

Ridgeway Broadsheet

July & August 2013

Photo Competition

Your photo of our villages here!
Enter our photo competition,
show off your talent in print
and on the church website
You could win £25 in Amazon vouchers



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WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

You can visit our website to find out about our various activities and groups, catch up on news, listen to sermons, access the members-only address book, find useful documents, and lots more: hcchurches.org or harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk. If you would like to keep up to date with news from our churches, why not 'like' our new Facebook page?

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If you're having any difficulty in using the website, there are people in both villages who are happy to help either at the end of a phone or by popping round to your house: In Chilton, call Ian Thompson (832385) or Lin Kerr (833119) and in Harwell, call Mel Gibson (832206) or Liz Roberts (834295).

THANK YOU S

Thank you to Lily Oldland who is stepping down from sorting the Ridgeway Broadsheet for the deliverers every month. She has for over ten years been a very loyal and faithful worker. Her hard work has been much appreciated and she will be dearly missed. Betty McNiven has kindly offered to take on the task.

Thank you to all those who volunteered at the Feast BBQ on Bank Holiday Monday – 45 people in all. You did a terrific job, and it is much appreciated. Special thanks to Mike Pepper who did all the setting up on the day, and the sorting out of all the equipment in advance as well. Apparently, the surplus on the Pig roast & BBQ takings (i.e. after costs deducted) was c.£1,800 this year, which, as always, went to the Feast.

PHOTO COMPETITION

We do hope you will enter our photo competition, open to villagers or visitors to Harwell and Chilton and open from now until Wednesday 4 September. You don't have to have the best kit in the world – a beautiful composition on a mobile phone will do just as well. Hard or electronic copies are welcome, and we hope you'll be inspired to be creative within the following categories:

- Neighbours
- All creatures great and small
- Life cycle
- Living waters
- Thanksgiving

Prize for under-16 and for 16 and over. Competition to be judged by a local professional photographer.

There are a few terms and conditions, for example around ensuring you have the consent of any people you photograph (because we'd like to use your photos for our website and publications). You can access these on the church website or via Liz Roberts lizroberts.wordpower@btinternet.com or 834295. Otherwise, happy snapping!

CREAM TEAS AT ALL SAINTS'

Make a note in your diary for the next date for cream teas in All Saint's Church, Chilton. We will be serving cream teas between 2.30pm and 5.00pm on Bank Holiday Sunday August 25th 2013. All profits will be donated to the church path fund, to make access to the church and grounds easier for all.

At the time of writing, summer holidays are drawing close and many people will be planning to get away for rest and relaxation and perhaps to explore new places. But I suspect that not many people will be planning a trip to North Korea. Often referred to as a 'rogue state', North Korea has technically been at war with South Korea since the 1950s, but tensions have been rising since it tested a missile late last year. It is the world's most militarised country but it is also a world-leader on another scale: the 'Open Doors' World Watch List. North Korea is the most difficult place on earth to be a Christian.

North Korea is vehemently opposed to religion of any kind, requiring instead that its people worship founder Kim Il-Sung. It's true that the whole population of North Korea is suffering, but Christians are definitely singled out. Despite performing many outward duties, they do not worship Kim Il-Sung – they worship Jesus Christ. Their mind is not filled with North Korea's ideology of self-reliance. They care for the sick, the orphans and the hungry when no one else does. These criminal acts of 'loving your neighbour' – of 'not fitting in' – make them political enemies. And so Christians are classified as hostile and face arrest, detention, torture, even public execution. Even the possession of a Bible is reason enough to be killed or locked up with your family for the remainder of your life. Tens of thousands live and (ultimately) die in concentration camps. But despite severe oppression, there is a growing underground church movement of an estimated 400,000 Christians.



The North Korean treatment of Christians is not historically unusual. The Christian church was born in the fires of persecution, and a whole series of Roman emperors – Nero, Domitian, Marcus Aurelius, Decius and Diocletian – tried hard to destroy the Christian faith. And the Christian church has continued to be persecuted ever since. Over 300,000 Christians every year are killed for their faith. For a Christian, the worldwide statistical chance of becoming a martyr in your lifetime is approximately one in 200. But still the church grows. The church may be in decline in parts of the West, but Christianity is growing fast elsewhere, with the greatest growth most often happening in places where persecution is the strongest.

But why would anyone take the risk? People throughout history and across the world come to faith in Jesus Christ because the heavenly reward far outweighs the earthly suffering. Like those hundreds of thousands of North Korean Christians, they entrust everything to God, because they are convinced that his love is stronger than anything else.

The Apostle Paul, no stranger to persecution himself, expressed it as follows: "I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan". The script is cursive and fluid.

