

# 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.

## 8TH JANUARY

### Epiphany 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

6:00-7:15pm for those in school years 7-9

7:00-8:45pm for those in school years 10-13

## 15TH JANUARY

### Second Sunday of Epiphany

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

9:30am Holy Communion at All Saints'

11:00am Holy Communion at St Matthew's

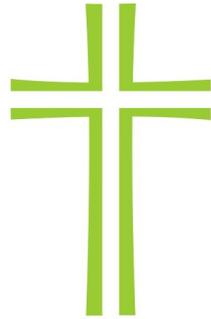
6:15pm Evening Prayer (BCP) at St Matthew's

10:30am Combined Service St Birinus School OX11 9AZ to celebrate the opening of a **CAP Debt Centre** for Didcot and the surrounding area

Please come to this service if you are able. Coffee and pastries from 10.10am; children's and youth work included {see inside}

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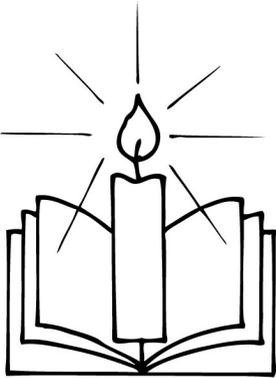
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If you would like to talk with the Rector about any matter, please contact Jonathan directly, or via the Church Office

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## PSALM 119:105



“Your word is a lamp  
for my feet,  
a light for my path”

## 2017 PRAYER

*Lord of the Years,  
At the start of this New  
Year we ask for your  
presence, protection and  
guidance for every minute  
of every day of every month  
ahead.*

*Thank you that we do not  
go into this New Year  
alone. Thank you for loving  
us so much that you gave  
us Jesus to lead us to you.*

*May we commit ourselves  
afresh to serve you, to love  
you and to share your love  
with those who don't yet  
know you.*

*May we make a difference  
for your Kingdom in 2017.*

*In Jesus' name.*

*Amen*

*By Daphne Kitching*

## SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

We are running some safeguarding training on 21st January. If you are involved in any of our children's groups, holiday club or pastoral care work please come along to the training. So we have an idea of numbers, please email [office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk](mailto:office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk) if you are planning to attend, unless you've already let us know. It will be from 9.45-12 noon in St Matthew's Church Harwell.

## WALKING GROUP

Sunday 12th  
February –  
location to be  
confirmed.

Enjoy the great outdoors with family and friends! Get to know other members of the church family better!



The next in our regular walks that are open to all. No membership fees, no need to book, no need to plan your own route. Just turn up on the day at the agreed start time and place, appropriately dressed, with a bottle of water and join in! Children, friends, relatives, neighbours and well-behaved dogs are all very welcome! See <http://HCChurches.org/walking> for dates and times, walking guidelines and other useful info.

## CAP MONEY COURSE

We are running another CAP Money Course starting on Saturday 14th January. (3 sessions including 21st Jan and 4th Feb). These brunch sessions will run from 10.30-12.30am in St Matthew's Church Harwell. Please book your place online at [capmoneycourse.org](http://capmoneycourse.org)



## GENERATION 2 GENERATION



**Living Advent Calendar** - THANK YOU and WELL DONE to everyone who hosted a day of our calendar. Most evenings there were 40+ children and their parents taking part. The feedback was been extremely glowing. And I hope you enjoyed hosting as much as the children had visiting. It's very much appreciated.

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES WORK

We have been very blessed to be able to employ since August 2014 a very talented full time Children & Families Worker, Peter Shields. Peter would like to explore the scope for reducing his role with us from 40 hours per week to 20 hours per week, with the balance made up from either another part time member of staff, or volunteers, or a combination. The two PCCs (church councils) will be reviewing the options around this at their February Combined PCC meeting. In the meantime, Peter will be trialling his reduced hours alongside work as a delivery driver for Sainsburys. Please pray for Peter and the PCCs, that we may have wisdom in our discussions. Jonathan.

## NEXT SUNDAY—15TH JANUARY



Our churches have formed a partnership with three Didcot churches - King's Church, Ridgeway Church and Didcot Baptist Church - to set up a Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Debt Centre serving those in Didcot and the surrounding area.

To mark the launch of this exciting outreach partnership, there is special **combined service at St Birinus School Didcot from 10.30am next Sunday**, 15th January, including a programme for children and youth. Coffee and pastries from 10.10am! Please come to this service if you can, but for those who are unable or would rather not, there will still be services at All Saints' and at St Matthew's at the regular times.

## JOB VACANCY

### Debt Coach for Didcot (part-time)

Do you have a heart for evangelism in our local community, working with poor or disadvantaged people?

If so, please prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to join the local CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Debt Centre as a part-time Debt Coach.

The post, which will operate predominantly in the Didcot area, is for 8 hours a week for one year initially with the possibility of extension beyond that. Salary: £20k per annum pro rata (£4,267 per annum).

For more information, including contact Sue Bright, Centre Manager ([suebright@capuk.org](mailto:suebright@capuk.org)).

**Closing date 19th January.**

## ALPHA

Alpha is a great way to explore what Christianity is all about, along with the chance to get to know others in the community. We plan to run another Alpha group soon. Take a look at [alpha.org](http://alpha.org) or contact Vicky in the Church Office to find out more or book a place.



## 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>

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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
- All those seeking refuge from war-torn countries
- Those who live in Potteries Lane Chilton and Hengest Gate, Harwell
- The three Sudanese Pastors awaiting trial
- Those who are homeless and cold especially in this bitter weather. Draw near and comfort them in spirit and bless those who work to provide them with shelter, food and friendship
- Those in hospital; surround the frightened with your tenderness; give strength to those in pain; hold the weak in your arms of love, and give hope and patience to those who are recovering

### Collect for Epiphany Sunday

*Creator of the heavens,  
who led the Magi by a star  
to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us,  
that we may find our journey's end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

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.