

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 28TH JANUARY

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany / Presentation of Christ at the Temple

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

SUNDAY 4TH FEBRUARY

The Second Sunday before Lent

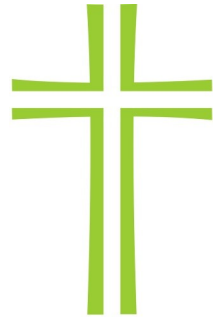
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If you would like to
talk with the Rector
about any matter, please
contact Jonathan directly,
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St Matthew's Harwell
with All Saints' Chilton

WALKING

Our Walking Group meet again on Sunday 11th February at 2.30pm. Watch this space for more information, or see the church website HCChurches.org/walking

FOOD BANK

The Didcot Food Bank urgently require more food donations especially **tinned meat, tinned vegetables, whole UHT milk, biscuits, packet puddings, treats and sugar** to help people around Didcot. You can leave donations in both our churches clearly labelled.
Mel & Margaret Gibson.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Sarah and Melanie thank everyone for coming to their launch service last Sunday. It was great to be prayed for by the church, especially the children, and to feel so supported by our Christian family. The lunch after was such a brilliant time of fellowship and we really appreciated everyone coming along, providing amazing food and taking the time to spend together. Thank you especially to Hazel and her amazing team for ensuring everything ran so smoothly. Please do keep praying for us at this new, exciting, and slightly scary, time.

WORLD LEPROSY MISSION

As a Church one of the mission agencies we support is the Leprosy Mission. As this Sunday is World Leprosy Day I



The Leprosy Mission
England and Wales

thought it would be appropriate to hear of one person, Easter who is 57. She lives on the outskirts of Delhi. Leprosy has left the mum-of-four unable to work as she has numb hands and feet as a result of nerve damage. Coming from a leprosy affected family Easter would have been left in a desperate situation 10 years ago when her husband died. The Leprosy Mission however provided education and training for Easter's children and they now support her. She said, 'Without the Leprosy Mission I would probably be begging on the street and homeless, but I thank God for leading me to a dignified life.' To find out more about the Leprosy Mission you can go to their website:

www.leprosymission.org.uk *Nicola Barclay-Watt*

The Leprosy Mission Prayer

Almighty Father, the giver of life and health, look mercifully on those who suffer from leprosy. Stretch out your hand to touch and heal them as Jesus did during his earthly life. Grant wisdom and insight to those who are seeking the prevention and cure of the disease; give skill and sympathy to those who minister to the patients; reunite the separated with their families and friends; and inspire your people with the task set before The Leprosy Mission, that it may never lack either the staff or the means to carry on its healing work, in accordance with your will, and to the glory of your holy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 has been put up.

CHRISTINGLE

Join us for our family friendly, fun and interactive Christingle services next Sunday morning to think about light and hope.

Our new Children and Families Workers, Sarah and Melanie will be leading the services.

9.30am Chilton and 11am Harwell. We look forward to seeing you there!



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:

From 22nd January the new carpet will be laid.

From mid February 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.

UGANDA TRIP



Yvonne Sanderson has a friend who will be visiting projects in Uganda that she has links to. If you can donate any of the following: school shoes (all sizes), new underwear boys/girls, children's shorts, football kit, school bags, please contact Yvonne at yksanderson@yahoo.co.uk or on 07930 998221.

SCIENCE & FAITH

"Explaining Religion (away?)" A talk by the Revd Dr Jonathan Jong on Thursday 8th February, 7.30pm, at Ripon College Cuddesdon. Free entry, all welcome.

If you would like a lift to the event please email Rector@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk

Jonathan Jong is a Research Fellow at Coventry University and Assistant Curate of the Church of St Mary Magdalen, Oxford.

GROW YOUR GIFTS

We would love to have more people involved in the running of our churches. If you would like to help us with admin, cleaning, coffee, welcoming or something else, please either email the office, or speak to Jonathan, Pam or one of our Church Wardens.

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...

- Those who live in Fieldside in Chilton, and in Newbury Road in Harwell
- For Sarah Barrett and Melanie Shields as they begin as our Children and Families Workers
- For the work of The Leprosy Mission
- For CAP Debt Centre in Didcot & Wallingford, specifically two families that are facing eviction through debt and are in great need. Please pray that they will know God's love at this time.
- Those getting married and preparing for marriage, especially Rob & Hannah getting married in March, Margery & Tim getting married in June, and Daniel & Victoria also getting married in June

Collect for Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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.

Collect for The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by 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>

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