Revd Dr Jonathan Mobey
Rector of Harwell with Chilton

July 2013

Monday 1st July

9:30am Fledgelings in St Matthew's Church Hall

Tuesday 2nd July

2:30pm Chilton Evergreens at Chilton Village Hall—Entertainment and
Tea by Wives' Group

7:45pm St Matthew's and All Saints' PCC meetings, All Saints' Chilton

Wednesday 3rd July

8:30pm Night Prayer at All Saints' Church, Chilton

Sunday 7th July

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

Monday 8th July

9:30am Fledgelings in St Matthew's Church Hall

Tuesday 9th July

7:45pm Chilton Wives at All Saints' Church—BBQ

Sunday 14th July

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

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' Worship at St Matthew's Church, Harwell

Monday 15th July

9:30am Fledgelings in St Matthew's Church Hall

Tuesday 16th July

7:30pm Harwell Ladies' Group at St Matthew's Church Hall—Talk by
Hazel King—Polio Immunisation in India

Tuesday 18th July

10:00am Holy Communion (BCP)* at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell

2:30pm Harwell Evergreens outing to Bournemouth

Sunday 21st July

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

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

Sunday 28th July

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

6:15pm Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church, Harwell

August 2013

Sunday 4th August

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

Wednesday 7th August

8:30pm Night Prayer at All Saints' Church, Chilton

Saturday 10th August

10am-noon Harwell Evergreens Coffee Morning at 'Dromore', Townsend, Harwell

Sunday 11th August

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)* at All Saints' Church, Chilton
9:30am Morning Worship (BCP)* at All Saints' Church, Chilton
11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's Church, Harwell
4:30pm 'Hands Free' Worship at St Matthew's Church, Harwell

Sunday 18th August

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

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd August

9:00am-3:00pm Holiday Club at Harwell School

Tuesday 20th August

10:00am Holy Communion (BCP)* at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell

Sunday 25th August

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
2:30pm-5pm Cream Teas at All Saints' Church
6:15pm Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church, Harwell

* Book of Common Prayer

Every Saturday

8:30am Prayer meeting at both Churches





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JOSEPH'S WONDERFUL COAT

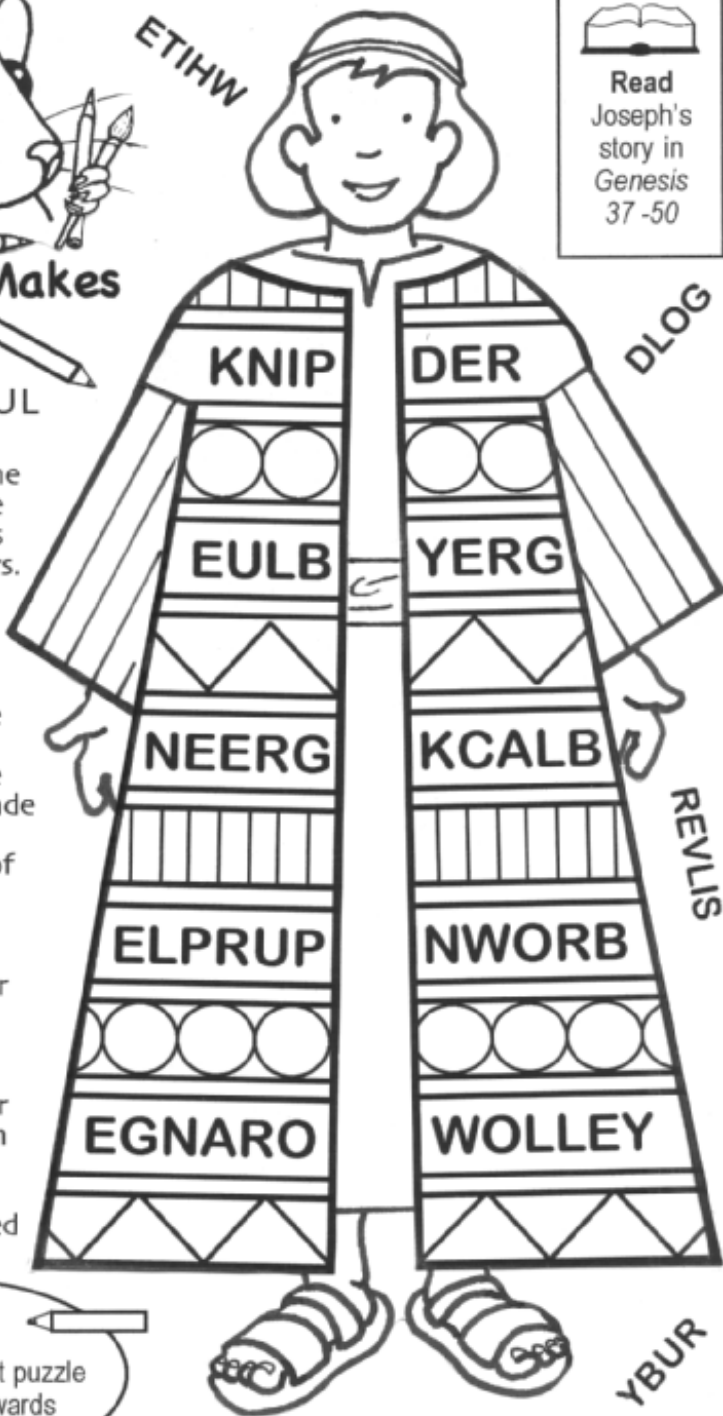
Joseph was 17, he took care of the sheep and goats with his brothers. His father Jacob loved Joseph more than his other sons because he had been born to him when he was old. He made a long robe for Joseph, a coat of many colours. When Joseph's brothers saw that their father loved Joseph more than he loved them, they hated their brother so much they would not speak to him and even plotted to kill him.

