

Ridgeway Broadsheet

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St. Matthew's, Harwell
Jesus
Christ
is Lord
With All Saints', Chilton

2013

Songs of Praise

Sunday 26th May, 4.30pm

in a large marquee on

Harwell Recreation Ground

featuring favourite hymns and songs
with the singing led by an orchestra

Pimms and punch served beforehand

Why not bring a picnic tea?

More information inside...

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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12-18 MAY

Today around 870 million people are desperate for food. One in eight people will go to bed hungry tonight. This is a scandal. But if we bite back at hunger this Christian Aid Week we can help communities find ways to not only survive but to thrive, with enough food to eat not just today but tomorrow.

Grand Coffee Morning & Plant Sale

This will be held on Saturday May 11th from 10 am to 12 noon in Chilton Village Hall and is organised by Chilton Wives' Group to benefit Christian Aid. It provides a great opportunity to buy bedding plants, perennials, small shrubs, herbs and vegetable plants. There is also a well-stocked second-hand bookstall, and a cake and home produce stall. We would welcome any contributions of books, cakes and plants. Please join us on the morning of the 11th May to stock up your garden, browse over books or chat over a cup of coffee. Contact Judy Goodall at 43 Crafts End Tel 834503 with offers of help.

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"During past weeks I have received many kind and encouraging messages from members of our congregation, and I know I have been remembered in your prayers. I thank everyone for their loving good wishes, and hope to join in worship in the not too distant future."
Mary Hanley

Gill Gay would like to thank everyone who supported the first coffee morning held by the Harwell Evergreens on 6th April. A total of £126.60 was made. We hope to see you all again at the next one.

HARWELL PASTORAL CARE

We have a small team who are able to offer support and friendship especially to those who are lonely, housebound or unwell. If you, or anyone you know, would welcome a visit please get in touch. It is helpful to know of cases of illness either at home or in hospital. Also if you unable to get to church and would like to receive Holy Communion at home please let us know. Please contact Joan Impey 820346, the Rector 799376, or the Parish Office 834256 or office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Sunday 26th May at 4.30pm on Harwell Recreation Ground sees the return of the popular Songs of Praise event that for a number of years preceded the Harwell Feast. It will be held in a large marquee and will feature a series of hymns and songs chosen by individuals from Harwell and Chilton along with short explanations the reason for their choice of hymn/song. Please put the date in your diary.

FLEDGELINGS: MONDAY MORNINGS

Every Monday morning from 9.30-11.30am, for pre-school aged children and their parents and carers. We have plenty of time for free play (for the children) and chatting (for the grown-ups), as well as activities such as play-dough, painting, craft and sometimes even cooking! And of course tea, coffee, and biscuits! We meet at St Matthew's Church Hall during term-time. Just turn up - everyone welcome!

FACEBOOK

If you would like to keep up to date with news from our churches, why not visit or 'Like' our new Facebook page? Find us at facebook.com/hcchurches

I heard recently about a group of teenagers chatting and laughing on a pavement when a lady, probably in her 80's, tried to get past. The group wouldn't move, however, blocking the path and forcing her walk on the road. As she passed they jeered at her and made disparaging comments about her age and appearance.

When I heard of this, my first reaction was one of anger. How dare they treat someone like that? But these feelings were soon followed by feelings of sadness and despair, even. I thought about our society which increasingly worships youth and celebrity, and where one's worth is measured in terms of one's bank balance, looks or abilities. Being raised in that environment, perhaps these young people have not been given the moral grounding that many take for granted.

The Bible speaks of honouring the one's parents and the elderly and of caring for the weak and vulnerable, but when you don't know or don't respect biblical authority then it is hard to justify why you should do these things. The Bible says that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Proverbs 9:10), but when society tells you that God is dead and 'if it feels good do it', life can easily become a moral free-for-all.



But then I started to feel hopeful as I thought of dramatic stories of God's intervention in the lives of apparently hopeless cases. People like Nicky Cruz.

Nicky Cruz was raised in Puerto Rico and was the victim of repeated physical abuse and rejection at the hands of his parents. In an attempt to escape his violent upbringing, Cruz fled to New York City in the mid 1950s where he soon got caught up in the gang violence that was sweeping the city. Fearless and seemingly immune to physical pain, Cruz rose through the ranks of the notorious Mau Mau gang in Fort Greene, Brooklyn to become their War Lord. Cruz' life was a downward spiral of violence and dysfunction. A psychiatrist once told the court and Nicky that he was "doomed... finished... on a one-way trip to jail, the electric chair and hell."

