

Welcome

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.

Coronavirus

Our churches remain open for prayer and worship, and we are continuing to meet at this time, sharing hope, love and care, here to serve the whole community.

To follow best hygiene practice we are not at this time sharing wine at communion, shaking hands during the peace, or having refreshments after services.

Let us encourage one another to stay calm, and let those in high-risk groups know we care for them, in word and action.

Latest updates on coronavirus and our response can be found at <http://HCChurches.org/coronavirus>

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

SUNDAY 22ND MARCH

Mothering Sunday

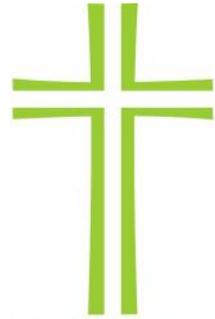
8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at All Saints'

9:30am All Age Worship at All Saints'

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Tue/Thu/Fri 9am-3pm

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

EVERGREENS

Join Harwell Evergreens on Thursday 18th March when they will hear Chris Caddy talk about 'The Lake District'. Evergreens is a monthly meeting for those of retirement age. Meet in St Matthew's Church Hall at 2.30pm.

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



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

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 don't use the chalice and for the people serving to follow good hygiene. We will not be sharing the peace at this time either.

At any time 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.



CYCLING SURVEY

Harwell Village cycling survey – takes 3 minutes
Love cycling? Loathe cycling? We want to know why.
Sustainable Harwell is a community group looking at ways for the village to be a bit greener. Please submit by Friday 20th March. See HCChurches.org/news

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**.

Why be on the church Electoral Roll?

Being on the Electoral Roll gives you the opportunity to have your say. It is a key part of the church's system of democracy. It gives you a vote at the church Annual Meeting. It also means that you can be elected to the church council (the "PCC") or nominate others to be elected to it.

The PCC is the key decision-making body of our churches. By law, we need a healthy number of elected ordinary PCC members to balance out the benefice-licensed clergy-people who are automatically on it! As the saying goes: if not you, then who?

The Electoral Roll also gives a crude indication of church membership. The more members we have, the more say we get at the regional decision-making bodies called the Deanery & Diocesan Synods.

If you are a committed member of our congregations, please consider adding your name to the Electoral Roll. Those aged 16-17 are eligible as well as adults.

**Come along to our Annual Meetings
at All Saints' Chilton on 19th April 10am, and
at St Matthew's Harwell on 26th April at 11.30am.**

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.



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 S

'...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 Peagasus Close in Chilton, and in The Holloway in Harwell
- For all those affected by Covid-19, and those taking care of them
- 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
- 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

Collect for the Third Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through 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>