# **Ridgeway Broadsheet**



# Come and celebrate Harvest Festival

# **Sunday 6th October**

9:30am All Age Worship - All Saints' Church, Chilton 11:00am All Age Worship - St Matthew's Church, Harwell 3-5pm A delicious Cream Tea - All Saints' Church, Chilton

# Monday 7th October

Harwell Village Hall 10:30am Coffee and homemade biscuits 12-2pm Lunch, plus stalls selling wonderful harvest produce and much more

Just turn up to any of these events - everyone welcome! All proceeds go to Tearfund - Christians against poverty

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# YOUR BROADSHEET -YOUR VIEWS

Our two churches are looking at making this newsletter (the Broadsheet) that you are currently reading more useful to people. At the moment we deliver it most months to all the homes in Harwell and Chilton, but people rarely tell us what they think of it. This is your chance! Please respond with your answers to these quick questions via the website (hcchurches.org/survey), by phone (01235 834256), or by email (broadsheetsurvey2013@gmail.com). No name required for response via phone or website link; and if you respond by sending us an email we will not store your email address.

Q1. How often do you read the Broadsheet nowadays?

- 1. Frequently: every issue, or almost every issue
- 2. Occasionally: a few times a year
- 3. Hardly ever

Q2. When you read it, which sections do you like the best?

Q3. What would make the Broadsheet a better read for you?

(Please bear in mind that Chilton Chronicle and Harwell News both cover community information such as courses, waste services, etc, so the Broadsheet would not want to duplicate that.)

Q4. Just so we know something about what type of people Broadsheet readers are, how often do you attend church services nowadays (either at St Matthew's, Harwell or at All Saints', Chilton or elsewhere)?

- 1. Frequently: once a month or more often
- 2. Occasionally: a few times a year
- 3. Rarely: once a year or less often 4. Never

Please note will be closing this survey at 6pm on Saturday 26th October.

### PHOTO COMPETITION CONGRATULATIONS!

We were thrilled to have the services of a professional photographer, Andrew Callaghan of Marlborough (callaghanstudios.co.uk) to judge our recent photo contest. Andrew has been snapping for clients, among whom are some household names, for 20 years, and has a reputation for shots which are full of impact. He has declared Kim Pringle the overall winner for her picture of a lizard in the 'All Creatures Great and Small' category. He said, "The angle of this shot is very good, it draws you into the shot and the light is perfectly positioned to spotlight the lizard basking in the sun; it's also looking directly into camera with a slight smile!" Kim's contribution was also the best in the 'Cycle of Life', 'Neighbours' and 'Thanksgiving' categories and he had encouraging remarks for her as for Caroline Patto, who won in 'Living Waters'.

Andrew said he had a very difficult job deciding amongst 24 shots submitted and congratulates everyone. Kim has been given a £25 Amazon voucher as the overall winner. See what he's raving about by checking out our website where all the photos are on a slideshow: hcchurches.org/photocomp. We also had a couple of submissions after the contest had closed. We're very grateful when people are happy to share their shots with us and we will be spotlighting this local talent, too, on our website shortly.

# HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Concert by Steventon Choral Society and friends in St Matthew's Church on Saturday 12th October at 7.30pm in aid of Sobell House Hospice Charity. Tickets £10 on the door. More information/ticket sales: Caroline Miller 834015 or Trish Napper 848292 www.steventonchoral.org.uk The souvenir we brought back from our holiday to Cornwall this year was not a stick of rock or collection of interesting shells. This year we brought back a baby. Due at the end of October, our fifth child entered the world in a bit of a hurry, my wife only just making it through the doors of the Royal Cornwall Hospital in time. Baby Thomas has had an eventful life so far. Provoking the jealousy of his siblings, he had his first flight aged just five days (or should that be minus ten weeks?), before taking up residence in the gleaming new neonatal intensive care unit at the John Radcliffe Hospital. In the last five weeks, Thomas has made good progress – learning to breathe, digest and regulate his body



temperature amongst other vital functions most of us give little if any thought to – and the whole family are eagerly anticipating his eventual discharge home.

Thomas would not be here, and our family would not be functioning as it is, without the great kindness of friends, family and strangers. It has been a challenging few weeks – and the challenges continue – but we have experienced so much love, often shown in very practical ways, that has borne us up. This whole episode has made us mindful of how dependent we are on one another. There are certain things that we are not supposed to – cannot in fact – do on our own. Some burdens need to be shared or even carried by others.

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ", the Apostle Paul instructed the Galatian Christians (Galatians 6:2). He was reminding them that as humans, we are meant to help others. Each of us, made in the image if God, are designed to 'fulfil the law of Christ' by serving one another, and we need to allow others to do that by being served ourselves. Humans are meant to love and serve others. We are not meant to just look after ourselves.

