

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, and for which there is no charge! 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. You may also like to register on our website: <http://HCChurches.org>

SUNDAY 4TH MARCH

The third Sunday of Lent, Education Sunday

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

9:30am All Age Worship at All Saints'

11:00am All Age Worship at St Matthew's

6:15pm Evening Prayer at St Matthew's

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

SUNDAY 11TH MARCH

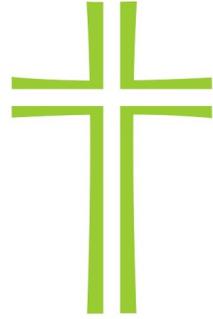
The fourth Sunday of Lent, Mothering Sunday

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
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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

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with All Saints' Chilton

MENS CONVENTION

Phill Johnston is co-ordinating a men's group to attend the London Men's Convention on 2nd June. This years guest speaker is John Piper and will be hosted in Central Hall Westminster.

Contact Phill for more info: chillwithphill@gmail.com or text 07979 341008.

PCC MEETING

Please pray for our PCC members as they meet on Tuesday 6th March.

The main items to be discussed are: Plans for the Harwell Feast, Chilton Fete, Songs of Praise, and Holiday Club, preparations for the annual church meetings, and St Matthew's heating and entrance area projects

FROM CLIVE AND HEATHER HOUSE

"We would like to thank everyone for the wonderful send off, cards, wine and gift vouchers that you gave us before we left for Exmouth. We were very touched by your kindness and generosity. We are gradually settling in and getting unpacked and enjoying the sea air. We will really miss you all and you are in our thoughts and prayers. Do call in and see us if you are in the Exmouth area! With love from Clive and Heather House."

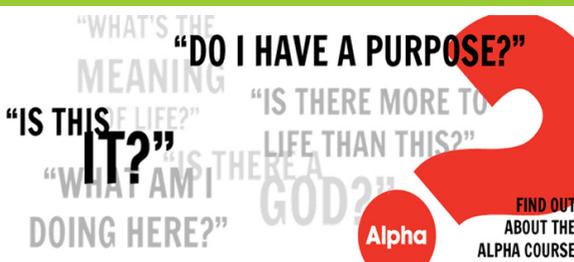
CMS - THE SHARLANDS



David and Heather Sharland have been called to use their skills in the service of God's people, enabling them to live healthy and fulfilling lives and to know Jesus as their saviour and friend with CMS. David uses agriculture to serve struggling and marginalised farmers, and Heather (a nurse) works as a community health co-ordinator. They have been serving God in East Africa for more than 25 years, including until recently South Sudan. They are now in Arua in North-West Uganda.

See the back page for prayer points.

ALPHA



Harwell and Chilton Churches are planning to run an Alpha course in 2018. The course is a great way to explore Christianity with some very well presented films and group discussion. Please speak to Jonathan, Pam, Sarah or Melanie if you are interested, or email [Vicky](mailto:vj.HCchurches@gmail.com) if you are interested, or email [Vicky](mailto:vj.HCchurches@gmail.com) if you are interested.

See www.alpha.org

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Rolls for St Matthew's Harwell and All Saints' Chilton are being revised in the period 1st March to 25th March inclusive. The Electoral Roll is your Parish Church's Register of Electors, the list of those qualified to vote at the Church Annual General Meeting at which the Parochial Church Council and Deanery Synod representatives are elected. You need to be on the Electoral Roll for at least 6 months to be a PCC member or Churchwarden. If you are already on the Electoral Roll you do not need to re-register.

For St Matthew's Harwell forms (form E2) may be obtained from the table at the back of church, and completed forms should be placed in the wall box near the main door. For All Saints' Chilton forms may be obtained from Gordon Cowan (telephone 831932) or from All Saints' Church (blank forms in the red envelope at the base of the font), and completed forms should be returned to Gordon or placed in the yellow envelope at the base of the font.

For both churches forms should be returned no later than Sunday, 25th March. Thank you.

PARISH GIVING SCHEME

Lent is traditionally a time of almsgiving, and spring a time to review and refresh. As well as 'spring cleaning' our houses, it might be a good time to spring-clean our finances, too.

A couple of Sundays ago our church Treasurers, Stuart and Peter, reported on our annual accounts for 2017 and our budget for 2018. We also launched the 'Parish Giving Scheme' (PGS), which is a new way to organise regular, planned giving to All Saints' or St Matthew's.

Flyers explaining more about the scheme are available, and if you would like to join, please take a form from the back of church, to either return or post.

Whether or not you already give regularly, please would you consider registering with PGS to support the work of the church? Thank you.



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HOLIDAY CLUB

We are now able to confirm the dates for Holiday Club 2018:

20th - 24th August

Please mark these dates in your diary! A highlight of the year for both churches and community, everyone can get involved.

Watch this space for news of booking and how to get involved. In the meantime, please pray for those involved in the planning, the team members, and all those who will take part.

MOTHERING DAY POSIES

The posies for Mothering Sunday are being put together on **Saturday 10th March.**



The All Saints' working party, led by Liz Morris, will be meeting in the church kitchen at 10am. Foliage and flowers welcome, but you are equally welcome to just come along to help.

The St Matthew's working party, led by Debbie Davies, is meeting at Greenacre, The Cleave at 10.30am. Offers of help to assemble posies or any contributions of flowers gratefully received.

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...

- Those who live in Lawson Lane in Chilton, and in South Drive in Harwell
- For Didcot & Wallingford Area CAP Debt Centre
- The Work of CMS, especially David & Heather Sharland in Uganda
 - For Heather's role as community health co-ordinator and nurse
 - For David as he seeks to train and encourage farmers in their use of the land and care for their crops
 - For the growth of 5,000 trees which have been planted across the Diocese – their success will have a major positive impact on the environment and on agriculture in the area
 - For their work amongst Sudanese refugees in the Kiryandonogo Refugee Settlement – especially for widows, and orphaned children, many of whom have been traumatised by their experienced. Over 1 million people have fled the fighting in South Sudan, often leaving the elderly behind who were unable to travel

Collect for the third Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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>