Then one day a skinny preacher, David Wilkerson, came to the war-torn streets of Brooklyn delivering a message to Nicky – "Jesus loves you, Nicky." Cruz threatened to kill the preacher, but several weeks later at a rally in New York City, Cruz surrendered his life to God and exchanged his weapons for a Bible. For the past 50 years, Nicky has been travelling around the world reaching tens of millions of people with his miraculous testimony and continues to minister in inner cities and prisons. His life story has been told in the best-selling book, 'The Cross and the Switchblade', and in the movie by the same title. I read that book and saw that film when I was a teenager, and they had a significant impact on my fledgling Christian faith.

There are many others like Nicky Cruz, radically transformed by the power of God through the risen Lord Jesus Christ. Many stories of God's work in the lives of individuals are less dramatic, but no less significant, and some of those will be shared at the Songs of Praise event on Harwell Recreation Ground on Sunday 26th May. If you are tempted to despair and need to be encouraged, please come along. If you just want to join in with a good old sing then you are equally welcome. And if you would like to share your story of how God has been at work in your life, then be in touch!



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May 2013

Wednesday 1st

10:15am Home Group at St Matthew's Church meeting room
1:45pm Home Group at 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton
6:00pm Confirmation Group at All Saints' Chilton
7:30pm Chilton Choir practice at All Saints' Tower
8:30pm Night Prayer at All Saints' Church, Chilton

Thursday 2nd

6:15pm Harwell Young Singers practice at St Matthew's Church, Harwell
7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Matthew's Tower
7:30pm Home Group at Dunaverty, Wantage Road, Harwell

Friday 3rd

2:15pm Home Group at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell

Saturday 4th

8:30am Prayer meeting at both Churches

Sunday 5th

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church, Harwell
9:30am All Age Worship at All Saints' Church, Chilton
11:00am All Age Worship at St Matthew's Church, Harwell
4:30pm "Connect" at Chilton School
6:15pm Evening Prayer at St Matthew's Church, Harwell
7:00pm Youth Fellowship at 9 The Cleave, Harwell

Monday 6th

10:30am Bell Ringing Quarter Peal Attempt at All Saints' Tower

Tuesday 7th

2:30pm Chilton Evergreens at Chilton Village Hall—Talk by Phil Morris 'Garden Birds'
7:45pm All Saints' PCC meeting at All Saints' Church, Chilton

Wednesday 8th

10:15am Home Group at St Matthew's Church meeting room
1:45pm Home Group at 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton
7:30pm Chilton Choir practice at All Saints' Church, Chilton

Thursday 9th

7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Matthew's Tower
7:30pm Home Group at Dunaverty, Wantage Road, Harwell
7:45pm Ascension Day Holy Communion at All Saints' Church, Chilton

Friday 10th

2:15pm Home Group at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell

Saturday 11th

8:30am Prayer meeting at both Churches
10:00am - 12:00pm Christian Aid Coffee/Sale at Chilton Village Hall

Sunday 12th

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at All Saints' Church, Chilton
9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints' Church, Chilton
11.00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's Church, Harwell
4:30pm "Connect" at Chilton School
4:30pm "Hands Free" Christian Aid United Service at St Matthew's Church, Harwell
7:00pm Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church Hall

Monday 13th

9:30am Fledgelings at St Matthew's Church Hall
7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice at All Saints' Tower
8:00pm Home Group at 10 Jennings Lane, Harwell

Tuesday 14th

7:45pm Chilton Wives' Group at All Saints' Church—Planning Meeting
7:45pm St Matthew's PCC meeting at St Matthew's Church, Harwell

Wednesday 15th

10:15am Home Group at St Matthew's Church meeting room

1:45pm Home Group at 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton
6:00pm Confirmation Group at All Saints' Chilton
7:30pm Chilton Choir practice at All Saints' Church, Chilton

Thursday 16th

2:30pm Harwell Evergreens at St Matthew's Church Hall
—Talk by Mr.R.Leaman - Guide dogs for the blind.
7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Matthew's Tower
7:30pm Home Group at Dunaverty, Wantage Road, Harwell

