellowship at 9 The Cleave, Harwell

Monday 8th

- 9:30am Fledgelings at St Matthew's Church Hall
11:00am Harwell Harvest Lunch at Harwell Village Hall
7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice at All Saints' Church
8:00pm Home Group at 10 Jennings Lane, Harwell

Tuesday 9th

- 7:45pm Chilton Wives at All Saints' Church

Wednesday 10th

- 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 Men's Group at Rose & Crown Pub, Chilton

Thursday 11th

- 7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Matthew's Church

Friday 12th

- 2:15pm Home Group @ Cherry Tree Court, Harwell
7:30pm 'Moonrakers' concert at St Matthew's Church

Saturday 13th

- 8:30am Prayer Meeting in both Churches

Sunday 14th

- 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at All Saints', Chilton**
9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints' Church, Chilton
11:00am Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church, Harwell
4:30pm Hands Free Worship at St Matthew's Church, Harwell
7:00pm Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church Hall Harwell

Monday 15th

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 16th

10:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell
7:30pm Ladies' Group- 'Seven Churches of Asia' at St. Matthew's Church Hall, Harwell

Wednesday 17th

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 18th

2:30pm Harwell Evergreens at St Matthew's Church Hall
6:15pm Harwell Young Singers Practice at St Matthew's Church, Harwell
7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Matthew's Church

Friday 19th

2:15pm Home Group at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell

Saturday 20th

8:30am Prayer Meeting in both churches.
9:00am Churchyard Working Party at All Saint's Churchyard, Chilton

Sunday 21st

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church, Harwell
9:30am Holy Communion at All Saints' Church, Chilton
11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's Church, Harwell
6:15pm Evening Prayer (BCP) at St Matthew's Church, Harwell
7:00pm Youth Fellowship at 9 The Cleave, Harwell

Monday 22nd

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 23rd

7:45pm St Matthew's PCC meeting at St Matthew's Church, Harwell

Wednesday 24th

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 25th

7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Matthew's Church

Friday 26th

2:15pm Home Group at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell

Saturday 27th

8:30am Prayer Meeting in both Churches

Sunday 28th

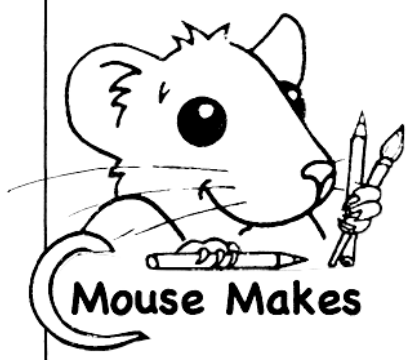
8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at All Saints' Church, Chilton
9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints' Church, Chilton
11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's Church, Harwell
6:15pm Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church, Harwell
7:00pm Youth Fellowship at 9 The Cleave, Harwell

Monday 29th

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 31st

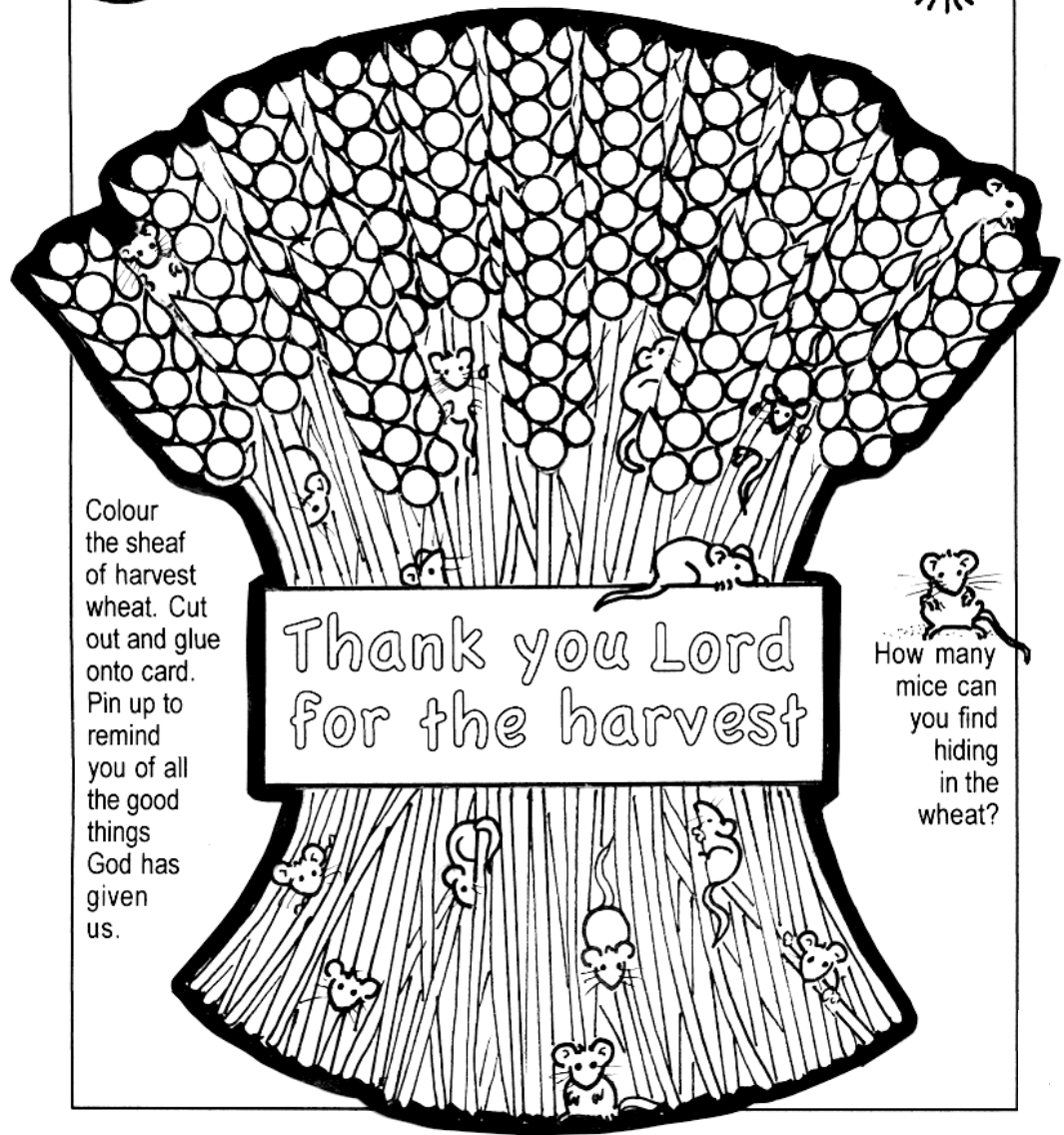
10:15am Home Group at St Matthew's Church meeting room
1:45pm Home Group at 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton
7:30pm Chilton Choir Practice at All Saints' Church




