

RIDGEWAY BROADSHEET

May 2014



Christian Aid
Coffee Morning and Sale
Saturday 17th May
between
10 am and 12 noon
at Chilton School
More information on back cover...

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NEW CURATE

Jonathan is delighted to be able to announce that he has been asked and agreed to take on a self-supporting Curate from July. Rev Jan Radford will serve her 3-4 year curacy with us at Harwell and Chilton, alongside her daytime, paid employment as a lay chaplain at the Oxford Hospitals. Jan lives in Marcham with her husband, Tom, and has a grown-up daughter. Jan is currently a member of Christchurch Abingdon and has been training for ordination at Ripon College, Cuddesdon. She has had an extensive career in nursing, specialising in Diabetes, and is particularly interested in missional and pastoral opportunities within local communities. Jan will be a valuable addition to the team and we look forward this summer to welcoming her and Tom to worship with and serve amongst us.

SOUL IN DIDCOT

This will involve three days of social action in the community (Thurs 24th to Sun 27th July), with teams of people doing things ranging from gardening, litter picking or painting in community spaces or in a home of someone who would otherwise struggle to do it. It will end with a family fun afternoon in Edmonds Park on Sunday 27th July, with activities suitable for all ages, a gospel choir, a "Church in the Park", and much more! There are all kinds of ways of getting involved. See www.soulindidcot.co.uk or help@soulindidcot.co.uk

EVERGREENS

Thank you to everyone who supported our coffee morning on the 12th April. £178 was raised. Gill Gay.

D DAY 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 the various local companies on the Harwell Campus.

The 2014 Service will take place on Saturday 7th June 2014 at 5.30pm. Legion Standards and Service Standards plus Cadet Forces and other youth organisations will be present and assembling at 5.00pm. Attendees should note there are no facilities at the stone.

In recognition of the 70th anniversary year, Chilton Village is holding a festival adjacent to the venue from 1.00pm which will include a selection of stalls and entertainment laid on prior to the Parade and Service with a military theme. The Legion County Marquee will be in attendance raising the Legion's profile and fund raising for the Poppy Appeal and also recruiting new members.

Anyone wishing to know more about the Chilton Festival can visit <http://chiltonddayvillagefair.blogspot.co.uk> or contact the festival Chairman, Bob Girling via Gnilrig@aol.com.

For those wanting to know more details of the Parade, or Service can contact the Harwell Branch Ceremonial Officer Peter Davies, or those wishing to organize a wreath to lay during the service can contact the Branch PAO Wendy Clarke both via branch@harwellrbl.co.uk.

"You can give without loving, but you can't love without giving." So said Victor Hugo in *Les Misérables*, that epic tale of love and sacrifice which recently hit the big screen.

If you had to choose one word to sum up the Christian faith, you couldn't do much better than to choose 'love'. God is love... God so loved the world that he gave his only Son... As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you... Let us love one another, for love comes from God...



Love of God and love of neighbour are – according to Jesus – the summary of God's law. And to love our neighbour means to seek their wellbeing. Christian Aid, whose work is highlighted in May every year, seeks to do just that amongst the poor of the world.

Christian Aid was founded in the aftermath of World War II when British and Irish church leaders were determined to do everything possible to help European refugees who had lost everything. These days the work to bring an end to poverty has extended beyond Europe to around 50 countries around the world. Christian Aid tackles the root causes as well as the effects of poverty, through relief, development and advocacy, acting to change an unjust world through practical love and care for those in need, regardless of religion, ethnicity or nationality.

Harwell and Chilton have been supporters of the work of Christian Aid for many years and continue to be so. In Harwell, the door-to-door collections will cease for various reasons, but door-to-door collections continue in Chilton, along with other fundraising initiatives, such as the popular Plant Sale and Coffee Morning. For Harwell residents wishing to donate to Christian Aid, envelopes can be found in St Matthew's Church and returned via the wall safe near the door. Alternatively, it is possible to give online via <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/give>.

The eradication of poverty is a very Christian activity and a large portion of God's Word is dedicated to the topic of poverty. Obviously, the poor are very close to God's heart. The ministry of Jesus could be even described as poverty eradication – when considered in its widest sense. Humans can be impoverished in their relationship with God and with their fellow humans, oppressed by unjust structures and selfishness, and weighed down by disease and anxiety.

Jesus' made clear at the beginning of his ministry that he had a clear manifesto: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed" (Luke 4:18).

We should care about poverty, because God cares about poverty. To support the work of Christian Aid is one way to engage with a great act of practical love in which we don't just love our neighbour, but join in with the very activity of the God of love. As Victor Hugo also said, "To love another person is to see the face of God." There can surely be no greater act.