Friday 17th

2:15pm Home Group at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell

Saturday 18th

8:30am Prayer meeting at both Churches

Sunday 19th

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

9:30am Holy Communion at All Saints' Church, Chilton

11:00am Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church, Harwell

4:30pm "Connect" at Chilton School

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

7:00pm Youth Fellowship at 9 The Cleave, Harwell

Monday 20th

9:30am Fledgelings at St Matthew's Church Hall
7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice at All Saints' Church Tower
8:00pm Home Group at 10 Jennings Lane, Harwell

Tuesday 21st

10:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell
7:30pm Harwell Ladies' Group at St Matthew's Church Hall
—Talk by George Dawson - Didcot Railway Centre

Wednesday 22nd

10:15am Home Group at St Matthew's Church meeting room
1:45pm Home Group at 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton
6:00pm Confirmation Group at All Saints' Chilton
7:30pm Chilton Choir practice at All Saints' Church, Chilton

Thursday 23rd

7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Matthew's Tower
7:30pm Home Group at Dunaverty, Wantage Road, Harwell

Friday 24th

2:15pm Home Group at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell

Saturday 25th

8:30am Prayer meeting at both Churches
12:00pm - 10:00pm YF at the Big Church Day Out at Wiston House, West Sussex

Sunday 26th

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

9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints' Church, Chilton

11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's Church, Harwell

4:30pm Songs of Praise at Harwell Recreation Ground

Monday 27th

Harwell Feast at Harwell
7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice at All Saints' Tower

Wednesday 29th

10:15am Home Group at St Matthew's Church meeting room
1:45pm Home Group at 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton
7:30pm Chilton Choir practice at All Saints' Church, Chilton

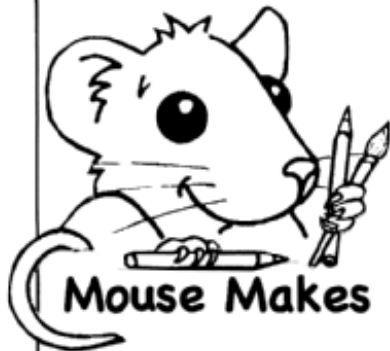
Thursday 30th

7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Matthew's Tower
7:30pm Home Group at Dunaverty, Wantage Road, Harwell


Friday 31st

2:15pm Home Group at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell


A bookmark for PENTECOST



It was the festival of PENTECOST and the Apostles and other believers were all together when they heard a sound like a strong wind and saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched every person. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages as the Spirit enabled them. A crowd had gathered outside and each of them heard the believers speaking in their own language about the great things God had done.


Read Acts 2:1-11
Which countries had the crowd come from?

The Holy Spirit


Teaches
John 14:26

Reveals
John 16
14-15 

GUIDES
John 16:7-11 


Helps
Romans 8:26

Comforts
John 14:16-17 


Transforms
2 Corinthians 3:18



The work of God's Holy Spirit in us brings:

- LOVE
 - JOY
 - PEACE
 - PATIENCE
 - KINDNESS
 - GOODNESS
 - FAITHFULNESS
 - HUMILITY
 - SELF CONTROL
- Galatians 5:22-23

To make your bookmark:

Carefully cut around the outside, fold in half along the dotted line and glue together. Add a tassel to the bottom with a length of wool or ribbon. You can make it stronger by gluing onto card before folding.



FROM THE PARISH
REGISTERS

Marriages

"Those that God has joined together"

Edward Robinson & Lucy Shaw
David Keymer & Elise Donnelly
Richard Cumming & Lisa Selwood

Funerals

"He who believes in Me will live"

Christopher Williams Medway (68)
Florence Gertrude Field (89)
Francis Colin Blissett (83)
Violet Anderson Doak-Dunelly (79)
Edna Violet Pointer (84)
John Charles Friend (79)
Gwendoline Myra Pearce (67)

LOVE & RETURN

Love - and Return - thy Neighbour. That is the aim of the new Neighbourhood Return scheme, which aims to act quickly to find people with memory problems, such as dementia, who have got lost. We are looking for volunteers to join searches in their immediate area, who have a mobile phone which is regularly charged and has credit on it, and who can use text messaging. We know everyone isn't available all the time, so the scheme aims to sign up as many volunteers across Oxfordshire as possible. If you aren't available when we alert you to someone missing, just text back 'no'. If you are free to help, our care centre will let you know where to search. You can sign up to the scheme at www.ourturn.org.uk or by phoning 0116 229 3118. You will rarely or may never be called to help, but by registering not only will you help carers to feel supported by their local community, but should someone in your local area go missing you could help save a life. If you are a carer of someone with memory problems, you can register them using the contacts above. It's free.

