

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.

14TH MAY

5th Sunday of Easter

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

21ST MAY

6th Sunday of Easter

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

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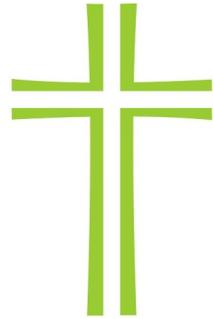
11:00am Holy Communion at St Matthew's

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

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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

WEDDING

Congratulations to Hazel and Richard who got married on the 6th May.



During the 9:30 service at All Saints' today, Hazel & Richard will be having a blessing following their wedding.

They would be very pleased if members of the congregation would join them at Chilton Village Hall afterwards for prosecco and wedding cake.

EVERGREENS

Pam Frodsham from Chilton will be entertaining Harwell Evergreens with monologues by Pam Ayres with a north country accent this week. Evergreens meet on Thursday 18th May at St Matthew's Church Hall and is aimed at people of retirement age. Our monthly talks are followed by delicious home made cakes with tea and coffee. Speak to Gill Gay for more information, 831592.

SET FREE!

We are delighted to share that Revd Hassan and Mr Abdumawla, who were imprisoned in Sudan, received a presidential pardon this week and have been set free.

FREE AT LAST!



RIDE AND STRIDE CO-ORDINATOR

Co-ordinator needed for Chilton and Harwell

The Oxfordshire Historical Churches Trust sponsored event takes place on Saturday, 9th September. People can walk or cycle to churches in the Oxford Diocese and receive sponsorship.

The co-ordinator will receive a pack from the OHCT containing posters, publicity ideas and sponsor forms. The event needs to be advertised in July/August and sponsor forms given to those wishing to take part. On the day the church needs to be set up to receive visitors with cold drinks and biscuits available. Afterwards the co-ordinator collects in the money that the participants have gathered in from their sponsors and banks it. For further information please contact Naomi or Vicky.

HELP NEEDED!

We would like to strengthen our links with Chilton School, and we have an opportunity coming up. Chilton School need help at Chiltonbury, a festival that helps raise essential money for the school. In particular they need volunteers to help at the refreshments stand in the main hall. If you can help for an hour on Saturday 8th of July please email Laura Gibson: laura.gibson2012@icloud.com. Thank you.



GENERATION 2 GENERATION

CFW Numbers 4-10 May

Pebbles n/a (Family service); Kids Church 9; Pathfinders n/a (orchestra); YF 10; Y-Club n/a (re-starts this week); Fledgelings 24 adults + 30 children.

Thank you to the 10 people who volunteered 24 hours of time to serve G2G groups this past week. And that excludes all the time given in planning & preparation!



Family Service: There was a special gathering of the flock last week at All Saints' - it was great to see the variety of toy sheep (& jumpers!) that were brought to the family service. Thank you for those involved in its organisation - especially the construction of our

very own sheepfold & gate! There was even a point where we got to see what Jonathan would have looked like if he had become a Pentecostal minister (ask him to demonstrate it again sometime)!!

Scouts: It was a privilege for St Matthew's to host a special evening of prayer & mindfulness for the Harwell Explorers last week. This is to contribute towards their "Queens Award", as they undertake the section on "values". They took part in 8 different activities - from fire pits to sand pits, calm jars to incense sticks - each focused on a different aspect of the Lord's Prayer. It was great to see how engaged they were. And reading their prayer requests emphasised how thoughtful they are, as well as how exams loom large in their minds.

Warm the Heart: Revd Jimmy & Sarah Hinton lead St Stephen's church in Bradford. They are currently on an urgent mission to raise £60,000 before the end of the month in order to secure some essential work to St Stephen's. As part of this they are cycling - on a tandem - from St Stephen's in Ambridge (...of The Archers), to St Stephen's in Bradford, via St Stephen's in Westminster (...i.e. Parliament!) and stopping at St Matthew's (Harwell!) en-route. See HCChurches.org/news for more information.



CHRISTIAN AID

Churches Together in Didcot are holding a Christian Aid service at Didcot Methodist Church TODAY at 6.30pm. Gail Willows is a dedicated volunteer for Christian Aid and was an intern for them in Brazil last year. Gail will be speaking about the work of Christian Aid and about her own experiences of working with them in Brazil.



SEASIDE

The seaside trip will now be on Saturday, 9th September. Please keep the date, and watch this space!



1 JOHN 4:16

God is love, and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.

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...

- A peaceful solution to the troubles in Iraq, Syria and Gaza
- Those who live in Elderfield Crescent in Chilton and in The Park, Harwell
- CPAS - our May Mission focus.
- Praise God that Revd Hassan and Mr Abdumawla, who were imprisoned in Sudan, received a presidential pardon this week and have been set free.
- For those recently married, including Richard and Hazel from All Saints' Chilton
- 2017 Holiday Club preparations

Collect for 5th Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. 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>

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.