

# Welcome

A very warm welcome to you, whether you 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. Please see the back page for useful information for visitors.

If you are a newcomer or visitor, do please consider filling in and returning a welcome card, so that we can be in touch with information about groups and activities of interest and how we can serve you.

## 5TH FEBRUARY

### 4th Sunday before Lent

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

9:30am All Age Christingle at All Saints'

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6:15pm Evening Prayer at St Matthew's

Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church Hall

6:00-7:15pm for those in school years 7-9

7:00-8:45pm for those in school years 10-13

## 12TH FEBRUARY

### 3rd Sunday before Lent

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at All Saints'

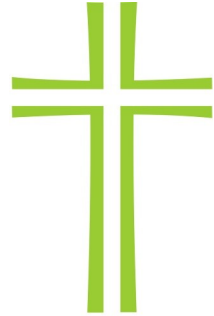
9:30am Morning Prayer (BCP) at All Saints'

11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's

**No Youth Fellowship. Returning on 26th February.**

Sunday 12th February – 2.30pm meet in Harwell recreation ground carpark.

See <http://HCChurches.org/walking> for walking guidelines and other useful info.



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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  
with All Saints' Chilton

## SAVE THE DATE

Harwell and Chilton Churches are planning a day to the beach on **September 16th!** We will be asking for you to sign up nearer the time so that we can organise a coach or two to take us there.



## ALPHA

Interested in finding out more about Christianity?

The Alpha course is a great way to explore what the bible says, and how it can affect our lives in the 21st century. See [alpha.org](http://alpha.org) for more information. Please contact Vicky in the office if you are interested in doing an Alpha course.



## TREES IN CHILTON

The two large chestnut trees at the front of All Saints' churchyard have become seriously diseased with blight and honey fungus. Sadly this means that they will have to be felled quite soon, probably some time in February.

*Judith Russell*

## CHILTON HAND RAIL UPDATE

After considering valuable feedback in connection with the proposed Chancel handrail, the following changes are envisaged, subject to DAC approval.

1. Looking towards the altar from the nave, the hand rail to now be positioned on the right hand wall instead of on the left.
  2. In the revised position, the rail can project into the nave by about 250mm, to give better support when coming down the step.
  3. The rail will be horizontal at 950mm from the ground except for the end section over the step which will slope down to 900mm.
  4. Once the handrail has been crafted by the forge and fitted by them, a wooden top will be crafted similar to that on the communion rail. This will allow for easier grip and hopefully be made of elm to match the pews and new credence table.
  5. To allow for clear access, prior to communion the lectern will be moved about 500mm towards the war memorial and repositioned after the service.
- Thank you for the feed back you gave. Please have a word with Judith Russell or Andrew Hayes should you have a query regarding the revised plan.
- Best wishes, The Fabric Committee. February 2017.

## HUGE THANK YOU FROM WOMEN'S REFUGE



Message from the Oxfordshire Women's Refuge:

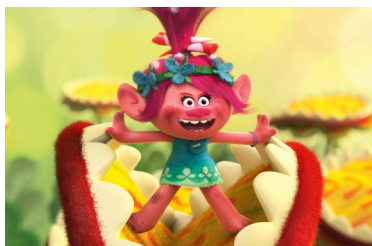
*"Please can you pass on a huge thank you to everyone involved in collecting toys for the children in refuge this year, your continued support is very much appreciated to Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Service. Your generous gifts have made a real difference to our women and children and made a difference to their Christmas day."*

The letter can be viewed on church noticeboards and our website. [HCChurches.org/news](http://HCChurches.org/news).

## GENERATION 2 GENERATION



*Trolls* is a gloriously happy, family film, with a sing-along soundtrack. But there are also hidden depths to the storyline. And these can help children question the playground assumption that we make ourselves happy by pushing others down.



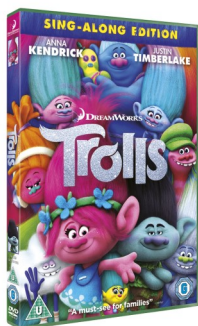
The Trolls are delightful, colourful, happy creatures. But their lives are threatened by the Bergens who believe they can absorb the Troll's happiness by eating them. In fact, the

Bergens are convinced that the only way to be happy is through taking the happiness of a Troll.

The Trolls have found a safe hiding place to live, but when Poppy, the happiest Troll ever, throws an enormous fireworks party, their location is revealed, and the Bergen's Troll-catcher takes some of them prisoner. So, Poppy sets out on a daring rescue mission, armed only with happiness and songs. Through her sacrificial actions the Bergens discover that they don't need to take another's happiness, because it is already inside all of us, we just need someone to help us find it.

This is a fun-filled family film. But it can also spark a conversation about what it means to be happy, and whether this must be at the expense of others. Is life really a 'zero-sum game' in which one person's gain depends upon another person's loss? *Trolls* provides an opportunity to help our children consider what it really means to 'find your happy place', and maybe reflect on the words of Jesus who said:

"If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all". Mark 9:35



## LENT



### Lent Begins Ash Wednesday

We invite you all to the first service of Lent. The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus, his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death and resurrection. Join us on **Wednesday 1st March, 7.45pm at St Matthew's Harwell.**

During the six weeks of Lent, let us spend more time in prayer and drawing nearer to God individually and as a church family. You are very welcome to join one of our homegroups who will be looking at a lent themed study. "At The Cross" a Cover to Cover Group study by Abby Guinness. Please contact Jean if you'd like to find out more about our homegroups: [jeanvbarton@btinternet.com](mailto:jeanvbarton@btinternet.com)

## WALKING GROUP

### Sunday 12th February.

Meeting at 2.30pm in the Harwell recreation ground car park. The walk is 4.5 miles, but a shorter route of 2.7 miles is also possible. See [HCChurches.org/walking](http://HCChurches.org/walking)

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 F O C U S

*'...in everything by prayer and supplication  
with thanksgiving let your requests be  
made known to God' Philippians 4:6*

### Please pray for...

- A peaceful solution to the troubles in Iraq, Syria, Ukraine and Gaza
- All those seeking refuge from war-torn countries
- Those who live in The Gallops, Chilton and Loder Road, Harwell
- The three men who have been sentenced in Sudan
- The new CAP Debt Centre in Didcot
- The Bell-ringers of our Churches
- The Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and their leaders
- Those who have recently been bereaved, especially the families of Joan Froud and Susan Merrifield

### *Collect for 4th Sunday before Lent*

*O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many  
and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our  
nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us  
such strength and protection as may support us in all  
dangers and carry us through all temptations;  
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>

Do please also consider registering on our website if you have not already done so. This gives you access to more information and puts you on the list for occasional email updates that are sent out.