

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 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 Youth Fellowship starts on 17th September

SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

14th Sunday after Trinity

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's 9:30am Holy Communion at All Saints' 11:00am Holy Communion at St Matthew's 4.00pm Deanery Confirmation Service at St Matthew's 7-8.30pm Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church Hall for 11-18 year olds



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

St Matthew's Harwell with All Saints' Chilton

FOODBANK

If you are able to help the foodbank - please do! They are currently running very low on stocks. All tins and packets accepted along with financial gifts. You can leave food for the foodbank in All Saints' and St Matthew's clearly labelled.



CMS BOXES

If you have one of the CMS money collection boxes please could you bring your collection to All Saints' or St Matthew's in the coming weeks for Georgina Greer who will arrange for the money to be sent through to CMS. New collection boxes are on their way!

Thank you.





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.

JOURNEYING TOGETHER



You can find an audio file for our Sunday morning services on our website. For Journeying Together we will also be uploading weekly sermon information along with the audio to enable as many people as possible to follow the series.

www.HCChurches.org/Journey

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

POPPY APPEAL

Poppy 28th Oct – 12th Nov

If you would be willing to call house to house during the end of October and early November to collect for the 2017 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, please contact Hazel Benton for Chilton village and Chilton Field, hazel.benton@btinternet. com or call 01235 821714

Contact Peter Cox for Harwell Village: branch@harwellrbl.co.uk

Many thanks, Hazel & Peter



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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PRAYER FOCUS

"...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
- 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 13th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, 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