Colour Joseph's wonderful coat but puzzle out the backwards words first!

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Read
Joseph's
story in
Genesis
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FROM THE PARISH
REGISTERS

Baptisms

"Welcome into the Lord's family"

Lewis George Fisher

Confirmations

"Christ, the way, the truth and the life"

Charlotte Clare Glover
Rachel Ellen Thompson

Marriages

"Those that God has joined together"

Nicholas Hammond & Tracy Hamblin
Benjamin Cork & Helen Poffley
Oliver Holloway & Claire Sherring

Funerals

"He who believes in Me will live"

Jack Skaiffe (88)
Pamela June Thomas (84)
Arthur Goodwin (84)
Peter Leslie Williams (81)

BOOK REVIEW

'God Speaks - hearing, connecting, relating' by Rich Alldritt and Ash Carter, IVP, £8.99.

God speaks. By his Spirit. Through the Bible. About his Son. This is one of the most crucial things for any Christian to get to grips with. If we understand how God speaks, then we can truly know him. Everything else slots into place. We see Jesus clearly. We fall in love with him more deeply. We make sense of our world. But get this wrong and we lose it all. This book covers the whole sweep of the subject from start to finish. It puts all the parts of the jigsaw in their proper place. Yet, mixing our metaphors, it's also an appetizer, whetting your palate for more...

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

They that wait upon the Lord
Shall find strength anew;
They shall mount on wings as broad
As great eagles do!
They shall run, and not grow tired
And, inspired
Strength renew!

As by God's eternal Word
The green earth was born
So the same creating Lord
Gave the stars their form
He's the source of endless power -
Hence a tower
'Gainst the storm!

Young men may grow weak and weary
Youth may faint and fall;
Even though the Christian, teary
Has no strength at all
Although he, of hope deploring
God restores him
When he calls!

They that wait upon the Lord
Shall find strength anew;
They shall mount on wings as broad
As great eagles do!
Seek your God, His strength
sustains you
Never fails you -
Always true!

By Nigel Beeton

DIDCOT FOODBANK

The Emergency Foodbank always needs non-perishable goods. There is a list of items required on the noticeboard in both Church porches. Please take donations to St Matthew's Church office (in the Church and up the stairs) on Sundays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (normally). Thank you.

CHILTON SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE

Chilton School PTA Annual Summer Fayre, Saturday 6th July from 12-3pm. Come along and join us. Lots of stalls from Bottle tombola ,Adult Grand Raffle and Children's Tombola , Coconut Shy, Craft Stalls, to dancing, fun games and Bouncy Castle. Refreshments of BBQ and Beer or Tea and Scones. Entrance £1 for adults, children free.

HARWELL GARDENERS CLUB

Summer Garden Visits:
Monday 1st July: tour of Earth Trust's wild flower meadows, Hill Farm, Little Wittenham, OX14 4QZ
Monday 12th August: Manor House, Manor Farm Road, Dorchester-on-Thames, OX10 7HZ More information contact: Mrs Alexander on 835359

NEW PROJECTION SYSTEM

We are delighted to confirm that the new HD projection system at St Matthew's is due to be installed at the end of July, ready for its launch at 11am on Sunday 1st September. Why not come along then?

We are planning to use the new system regularly at our Sunday services, especially at 'All Age Worship' on the first Sunday of the month, and hope to be able to put it to other uses, too, for the benefit of the wider community. Thank you very much all those who have contributed to this exciting project.

CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTIONS

The collections for Christian Aid amounted to £1,465 in Harwell and £792 in Chilton. Thank you to all who gave and collected.

HARWELL SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

Harwell School Summer Fair, Saturday June 29th 1-3pm. All the usual school summer fair attractions - tombolas, books, bouncy castle, teas, ice cream, candy floss, pop corn, stocks, penalty shoot-out, etc. BBQ run by and on behalf of Little Pippins. No entry fee. Grand Summer Raffle to be drawn at the end of the Fair

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Didcot and District University of the Third Age meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 2pm at Didcot Civic Hall. Visitors are welcome to come to one meeting as a taster before joining. The July meeting of Didcot & District University of the Third Age is being held at 2pm on Tuesday 16 July. Didcot & District U3A aims to encourage and enable older people in Didcot and District who are no longer in fulltime paid employment to help each other to share their knowledge, skills, interests and experience. We have already set up over 20 interest groups including wine appreciation, science & maths, play reading, creative writing, walking, knitting, bridge, crafts, books, poetry, singing, badminton, photography and five languages. There's something for everyone! Tel: 07804159993 Email: didcotdistrictU3A@virginmedia.com Website: <http://u3asites.org.uk/didcot>

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.