

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.

23RD APRIL

Second Sunday of Easter

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

9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints'

10.20am All Saints' APCM

11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's

6:15pm Holy Communion at St Matthew's

No Youth Fellowship - returning on 30th April

30TH APRIL

Third Sunday of Easter

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

9:30am Holy Communion at All Saints'

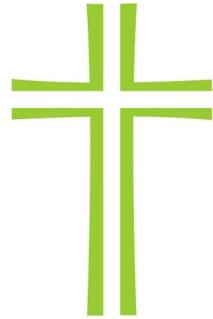
11:00am Holy Communion at St Matthew's

6:15pm Evening Prayer at All Saints'

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



**HARWELL
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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

POLITE NOTICE

Please do not distract guide dogs when they are working. It is always best to



ask the person with the guide dog if they are happy for you to pat the dog before doing so.

Thank you.

CAP DEBT COACH

The Didcot and Wallingford Area CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Debt Centre are looking for a part-time Debt Coach.

The post is for 12-16 hours a week for one year initially with the possibility of extension. For more information, see HCChurches.org/news or contact Sue Bright, Centre Manager: suebright@capuk.org. Apply by 30th April.



RECTOR'S LETTER

"It's a disaster!" cried out one of my teenage children, clearly distressed. "What's wrong?" enquired their father, sympathetically, and with genuine concern. "The Wi-Fi* has gone off!" came the reply. Paternal interest rapidly evaporating, my attention was drawn back to the interrupted task, but only for a moment as a further – slightly more significant – piece of information was passed my way. "And the power seems to be off, too." Now I was more interested. Had a fuse tripped? We had had problems with a kettle recently, and I wondered if the issue had recurred. But no, it turned out that the problem was not limited to our household, but a significant part of the village was without power, causing no small degree of domestic and commercial disruption. But other than an inability to keep up with social media for an hour or so, and having to make a cup of tea by boiling water over a gas ring rather than using a kettle, our household was not significantly affected by the short-term disruption to the power supply.

But the incident did get me thinking about what it is in our lives that we consider to be essential, how much we strive to keep those things in place, and how much we build our lives around them. For my teenage offspring, free Wi-Fi is considered a basic human need (and the main significance of electricity being to ensure that the Wi-Fi stays on). Most people across the world would consider something like clean water to be of greater importance, its absence for a relatively short time making human life impossible. But then how does one compare the importance of this to that of the very air we breathe, without which we could not last more than a few minutes? And what about the non-physical things...

[Continued in the May edition of the Ridgeway Broadsheet, available from next weekend]

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Our Annual Meetings will be held at 10.20am TODAY Sunday 23rd April at All Saints' and at 11.50am on Sunday 30th April at St Matthew's. Please see the blue flyer in our churches, or the website for more information. HCChurches.org/news

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CFW Numbers 6th - 13th April

Y Club. YF. Fledgelings & Pebbles N/A (did not meet)
Kids Church and Pathfinders tbc
Mini Kids Church - 8 (a one-off for Palm Sunday)



The Easter Story Trail has finished!

Well done to everyone who completed the Easter Trail. We hope you learned to navigate your way around your village a little better whilst discovering some interesting art. For those who didn't take part, the 14 pieces of art will be displayed in All Saints' and St Matthew's for the rest of the week. Take time to have a look and read the artist's notes. There are additional pieces of artwork provided by the Scouts & Harwell Primary displayed in St Matthew's.



CONFIRMATION & BAPTISM

Would you like to be Baptised or Confirmed?

Baptism marks the beginning of the Christian life and Confirmation the point in the Christian journey at which you affirm for yourself the faith into which you have been baptised and your intention to live a life of committed discipleship.

A number of people have expressed their desire to do this, and so we are planning to have a special service of Baptism and Confirmation, possibly in the late summer or autumn. The service would be led by a bishop and would be a great opportunity to invite family and friends to celebrate with us, as we ask God to give power through the Holy Spirit to enable the candidates to live in the way of Jesus. If you would like to find out more, please speak to Jonathan or Pam, or see <http://tiny.cc/conf>

HARWELL FEAST

Harwell Feast is on Monday 29 May. Once again, St Matthew's has agreed to find volunteers to staff the BBQ/Pig Roast stall. We need a lot of volunteers as the stall is very busy and requires up to 8 people at any one time. There are 3 roles: taking the money, cooking sausages/burgers, and serving the food.

If you can volunteer for 30-60 mins sometime between 10.30am & 3.30pm on 30th May, please contact Jane Woolley; 221030; janemn.woolley@hotmail.co.uk. We need all the help we can get, so please do not assume that someone else will do it – we need you!



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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
- Those who live in Crafts End in Chilton and in The Cleave, Harwell
- The Mission Aviation Fellowship, pray for their need of mission pilots and an experienced aircraft maintenance engineer. Pray Christians with a heart for Papa New Guinea will respond.
- Revd Hassan and Mr Abdumawla who are imprisoned in Sudan. Please pray for the European Union Special Envoy for the Promotion of Freedom of Religion who are calling for their release. Give thanks that Mr Jašek who had been sentenced, has been pardoned and allowed to return to his family.
- 2017 Holiday Club preparations

Collect for 2nd Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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.