

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 3RD SEPTEMBER

12th Sunday after Trinity

- 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's
9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints'
11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's
4.30pm Holiday Club Family Service at Harwell School
6:15pm Evening Prayer at St Matthew's

Don't miss our special Spy Academy Family Service on

**Sunday 3rd September
at Harwell School at 4.30pm**

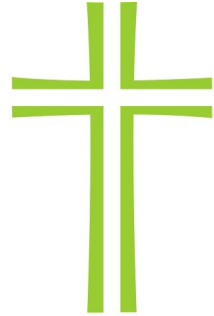
Followed by a spy-tacular BBQ
(free, but donations welcome)

You'll be joined by the leaders of The Decoders,
The Trackers, MIS, MIG, The CIA, The FBI, The KGB and Skyfall
RSVP to office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk

SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

13th Sunday after Trinity

- 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at All Saints'
9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints'
11:00am Morning Worship 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

CPCC

Please pray for our PCC members as they meet for a Combined PCC meeting on Tuesday evening (5th Sept). In particular for discussing the new Children and Families Worker Job Description and application process, alongside the regular items of discussion.

SPY ACADEMY



Thank you to everyone who supported Spy Academy this year. We would love to see you at our Graduation Service this afternoon at Harwell School, followed by a BBQ. Please turn up, even if you haven't RSVP'd.

BOURNEMOUTH

If you didn't sign up to join the coach to Bournemouth on Saturday 9th September, you are still very welcome to make your own way and meet people from Harwell and Chilton Churches there! Contact Vicky in the office for more information.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BUY A PEW?

Maybe as you read this, you're sitting in a pew which has been 'carefully' inscribed with initials or symbols by someone in years gone by who was finding the sermon a little tricky. Or perhaps you're in one with a less obvious village connection. Either way, our pews are heritage ornaments which we want to go to good homes when the time comes for them to be removed. It's only right that our congregation should have the first option to purchase. After that, they will be marketed to the wider village and finally put on the open market (and those that remain unclaimed will go to an architectural salvage firm).



This 'first dibs' offer to the congregation lasts until 15 September only so be quick! You can choose which you would like. Previous disposals have seen pews reborn as elegant additions to homes but also, with treatment, in gardens. We have 28 to rehome.

Please pick up a copy of the sales sheet at the back of St Matthew's to see the location of the three lengths of available pew, then contact Liz Roberts (lizzyroberts333@gmail.com or 07745 80 20 30) saying which you have chosen.

CAP MONEY COURSE

Do you have a school leaver in your family?

Whether they've got – or are looking for – a job, or about to leave home for Uni, good money management habits will take the crisis out of being self-sufficient.

Your local CAP Money team is running a one-session FREE course for school leavers to help make sure your young people make the most of this next stage of their lives without getting into debt.

It's on Tuesday 5 OR Thursday 7 September in Harwell Church Hall at 7pm. Tell us which one you'd like to come to so we've got enough pizza in. Please text 07745 80 20 30 (we'll call you back if you say you'd like to chat first) or email office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk.

ST MATTHEW'S RE-ORDERING

An update on St Matthew's re-ordering plans. We are slowly making progress!

What's this all about?

You will hopefully recall that, following consultation, St Matthew's have committed to making the church building more flexible, accessible and comfortable by replacing the fixed pews with chairs and installing a new heating system. The plans also involve some minor levelling of the floor and laying a new carpet. We are also planning to redecorate the nave (the main seating area), which is a major project involving scaffolding.

So how far have we got?

We already have permission and funding for the redecoration, and are in the final stages of seeking formal approval for the seating/flooring project. We are doing some extra work on the heating plans before formally seeking approval to proceed with this. We have identified some - but not all - of the funding for the heating/seating/flooring project.

What is the timescale?

We have committed to the redecoration work during October. During this time we will not be able to hold our main 11am services in church and will instead be holding these services (1st to 29th October inclusive) in Harwell Village Hall. We hope still to be able to use the chancel for the 8am and evening services.

We hope also to do the seating/flooring work during October, if we are granted permission in time and contractors can be lined up, but this is currently uncertain. Alternatively the seating/flooring work could be done in the New Year. The heating aspect of the project would not happen until early 2018.

How can I get involved?

Firstly, please pray for the project, for permissions and funding, and that it would help our mission to Grow God's Church, wider, deeper and closer.

Secondly, please consider whether you might be able to make a financial gift towards the seating, the heating, or both, and whether you might like to donate a chair/chairs in memory of a loved one (see separate leaflet).

Thirdly, please consider whether you might like to buy a pew. Some are already spoken for, but there are still some available. Have a word with Liz Roberts (834295 or lizzyroberts333@gmail.com) if you are interested.

For further information about the project and a downloadable copy of the fundraising leaflet, please see <http://HCChurches.org/fitforthefuture>

ALL SAINTS' FAMILY AREA

Members of the congregation at All Saints' will have noticed a change to the layout of the pews. Over the summer we are trialling a different arrangement which has the Family Area at the front of the main nave instead of in the south aisle, where it has been previously.

It is wonderful that we have at All Saints' a number of families with young children, and in seeking to meet their needs we also need to meet those of the wider church family. We are aware that every arrangement has pros and cons and we are keen to get feedback from everyone.

Please speak to Yvonne Sanderson or Alex Reich if you would like to contribute your views or suggestions. Thank you.

EVERGREENS

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the Evergreen's coffee morning. We raised a grand total of £268.40.



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 Seven Road in Chilton and in Broadway in Harwell
- Comfort for people who are hurting because a loved one has died, especially the friends and family of Jack Perry and John Oldland
- Our Village schools, for the head teachers, teachers and students starting a new academic year
- Those taking their first steps in their skill, trade or profession
- The process for recruiting a new Children and Families' Worker (CFW)

Collect for the 12th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation 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.

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>