

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.

SUNDAY 14TH JANUARY

Second Sunday of Epiphany

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

9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints'

11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's

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

SUNDAY 21ST JANUARY

Third Sunday of Epiphany

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

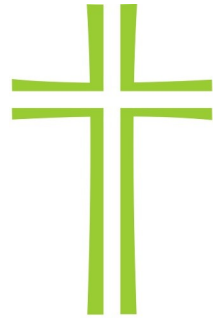
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6:15pm Evening Prayer (BCP) at St Matthew's

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Churches Together in Didcot Service during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Ladygrove Church, Ladygrove Community Centre, Tamar Way, Didcot at 4pm on Sunday 21st January. All very welcome.



**HARWELL
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CHURCHES**

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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

WELCOME!

Sarah Barrett & Melanie Shields are very excited to get started as our Children and Families Workers this month.



PRAYER WEEK

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Didcot is happening this week. Please see HCChurches.org/news for times and venues throughout this week.

Tues 23rd Jan at 12noon you can join the prayer time at St Matthew's Harwell in the lounge.

BRING AND SHARE LUNCH

To welcome our new Children and Families' Workers, Melanie and Sarah, everyone is invited to a bring and share lunch at 12.30pm at Chilton Village Hall on Sunday 21st January.

We'll provide bread, butter and drinks. Could you please bring a soup, sweet, or some nibbles to share with others? Some vegetarian options would also be most appreciated. You can make something or buy something. If you can't do either, please just come along - you don't have to bring anything other than yourself to be welcome.

Please come and eat, meet one another, and get to know Sarah and Melanie a bit better.

Transport will be available to take people from Harwell without transport up to Chilton and back; please contact the office if you would like a lift.

RAY POWELL

Confirming the peaceful passing of Ray Powell at home (on Christmas Eve), Jane and Steve Hale are very grateful for the expressions of sympathy received from members of our two churches. The funeral is at Didcot Baptist on Jan 24th at 1pm followed by burial at Didcot cemetery and refreshments at the church. Steve & Jane Hale

ST MATTHEW'S TOWER

There is a suspect section of plasterwork halfway up the west face of the tower of St. Matthew's that we need to inspect with the help of the church architect. It was first noticed when the floodlights were being put up early in December. It will take some weeks to arrange for an inspection at close quarters since it is 10 metres up from the ground and care will have to be taken that the inspection is done safely and does not itself damage anything. In the meantime, temporary fencing with warning signs to keep clear will be put up on the grass immediately below the suspect material. This is a precaution and should not prevent use of the path. The Parish Council, who are responsible for maintenance of the churchyard, are being kept informed.

CHURCH CLEANING

Would you be able to spare an hour every few weeks to clean All Saints' or St Matthew's church? We currently have a small band of committed people who ensure the church is clean for Sunday services. If we had a few more, then the task could be spread and each individual wouldn't have to clean so often! If you can help clean All Saints' Chilton, Yvonne Sanderson would love to hear from you: 07930 998221, or yksanderson@yahoo.co.uk. If you would like to help clean St Matthew's, Christina Wood would love to hear from you: 832169, or christina@gumtreewood.com. Many thanks!



ST MATTHEW'S RE-ORDERING

We have received a Faculty (permission) to replace the pews at St Matthew's with 200 'Abbey' chairs and to carpet the floor. The planned schedule is:

Pews will be removed after the Sunday morning service today and collected by those who have reserved them.

From 15th January work to level the floor.

From 22nd January the new carpet will be laid.

From 30th January the new chairs are due to arrive.

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.

WORLD LEPROSY DAY

World Leprosy Day is on Sunday 28th January. This is when we pray especially for one



The Leprosy Mission
Blue and Wales

of our link missions, The Leprosy Mission, and when we send to TLM the contributions given through the coin phials. If you have a phial you would like to hand in, please give it to Rosemary Rolls by the end of January. Thank you.

THEATRE

Following a very successful run of their play about living with dementia, Human Story Theatre are back at Cornerstone on 24 January at 7.30pm with a one-hour drama about parenting, disappointment and middle-age drinking. Commissioned by the NHS, DRY - suitable for ages 14+ - is supported by Turning Point's Oxfordshire Road to Recovery project and other local counselling services. A Q&A session follows the performance. Tickets priced £12/£10 and under 16 £5 humanstorytheatre.com.

RADIO OXFORD

You can hear Pam Rolls being interviewed on Radio Oxford on Sunday 14th January. The interview was recently recorded at All Saints' Chilton. You can find it on Radio catchup through their website.

ST MATTHEW'S COFFEE ROTA

We urgently require some more people to help on the coffee rota at St Matthew's and we would be very grateful for people to join us. Duties would be every 5 to 6 weeks and other people are available to help with clearing up afterwards.

If you can help or need further information please contact Margaret Gibson in Church or on 01235 832206

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>

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...

- The governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established (Rom 13:1)
- Those who live in Diamond Way in Chilton, and in Loder Road in Harwell
- Our PCC members, secretaries, treasurers and bookkeepers
- Those who are homeless and cold especially in the colder weather; draw near and comfort them in spirit, and bless those who work to provide them with shelter, food and friendship
- For all our groups starting a new term
- For the work of The Leprosy Mission

Collect for Second Sunday of Epiphany

*Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of
your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make
known your heavenly glory; 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>

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