

A very warm welcome to you. Whether you are visiting, 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.



SUNDAY 8TH MARCH

The Second Sunday of Lent

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at All Saints'

9:00am Pebbles Family Service at Chilton Village Hall

9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints' 11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church Hall 6.30-8.00pm for 11-18 year olds

SUNDAY 15TH MARCH

The Third Sunday of Lent

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 Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church Hall 6.30-8.00pm for 11-18 year olds

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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

CHURCH OFFICE

The Church Office will be closed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week as a number of our Senior Leadership Team will be away on Lead Academy Training Days.

Please do pray that the two days would be really useful as we seek to develop our 2020 vision.

POSIES

If anyone would like to help make the Mothering Sunday posies at All Saints', please come and join me at 10.00am in the Church extension on Saturday 21st March. If anyone would like to donate any daffodils or spring flowers please drop them off at Church by 10am on the 21st.

Thank you for your help Liz Morris

If you would like to donate spring flowers for the posies being made to hand out at St Matthew's please leave them in a bucket outside Greenacres, The Cleave on Friday 20th March.

With many thanks Debbie Davies



LENT CENTRAL



Lent Central is six evening meetings 7.30-9.30pm from 27th February at St Matthew's Harwell. We are studying the brilliant 'Grace Course', which combines

video input with small group discussion, in a sociable, informal setting. It's not too late to join!

See www.HCChurches.org/new for more info.

PCC UPDATE

What have our church councils (PCCs) been doing? This month we report on the individual PCC meetings (St Matthew's, Harwell and All Saints', Chilton) held in February. The PCCs co-operate with the Rector 'in promoting the whole mission of the church' and are responsible for the resources that enable this to happen (e.g. finances and buildings)

Highlights from the PCC meetings on 4 February 2020: St Matthew's

- A rope handrail for the tower staircase to improve access and safety up to the ringing chamber has been installed
- We agreed to hold a Songs of Praise in the Harwell Feast marquee on Sunday 24 May, provided a small group can be recruited to organise it
- We approved the Financial Accounts, the Fabric Report and the Annual Report for 2019, and the Budget for 2020

All Saints'

- We noted that we had a £4,000 carryover from last year's budget
- We approved the annual budget for 2020
- We decided to take action to raise awareness and donations for the CAP centre from the wider communities
- We decided to start trialling the use of a card reader within the church services

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS



We're very grateful to Anne and Carol who play the organ and piano regularly for our services at All Saints'. They are an amazing team!

Now that holidays are starting to be booked up, it would be good to grow the team of musicians, not only to cover gaps

in rotas but to share the music ministry on a more permanent basis too. If you can play an instrument that could help us in our worship, we would love to hear from you.

Please have a word with Jonathan or Pam to start with and we can discuss what you might be able to offer in serving God and his Church. Thank you.

HOLY COMMUNION

In the light of concerns about the coronavirus we have been reviewing our practices during services of Holy Communion.

Advice from the Diocese is that we continue to use the chalice, and for the people serving to follow good hygiene. At any time is is advised that anyone who feels unwell or has a cough or is sneezing to not share the chalice or shake hands during the peace.

We are also advised that dipping bread into the wine is not best practice.

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Rolls for St Matthew's Harwell and All Saints' Chilton are being revised in the period 15th March to 28th March inclusive.

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 All Saints' Church (blank forms in the red envelope at the base of the font) and completed forms should be returned to Carol Piggott or placed in the yellow envelope at the base of the font.

For both churches forms should be returned no later than **Saturday 28th March**.

FLEDGELINGS

Fledgelings is our baby and toddler group that meets on Mondays at St Matthew's Church and on Wednesdays at Chilton Field Community Room 9.30-11.30am.

Each week there is a story and singing time, along with a craft and some refreshments.

Last term they had a focus on God's good creation.



GENERATION GOLD

Generation Gold is a service aimed at people of retirement age. We meet 4 times each year, our next service is at All Saints' Chilton on Monday 9th March at 2.30pm when we'll be thinking about promises and rainbows. The service is around 45 minutes long and is followed by light refreshments. Contact Pam Rolls (see front cover) for more information or to request a lift to the service.



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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PRAYERS

'...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 Pathfinder View in Chilton, and in The Croft in Harwell
- Didcot & Wallingford Area CAP Debt Centre
- God's guidance through the year ahead, especially as we develop our '2020 vision'
- For our Lent Central Grace course and all those who attend
- Jonathan, Sarah, Melanie, Allan, Yvonne & Vicky as they attend Lead Academy on 10th/11th March
- Help to experience faith in a personal way
- Ourselves that we will be faithful in witness, active in service, and joyful in our praise
- Comfort for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one including the family and friends of Jean Campbell and Tony Baker
- Deborah Evans who has been appointed as Maternity Cover Church Administrator, starting 16th March

Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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