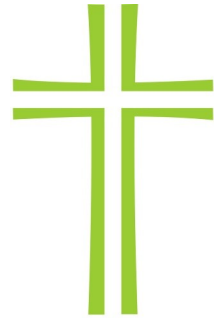


# Welcome

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.



**HARWELL  
CHILTON  
CHURCHES**

## SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

### 2nd Sunday before Advent

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

Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church Hall  
7-8.30pm for 11-18 year olds

Didcot & District  
**Praise & Prayer**

Didcot & District Churches  
Praise & Prayer Service  
at Didcot Baptist Church  
today, Sunday 19th Nov at  
6.30pm. All very welcome.

## SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

### Last Sunday before Advent, Christ the King

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

9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints'

11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's

6:15pm Holy Communion at St Matthew's

Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church Hall  
7-8.30pm for 11-18 year olds

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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

## NEARLY NEW TOYS

BALSAM FAMILY PROJECT  
CHRISTMAS APPEAL Please  
could you help Balsam by  
donating Children's NEW  
(or good-as-new) Toys &  
Books for Balsam's stall at:  
DIDCOT CHRISTMAS STREET  
FAIR on Thursday 30  
November. Please bring  
donations to All Saints'  
Chilton and St Matthew's  
Harwell by Sunday 19  
November.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

There are some Christmas  
Cards for sale at All Saints'  
Chilton. Each pack of 5 for  
£3. Proceeds to All Saints'  
Church funds. Please speak  
to John Berry or Pam Rolls  
for more information.

## DIDCOT FOOD BANK

The Didcot Food Bank are  
short of supplies for  
Christmas and are asking  
for help to give the area's  
struggling families a proper  
treat and ensure nobody  
goes hungry.

Pasta, rice, tea and tinned  
tomatoes are especially  
needed. Didcot Food Bank  
is hoping to offer Christmas  
hampers with puddings  
and mince pies.

Please leave your donations  
in All Saints' or St  
Matthew's and we'll take  
them to the Foodbank.

Thank you  
Margaret & Mel Gibson

## ST MATTHEW'S CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Since 2000, the St. Matthew's  
tower has been floodlit at  
Christmas and the cost of this,  
nearly £5 per day, has been  
covered by specific donations.  
We hope that again the  
inhabitants of Harwell will want  
to see their church tower lit up  
this Christmas and we would  
welcome your contributions in  
£2 coins, which can be put in  
the wall safe just inside the  
door, any time during November. All £2 coins put here  
will be used for the floodlighting and will not be put  
into the general church funds. Thank you.



## NARNIA PRAYER SPACE

Our two churches have been invited to take part in a  
Narnia-themed Prayer Space at Chilton Garden Centre.

The Prayer Space is going to take place over the  
afternoons of Thursday 14 and Friday 15 December and  
all day on Saturday 16 December. We hope to show  
around lots of members of the public including local  
adults and children and visitors from further afield.

In terms of team members, we would welcome help with  
setting up on Wednesday 13 and/or dismantling on  
Saturday 16, and people who will man the various spaces  
and show adults and children around so that they can  
engage in the various prayer activities which explore  
many Christian concepts such as forgiveness, generosity,  
gifts and blessings.

We plan to get the team together with a leader from  
Prayer Space Headquarters for a team briefing on  
Thursday 7 December at 7pm. Further details to follow.

If you'd like to be part of the team, or if you'd like to  
know more, please speak to Pam Rolls or Hazel Connolly.

P.S. If you'd like to take part in the Prayer Space, you  
might also like to read 'The Lion, the Witch and the  
Wardrobe' by CS Lewis, or watch a Narnia DVD, or you  
could join the Blewbury Players for their dramatization in  
St Michael's Church, Blewbury from 28th Nov-2nd Dec.  
We could even try to make a group booking and go to  
see the play together. Further information at  
[www.blewburyplayers.co.uk/the-lion-the-witch-and-the-wardrobe-2017/](http://www.blewburyplayers.co.uk/the-lion-the-witch-and-the-wardrobe-2017/)

## REMEMBRANCE THANKS

Last Sunday for Remembrance we had our local uniformed groups join us in our services. At All Saints' this swelled our usual Pebbles group to 28 children and St Matthew's Kids Church to around 70!

As well as thinking about Remembrance at both churches, games were played, prayers said and poppy wreaths made.

Poppy wreaths for 100 odd children were all prepared by Alison Gale! ***Huge thank you to Alison for preparing this wonderful craft*** and to everyone who helped to

run the sessions last Sunday and welcome our uniformed groups and other visitors.



## ST MATTHEW'S RE-ORDERING

We have now received a Faculty (permission) to replace the pews at St Matthew's with 200 'Abbey' chairs and to carpet the floor. We are now starting to look at planning the work in detail – what all the various associated tasks are, the order in which they should be undertaken, when and what manpower will be required.

The full cost of the project is £59,000. We have already raised/secured £31,500, and the PCC has underwritten £15,000 from a legacy received, but we still have £12,500 to raise. Would you please consider donating towards this, for example by sponsoring a chair? See separate fundraising leaflet for further information.

## CAP VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Have you thought of getting involved in the Debt Centre's work? For those who wish to join the visit team (or those already involved!) there is **Journey Out of Debt training**. A chance to explore the role further, to understand the process CAP works through and what is required, and to consider how we share our faith with clients. This session is running on **Saturday 9th December from 9am-1pm**. For more info please contact Sue Bright on 07741 472182 or [suebright@capuk.org](mailto:suebright@capuk.org).

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We would love to add Christmas greetings to friends around the world on our Facebook page. If you'd like to join in, please send an email to Vicky in the Church Office with a Christmas message, and a photograph of yourself outside Harwell or Chilton Church. Thank you.

## NIGHT HIKE

Join us on Friday 24th November for a night hike. Meet at 6.30pm just south of Ellaways Barn, half way up Newbury Road out of East Hendred. The walk is 1.5 miles and is completely off road. Boots or wellies required if wet, otherwise trainers are okay. Warm clothes and waterproofs advisable. Pick up from 8pm up at the Ridgeway at Scutchamer. Feel free to bring any treats (flapjack, bonfire toffee, other specialities). Contact Tim Paget or Vicky Johnston for more information.

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

We are looking for a female to join the leadership team on Sunday evenings at St Matthew's Church Hall. Please contact either Tim Brook or Vicky Johnston if you would like to be involved.

## 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>

## 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 and Gaza
- Those who live in Upper Farm Road Chilton and in Grove Road in Harwell
- Help us to grow closer to one another and to God as we journey together
- God's help for those who find it difficult to obtain Bibles or are persecuted for owning them
- Our work and work place

### Collect for the 2nd Sunday before Advent

*Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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>

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