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

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WEEKLY EVENTS

Fledgelings

9:30-11:30am Mondays (during term time) at St Matthews Church Hall

Bell Ringing

7:30pm Mondays at All Saints' Church Tower

7:30pm Thursdays at St Matthew's Church Tower

Choir Practice

7:30pm Wednesdays at All Saints'

Home Groups

8:00pm Mondays at 10 Jennings Lane, Harwell

8:00pm Tuesdays at 13 Latton Close, Chilton (usually)

10:15am Wednesdays at St Matthew's meeting room (during term time)

1:45pm Wednesdays 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton

8:00pm Thursdays 1st May at Dilkhusa, Barrow Lane, Harwell

8th, 15th & 22nd May at The Croft, Milton Hill, Steventon

Prayer Meeting

8:30am Saturdays at both St Matthew's and All Saints'

Youth Fellowship

7:00-8:30pm Sundays (during term-time) at St Matthew's meeting room

MONTHLY EVENTS

Night Prayer

Wednesday 7th 8:30pm at All Saints' Church, Chilton

Missions Prayer Meeting

Monday 12th 10:00am at 'Dromore', Townsend, Harwell

Chilton Wives' Group

Tuesday 13th 7:45pm at All Saints' Church - Planning Meeting

Saturday 17th 10:00am Chilton School Hall - Coffee Morning & Sale for Christian Aid

Harwell Evergreens

Thursday 15th 2:30pm at St Matthew's Church Hall - Talk by Mr Gee on World War Two.

Please bring along any memories and artefacts from the war. Were you an evacuee?

Connect

Sunday 18th 4:30pm at Chilton School

Holy Communion (BCP)*

Tuesday 20th 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)* at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell

Harwell Ladies' Group

Tuesday 20th 7:30pm at St Matthew's Church Hall - Meal out at a restaurant

SERVICES

	All Saints' Chilton	St Matthew's Harwell
4th May	9:30am All Age Worship	8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)* 11:00am All Age Worship 6:15pm Evening Prayer
11th May	8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)* 9:30am Morning Worship	11:00am Morning Worship 4:30pm 'Hands Free' Worship
18th May	9:30am Holy Communion	8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)* 11:00am Holy Communion 6:15pm Evening Prayer (BCP)*
25th May	8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)* 9:30am Morning Worship	11:00am Morning Worship 6:15pm Holy Communion
Thurs 29th May (Ascension Day)	7:45pm Holy Communion	

(BCP)* = Book of Common Prayer

OTHER EVENTS

PCC meetings

Tuesday 6th 7:45pm at All Saints' Church

Tuesday 13th 7:45pm at St Matthew's Church

Service with Bishop Colin

Thursday 8th 7:30pm in Dorchester Abbey

The Berkshire Archdeaconry has existed in its present form for nearly a thousand years.

On the 1st March, the four Deaneries of Abingdon, Wallingford, Wantage and Vale of White Horse transferred into the newly created Archdeaconry of Dorchester, under the Episcopal oversight of Bishop Colin. This service marks this historic occurrence.

Service for Christian Aid Week

Sunday 11th 6:00pm at All Saints' Church, Didcot OX11 7EA

For more information on any of these events
please check the website: www.hcchurches.org
or e-mail the church office
office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk



The Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS) is an evangelical mission agency working with mainly local Anglican churches across the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland. It was founded in 1836.

The Society aims to inspire and enable churches to help every person within their communities hear and discover the good news of Jesus.

Their vision is for the local church to be a church where all ages are helped to come to faith in Christ: where all are welcomed, loved taught and trained: where all are confident in sharing their faith and clear about God's call on their lives: where they serve one another and their community, growing gifts and developing leaders through the ministry of God's word and the power of the Holy Spirit.

CPAS provide training and church resources, many of which St. Matthew's and All Saints' have benefited from. It is responsible for Ventures and Falcon Camps which are life-changing holidays attended by thousands of children and young people each year. Funding is available to ensure that no one is prevented from going on a holiday due to lack of finance.

CPAS also has sole or shared responsibility for the patronage of over 500 churches including Harwell and Chilton and assists in the appointment of clergy throughout the country.

A quarterly Prayer Diary with daily prayer points about their work is available in both churches.

BigChurchDayOut is an all-age event taking place at Wiston House, West Sussex on 24th & 25th May 2014. It is about coming together to celebrate our faith, no matter what our church or background. The inaugural event at Wiston in May 2009 attracted 15,000 people, making it the biggest one-day Christian event in the UK. In 2010, with an additional site in the Midlands, over 25,000 came together over 3 days to worship and have fun together, and with just one event at Wiston House since 2011 BCDO now sees over 20,000 join in celebration each year.

The BigChurchDayOut is about people and faith, music and worship, activities, families, and just being together. There's something for everybody, from a nice cup of tea with a Chamber Orchestra, to high energy worship, and some of the best 'Christian' music the world has to offer... it's all about being 'church' together.