Many of us would rather not need help. We would like to be independent, or be at the least what we would consider to be 'net contributors'. But we cannot function without the help of others – just as Thomas would not have survived without a high-speed ambulance trip, intubation, ventilation, and all the subsequent, highly skilled care given by numerous NHS staff. Great effort and expense have been and continues to be expended on Thomas. He could be seen as a burden, but it is all well worth it because he is – as all humans are – uniquely precious. We all need help and need humbly to accept the service of others.

The law of Christ was fulfilled perfectly by Jesus Christ 2000 years ago. Not only did Jesus live a perfect life of love, he died a perfect death. As it is puts in the well -known hymn *O Lord my God*, "And on that cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin". There was no other

option, no other way to lift that burden pressing upon every one of us. But because of God's great love, Jesus bore that burden for us. Burden-bearing is essential because it brings blessing and life. It is something that I for one accept readily and gladly.



Revd Dr Jonathan Mobey Rector of Harwell with Chilton

	OCTOBER 2013
Tuesday 1s 2:30pm	t Chilton Evergreens talk by Mr Colin Reynolds - 'Sixty Years on the River
2.30pm	Thames' at Chilton Village Hall
7:45pm	Joint PCC meeting at St Matthew's Church, Harwell
Wednesday	2nd
10:15am	Home Group at St Matthew's Church meeting room
1:45pm	Home Group at 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton
8:30pm Thursday 3	Night Prayer at All Saints' Church, Chilton
7:30pm	Bell Ringing Practice at St. Matthew's Tower
8:00pm	Home Group at Dilkhusa, Barrow Lane, Harwell
Saturday 51	
8.30am	Prayer Meeting in both Churches
Sunday 6th	
8:00am	Holy Communion (BCP)* at St Matthew's Church, Harwell
9:30am 11:00am	All Age Worship - Harvest Festival at All Saints' Church, Chilton All Age Worship - Harvest Festival at St Matthew's Church, Harwell
3pm-5pm	Harvest Cream Tea at All Saints' Church, Chilton
6:15pm	Evening Prayer at St Matthew's Church, Harwell
7:00pm	Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church meeting room
Monday 7th	
9:30am	Fledgelings at St Matthew's Church Hall
10.30am 7:30pm	Harvest coffee morning followed by Lunch at Harwell Village Hall Bell Ringing Practice at All Saints' Tower
Tuesday 8t	
7:45pm	Chilton Wives' Group - Talk by Ken Messer (well-known local artist)
	at All Saints' Church, Chilton
Wednesday 9th	
10:15am	Home Group at St Matthew's Church meeting room
1:45pm	Home Group at 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton
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8:00pm	Home Group at Dilkhusa, Barrow Lane, Harwell
Saturday 12th	
8.30am	Prayer Meeting in both Churches
7:30pm	Steventon Choral Society concert 'Voices for Hospices'
at St Matthew's Church, Harwell	
Sunday 13t 8:00am	
8:00am 9:30am	Holy Communion (BCP)* at All Saints' Chilton Morning Worship (BCP)* at All Saints' Church, Chilton
11:00am	Morning Worship at St Matthew's Church, Harwell
1:30pm	'Hands Eroo' Worship at St Matthow's Church, Harwell

'Hands Free' Worship at St Matthew's Church, Harwell

Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church meeting room

4:30pm

7:00pm

Monday 14th 9:30am Fledgelings at St Matthew's Church Hall 10.00am Missions Prayer Meeting at 'Dromore', Townsend, Harwell 7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice at All Saints' Tower Tuesday 15th 10:00am Holy Communion (BCP)\* at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell 7:30pm Harwell Ladies' Group - 'Meal Out' at St Matthew's Church Hall Wednesday 16th 10:15am Home Group at St Matthew's Church meeting room 1:45pm Home Group at 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton Thursday 17th 2:30pm Harwell Evergreens at St Matthew's Church Hall Talk by Judy Goodall on her experience at the 2012 Olympics 7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St. Matthew's Tower 8:00pm Home Group at Dilkhusa, Barrow Lane, Harwell Saturdav 19th 8.30am Prayer Meeting in both Churches 8:30am Christian Aid Walk from All Saints' Chilton Sunday 20th 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 Praver (BCP)\* at St Matthew's Church, Harwell 7:00pm Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church meeting room Monday 21st 9:30am Fledgelings at St Matthew's Church Hall 7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice at All Saints' Tower Wednesday 23rd 10:15am Home Group at St Matthew's Church meeting room 1:45pm Home Group at 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton Thursday 24th 7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St. Matthew's Tower Saturdav 26th 8.30am Prayer Meeting in both Churches Sunday 27th 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)\* at All Saints' Chilton 9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints' Church, Chilton Morning Worship at St Matthew's Church, Harwell 11:00am Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church, Harwell 6:15pm 7:00pm Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church meeting room Monday 28th 7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice at All Saints' Tower Wednesday 30th 10:15am Home Group at St Matthew's Church meeting room 1:45pm Home Group at 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton



#### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

#### Marriages

"Those that God has joined together"

Michael Smith & Jacqueline Vaughan Jonathon Warner & Jessica Liddle

#### Funerals

"He who believes in Me will live"

Jean Constance Wall Arthur Chambers Madge Hinchliffe

# THANK YOUS

Olga and family would like to thank everyone who attended Arthur's memorial service, sent cards, flowers and messages of sympathy, which helped us all at this sad time. Also for the very generous donation of £828.50 which has been sent to the 'Sue Ryder' Hospice, Nettlebed in Arthur's memory. Once again thank you from us all. Olga, Barbara, Geoff and Robert.