VEN NORMAN RUSSELL

Norman Russell writes: "I am shortly due to retire after 42½ years of ordained ministry, 7½ of which were spent in Harwell and Chilton and 36 in Oxford Diocese. There will be a straightforward service of Evensong in Reading Minster to mark my retirement on Sunday 12 May at 4.30 pm. I plan to preach on the text which was the motto of my old theological college 'Woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel'. There will be no special invitations or tickets on the Gospel principle that 'whosoever will may come'. If any parishioners from Harwell and/or Chilton would like to join us they will of course be very welcome. Every good wish, Norman."

HARWELL STONE
SERVICE

On the Saturday nearest to the anniversary of D-Day, a parade and service is held at the RAF Harwell Memorial Stone at the Harwell Oxford Campus. The stone marks the departure point for Servicemen who were amongst the first to land on D-Day. This is organised by the Royal British Legion Harwell Branch and supported by Goodman. The 2013 Service will take place on Saturday 8th June 2013 at 5.30pm. Legion Standards, Service Standards and Army/Air Cadet Standards are also welcome to attend, please be there for 5.00pm. Attendees should note there are no facilities at the stone. After the service attendees will be welcome at the Harwell Village RBL Club in Westfield. If you require further information please contact the Branch: branch@harwellrbl.co.uk

THE ABINGDON AIR & COUNTRY SHOW

Abingdon Airfield, off Barrow Road, Shippon, Abingdon, OX13 6JQ. It's not just an air show! The Abingdon Air & Country Show has a varied ground show to go along with a fly-in of both modern and vintage aeroplanes and the associated air display. All of this is within a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, which is our objective. Event held in support of local Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust. Tickets & Parking:

On the day: Adult £15, OAP £10, 5-15yr olds £5, Under 5s Free.

In advance: * Adult £12, OAP £8, 5-15yr olds £4, Under 5s Free. Free Car Parking. Gates open 10am, event finishes 5:30pm.

*Advance tickets purchased online via our website, from the Wantage Information Centre, Oxford, Wallingford, Didcot and Witney Tourist Information Centres, 'The Warehouse' Abingdon (on Stratton Way), Abingdon Visitor & Information Centre (near the Guildhall) Colin Smith, Publicity & Tickets co-ordinator, Mob 07769 689823, www.abingdonairandcountry.co.uk

HARWELL GARDENERS CLUB

Meeting at Harwell Village Hall, Monday 13th May 7.30pm. Talk by Gwen Barton - 'Galloping in the Galápagos' Competition: Flowering Shrub. More information: tel 221008

VERA SAUNDERS

Vera, who lived in Harwell until 2011, died on 19th April aged 97. Her funeral will be at Oxford Crematorium on 7th May at 11.15am.

NEARLY NEW SALE

Harwell Fun Club's Baby & Toddler Nearly New Sale is on Saturday 18th May 2013 at Harwell Village Hall, 10am - 12 noon. Items on sale include toys, equipment, clothes, books plus lots, lots more. Entry by donation. We look forward to seeing you there. If you wish to sell or volunteer please contact: harwellnns@hotmail.co.uk

LAST WORD: STAY SAFE

How to stay safe this Spring

1. Avoid riding in automobiles - they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.
2. Do not stay home - 17% of all accidents occur in the home.
3. Avoid walking on streets or pavements - 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.
4. Avoid traveling by air, rail, or water - 16% of all accidents involve these forms of transportation.
5. Of the remaining 33%, 32% of all deaths occur in Hospitals. So, above all else, avoid hospitals.

BUT... You will be pleased to learn that only 0.001% of all deaths occur in worship services in church, and these are usually related to previous physical disorders. Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is at church! And Bible study is safe too. The percentage of deaths during Bible study is even less. So, attend church, and read your Bible - IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!

Please submit noticesheet items to Carolyn 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.