The aim is to encourage and inspire people to press in for all that God has called them to do, both locally and further afield, and to provide a relaxed environment to introduce friends and family who have little or no experience of church.

At St. Matthew's and All Saints' there are still some spaces left if you are interested in coming along to this event. Please contact either Revd Jonathan Mobey 799376 or Carolyn in the church office on 834256 or office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

"Welcome into the Lord's Family"

Thomas Justin Mobey

Marriages

"Those that God has joined together"

Richard Birkinshaw & Emma Mitcham

Funerals

"He who believes in Me will live"

Edward (Ted) Henry Blissett

Adrian (Jim) Attwood

George Pratt

Mary Greenough

CHILTON WIVES' GROUP CHARITY QUIZ

Congratulations to the Woods team from Main Street (mainly) who came first at this fun event which was held this year at Chilton School. We were delighted that £1000 was raised and the money has been divided equally between Hamlin Fistula UK and the Oxfordshire Charity Young Dementia UK. Thank you so much. Chilton Wives' Group.

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 Facebook page? [facebook.com/hcchurches](https://www.facebook.com/hcchurches)

HOLIDAY CLUB 2014

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd August; for primary-aged children. More info to follow

CLUBS & SOCIETIES DAY

Didcot First is, once again, arranging a Clubs & Societies Day in Didcot. Last year just over 90% of clubs and societies attending said they had recruited or potentially recruited new members! This the event is on Sunday 14th September at Didcot Civic Hall from 10am – 3pm. The organisers would like as many clubs and societies to attend the event under one roof for the general public to come along and hopefully find a new activity the interests them. They are also hoping that some clubs and societies will be able to provide a demonstration on the activities they undertake in which people can observe or participate in a taster session.

All clubs and societies are invited to be present at the event. Each Club will have a table given to them to display whatever they feel demonstrates their club or society best and will need to 'man' the stall. The organizer, Emma East, asks that she can be informed as soon as possible if people would like to attend by having a display at the event, if they require a power socket for their display and if they would be able to provide a demonstration/taster session for those attending.

Contact: Emma East PR & Events Consultant
Didcot First Ltd. Mobile: 07788 373118.

CRYPTIC QUIZ SHEETS

The latest quiz sheet on the theme of "Things used or found in the garden" is now available. The sheets priced at £1.25 each may be picked up from Shea at the Rose and Crown, Atomic Hair, Audrey Slater at 9 Latton Close and Judy Goodall at 43 Crafts End, Chilton.

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

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 a meeting as a taster before joining. The May 2014 meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 May 2014 at 2pm at Didcot Civic Hall on the topic of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution with John Owen.

Didcot & District U3A is a democratic, self-funded and self-managed organisation which exists to provide educational and leisure activities at minimal cost. It draws upon the knowledge, experience, skills and enthusiasms of its members to organise interest groups in accordance with the wishes of the membership. There are over 25 interest groups including family history, gardening, wine appreciation, dance, science & maths, art appreciation, philosophy, play reading, creative writing, walking, bridge, crafts, books, poetry, singing, badminton, photography and 5 languages. There's something for everyone! Tel: 07804 159993 <http://u3asites.org.uk/didcot>
Email: didcotdistrictu3a@virginmedia.com

HARWELL GARDENERS CLUB

Harwell Village Hall on Monday 12th May 7.30pm Talk by Graham Wells.
Competition: Rhododendron, Azalia or Camellia For more information contact David Drummond 821615

GRAND PLANT SALE & COFFEE MORNING

This event, for Christian Aid, will be held on Saturday 17th May between 10 am and 12 noon at Chilton School. This is a great opportunity to buy bedding plants, perennials and small shrubs, also young vegetable plants and herbs. As usual, also on sale will be books and some delicious home-made cakes, pies and tarts.

Please come and meet your friends, stock up your gardens and relax over a cup of tea or coffee and home-made biscuits. We are delighted that the children from Chilton School will also be selling bedding plants that they have grown to raise funds for their Gardening Club.

Any enquiries or offers of help, particularly plants, please contact Judy Goodall on 834503, at thegoodalls43@tiscali.co.uk or at 43 Crafts End, Chilton.

CHARITY MARKET STALL

Thank you to everyone who supported the stall on April 12th. £151 was raised for our local Stroke Club - the Wallingford and District Stroke Club. For further information about the Club please contact Norman on 834503.

The next Produce Market will be on Saturday 10th May between 9am and 12 noon in The Rose & Crown car park. The Charity Stall will be raising funds for LIFE BLOOD who research the prevention and raise the awareness of Thrombosis and similar conditions. Any offers of help, cakes, home produce, and small white elephant goods would be most welcome.

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.