Many Thanks to the Generous Donors of the new coffee percolator urn and associated equipment at St Matthew's. We look forward to being able to provide quality Fair Trade filtered coffee following the 11am service on Sundays.

# CHARITY QUIZ SHEETS

The latest Quiz Sheet is now available (closing date Saturday 19th October). The theme is Dance and all proceeds will go towards the extension of the Village Hall. Quiz Sheets are priced at  $\pounds$ 1.25 each and are available from Gurmit at the Post Office, Shea at the Rose and Crown, Atomic Hair, Audrey Slater at 9 Latton Close, and the Goodalls at 43 Crafts End.

# CHILTON LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET

This is held on the second Saturday of each month in the Rose and Crown Car Park. The Charity Stall on October 12th will be for the Oxfordshire Crohn's and Colitis Society. On November 9th we will be supporting SeeSaw, and on December 14th the Oncology Department in Oxford. Thank you to everyone who supported us at the wet September market. A total of £131.55 was raised for the Village Hall extension. Any enquiries or offers of help, books, good quality bric-a-brac or home produce will be warmly received. Many thanks. Judy Goodall.

#### CHILTON WIVES' GROUP

At our next meeting on Tuesday 8th October the speaker will be our local well-known artist Ken Messer. Following his talk he will demonstrate his technique. The meeting is held in the Church at 7:45pm. Visitors and new members are most welcome. For further information please contact Judy Goodall on 834503.

# **ADVENT CALENDARS**

You've seen and maybe tasted the Real Easter Egg. Well, the same people, the Meaningful Chocolate Company, are about to bring us the Real Advent Calendar, Each window contains a chocolate star and a line from the Christmas story, plus a 24 page copy of the Christmas story behind the giant final window. Tesco will be stocking the Real Advent Calendar from October. The company will make a donation to The Children's Society for every sale and have committed to giving at least £26,000 to their work with disadvantaged children.

#### HARWELL ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

We need your help - have you a spare few hours during the Poppy Appeal Remembrance period October 28th -November 10th to take part in the house to house collections in Harwell and Chilton Village? The collection tins, poppies, etc will be delivered to you and collected afterwards, you will be advised on how much was raised in 'your' tin and the total collected. All money raised goes to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal which helps servicemen and women past and present who are experiencing all sorts of difficulties, be it wounded, injured or sick service personnel returning from active duty, help with caring for a dependant or just some comradeship. For more information about how the Royal British Legion helps ex-service personnel visit

www.royalbritishlegion.org.uk. If you are able to help then please contact Wendy Clarke, Poppy Appeal Organiser, Harwell Village and District via email ian.clarke470@ntlworld.com or post, Royal British Legion, Westfield, Harwell, Oxon OX11 0LG. Please mark 'For The Attention of Wendy Clarke, PAO'. Thank you.

#### HARWELL GARDENERS CLUB

Meeting at Harwell Village Hall, Monday 7th October 7:30pm. Talk by three members. Competition: Asters. More information: Dave Drummond, Tel: 821615.

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 Ridgeway Broadsheet items is the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

# **`CONNECT' AT** CHILTON SCHOOL

'Connect' is a free family event every third Sunday of the month at Chilton School, 4.30-6pm. Everyone welcome. For children there are crafts and a hot meal; for adults tea and cake and a chance to relax with other local families. For everyone an interactive 'thought for the day' on a Christian theme, and music. It is informal, interactive and fun. Do please come along. 20 Oct, 17 Nov and 15 Dec.

# UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

DIDCOT & DISTRICT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. The October meeting of Didcot & District University of the Third Age is being held at 2pm on Tuesday 15 October at Didcot Civic Hall. For further information contact: Anne Hales, Chairperson D&D U3A on 07804 159993, http://u3asites.org.uk/didcot didcotdistrictu3a@virginmedia.com.

#### ALL SAINTS' CREAM TEAS

We had a very successful afternoon at cream teas in All Saints' Chilton on Sunday 25th August. We had around 80 people attend. Donations amounted to £229.72. This will be put towards the church path fund. One of our new residents, Bob Girling took some photographs. These may be seen at http://www.gnilrig.co.uk/photogalleries/chilton-oxfordshire/villagepictures. Thank you to everyone who came along and for your donations.

Our next cream tea will be to celebrate Harvest Sunday on 6th October 3.00-5.00pm in aid of Tearfund\* and also buy local produce, cakes, flowers and jam. There will be children's activities.

\*Tearfund help people in poverty worldwide.