

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.

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.

Walking Group

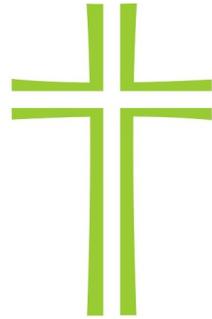
Sunday 12th February – 2.30pm
Meet in Harwell recreation ground car park
See <http://HCChurches.org/walking> for walking guidelines and other useful info

19TH FEBRUARY

2nd Sunday before Lent

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's
9:30am Holy Communion at All Saints'
11:00am Holy Communion at St Matthew's
6:15pm Evening Prayer (BCP) at St Matthew's

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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

LEPROSY MISSION

Thank you to all who have given in money phials for The Leprosy Mission.



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A total of £74 has been collected this year and will be sent to The Leprosy Mission very soon. Rosemary Rolls

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 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 feedback 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.

MEN IN SUDAN

Reverend Hassan Abduraheem, Mr Petr Jašek and Mr Abdumonem Abdumawla have been found guilty of a number of charges, including espionage, a national security crime. Czech national Mr Jašek was found guilty of espionage and sentenced to life imprisonment. Reverend Abduraheem and Mr Abdumawla were found guilty of espionage and abatement and sentenced to ten years imprisonment. They can launch an appeal in the next 15 days, and the pastors' lawyers intend to do this. Please pray for this appeal and the release of these men. For more information see HCChurches.org/news

We've been asked to write to our MP and to ask them to raise the case with Tobias Ellwood MP, Minister for the Middle East and Africa, who can raise the unjust sentences with Sudan. There are some printed out letters that you can sign and send in both churches.

MUSICIANS



I have recently been reminded how blessed we are in our churches with musicians. In recent weeks we have had the music in our services led by 'Benefice Brass' led by Carina Lobley, the Holiday Club band led by Vicky Macarthur, the all-

age orchestra in Harwell led by Tony Hughes, a string group led by Jenny Vereker on the harp, an ad hoc band that played in Chilton a couple of weeks ago, and of course our faithful organists and pianists – David Evans, Anne Pickford, Carol Pigott and Frances Taylor – and the choir in Chilton led by Pam Rolls, who play and sing week in week out. Over Christmas we benefitted from the Benefice 'Celebration Choir' (led by Anne Cockburn, Kate and David Evans), and we are also blessed to be able to sponsor Harwell Young Singers, led by Zara Zimmerman, who often contribute to our services, but currently need to find a new accompanist - if you know of anyone who might be suitable, please be in touch. Thank you to all those who contribute in such an important and valuable way. If you are a musician not already involved, and would like to offer your musical gifts in the service of God's Church, either occasionally or regularly, playing or singing, do please let me know. Jonathan Mobey.

THY KINGDOM COME

Join the Global Wave of Prayer 25th May - 4th June Inspirational video from Archbishop Justin and other resources for churches and individuals are now available on their website and an option to pledge to pray. thykingdomcome.global or HCChurches.org/news

"We are invited to make a lasting difference in our nations and in our world, by responding to his call to find a deep unity of purpose in prayer." Archbishop Justin Welby



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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

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

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 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 Green, Chilton and Manor Green, Harwell
- The three men who have been sentenced in Sudan
- The new CAP Debt Centre in Didcot
- Those who have recently been bereaved, especially the families of Joan Froud and Susan Merrifield

Collect for 3rd Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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.