All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above:
then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord
for all his love.



*"The land has yielded its harvest:
God, our own God,
has blessed us."
Psalm 67:6*



Colour
the sheaf
of harvest
wheat. Cut
out and glue
onto card.
Pin up to
remind
you of all
the good
things
God has
given
us.


How many
mice can
you find
hiding
in the
wheat?

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

"Welcome into the Lord's family"

Isla Bishop

Funerals

"He who believes in Me will live"

David William Wood (69)

Sandra Ann Reeve (65)

Valentine Cox (72)

Sarah Harmer (67)

WELCOME BBQ THANKS

Thank you to all the new residents from Chilton village and Chilton Field who came to the 'Welcome BBQ' on Saturday 15th September. We really enjoyed meeting you all and welcoming you to Chilton. We hopefully included everyone who recently moved to Chilton but apologies to those who we did not manage to contact. We hope to see you again at our various events through the year including such things as quiz nights and plant sales, often raising funds for charity as well as having a fun time. The next Chilton community event is a Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall on Sunday 7th October in aid of Tearfund, who fight poverty across the world. Further details are in this edition of the Broadsheet. We hope you soon feel part of the community and look forward to seeing you again soon.

DIDCOT EMERGENCY FOODBANK

Thank you so much for your regular donations to the Foodbank. Your practical support is so important to us as we seek to serve those in need in our community. We are so conscious that we rely on your support, both practically and prayerfully in all that we do at the Foodbank. The last two months have been very busy and we have provided 3 days worth of food for 116 people, 100 adults and 16 children. To give you an idea, the amount of food that is given out for that many people is 3248 items! I have had to make two purchases using the Nectar card totaling £292.00, so to all those who add their points to the card so generously, thank you. If you would like to know more about the Nectar card scheme then please do ask me. Thank you for your continued support. Miriam Loukes
The Foodbank phone number during opening hours: – Tuesday & Fridays, 11-1pm is 07551 984465. Didcot Emergency Foodbank is a project of Didcot Baptist Church. Charity number: 1128696. We are part of Churches Together in Didcot & District.

THANK YOU

The Rolls family is very grateful for the kind support received following Jim's death, and for donations made to All Saints', Chilton in his memory. The donations, which so far have reached just over £500, will be used in a major project to resurface the churchyard paths in order to ease access for people with wheelchairs and pushchairs. Thank you very much.

NEW PLAYGROUND OPENING CEREMONY

An opening ceremony is planned for the new playground in Harwell on Saturday October 27th from 12 noon and 3pm. A number of village organisations are taking part, including stalls and activities. Organisers have asked the Scouts to run a barbecue and the WI to provide refreshments in the form of cakes and teas. 'Our Street Corner' are hoping to organise the hire of a skate board park. An Olympian or Paralympian is in the process of being invited, alongside two torch bearers, to open the playground. Organisers are hoping the afternoon will be a huge party, to which all sponsors and supporters have been invited, as have all the residents of Harwell village. There will be press coverage and possibly local television. The playground is already beginning to take shape and is promising to be an exciting and active area, with something to suit everyone. Further details from Sue Greatbanks on 835393 or suegbs@virginmedia.com

HARWELL GARDENERS' CLUB

Harwell Village Hall
Monday 1st October 7.30pm
The Glorious Gardens of Cornwall
Talk: Tim Miles; Competition: Roses
More information:
David Drummond
821615



VILLAGE HALL OPEN DAY

Harwell Village Hall have an Open Day on Sunday October 21st between 12 and 4pm. There is an opportunity to have a coffee or tea and some cake with friends and neighbours and find out about two exciting developments in the Village. The Village Hall refurbishment and extension plans will be displayed including a new kitchen, improved facilities for all ages and interests, a new home for the Youth Club and a brand new hall to replace the Freeman Hall. There will be refreshments and a chance to talk informally to Trustees, ask questions and give feedback. The architect will also be available from 2.30pm onwards. There will also be a preview of the Harwell Jubilee Playground. Drop in and see what is happening with these two exciting projects at the heart of our village life.

MOONRAKERS CONCERT FRIDAY 12TH OCTOBER

7.30pm St Matthew's Church Harwell. Moonrakers is an Oxford-based group of four musicians whose repertoire is largely from the Irish, Scottish, Welsh and English traditions, reflecting a love of traditional tunes and contemporary songs 'in the idiom'. Moonrakers have three albums under their belt and have received glowing reviews in the music press. They've appeared at many festivals and arts centres in the last couple of years and are now visiting Harwell. Tickets £10 (£8 concessions) from Monika on 01235 834765 or buxton10@talktalk.net, or on the door.

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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