

Ridgeway Broadsheet

September 2014



RIDE + STRIDES

This year the Oxfordshire Historic Ride and Stride is on

Saturday 13th September

A county-wide bike ride or walk where people are sponsored to check in at as many churches as they can, enjoying refreshments and some of Oxfordshire's most stunning scenery as they go. Money raised will be shared with the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust which gives grants to churches needing a little help with restoration or renovation work at a church of your choice.

Anyone interested in participating please contact:

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HARVEST SUNDAY

Sunday 5th October
Services of Worship for All Ages
9.30am at All Saints', Chilton
11.00am at St. Matthew's, Harwell

*All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above,
Then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord,
For all His love.*

COMMISSIONING SERVICE

Sunday 14th September 6.15pm at St Matthew's, Harwell. Bishop Colin will be taking part in a service of commissioning for our new Children and Families' Worker, Peter Shields, our new Curate, Rev Jan Radford, and Rev Pam Rolls as she moves from her role of Curate to that of Associate Minister. All welcome.

DELICIOUS CREAM TEA

Celebrate Harvest Sunday with a delicious cream tea on Sunday 5th October 3.00 - 5.00pm at All Saints', Chilton in aid of Tearfund*. You will also be able to buy local produce, cakes, flowers and jam, and there will be children's activities.

*Tearfund help people in poverty worldwide and this year they are using raised funds to help the most vulnerable children.

FLEDGELINGS

A drop-in place for parents/carers with children from newborn to school age. Every Monday morning (during school term time) 9.30am-11.30am, St. Matthew's Church Hall, Harwell. Tea and chat for adults, activities and crafts for children. Contact Anne Gill for more information 833575 or hcchurches.org/fledgelings

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From the Christian Aid envelopes in Harwell we collected £578.17 in total. Thank you to those who gave.

Thank you to everybody who supported the Evergreen's coffee morning on Saturday July 26th £202.70 was raised.

D-Day Service at the RAF Harwell Memorial stone 7th June 2014
The annual D-Day Service held at the Harwell Stone took place this year recognising the 70th anniversary of the events of 5th and 6th June 1944. It was organised for the second time by the Harwell Branch of the Royal British Legion and Duncan Rogers of Harwell Oxford Campus with Harwell and Chilton Churches. A collection was made for the Poppy Appeal which totalled £166.85.

FUN AND GAMES FOR ALL AGES

All who moved to Chilton during the last 12 months are invited to an afternoon of games and fun for all. Saturday, 13th September from 3.30-6.30 pm at the Community Room on Chilton Fields. Hot and cold drinks provided, please bring your own picnic and blankets to sit on. An event organised by All Saints' Church, Chilton.

CHURCH BELL RINGING

Are you interested in learning?
For **All Saints'**, Chilton, contact:
Alec Samler tel: 834589 or
Kate Crennell tel: 834357
For **St. Matthew's**, Harwell, contact:
Philip Roberts tel: 861409 or
Debbie Greenfield tel: 820760

Forgiveness? It's a way of life

'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?' (Matthew 18: 21)

A national newspaper poll was conducted in Egypt some years ago. Readers were asked, 'Of all the good things you could desire in life, what would be your greatest wish?' Easily top of the list was: 'To know that I am forgiven.'

Would that have been our priority?

Here is Jesus, speaking about forgiveness and the part that the Church has to play in the releasing (the 'loosing') of unforgiven people. The disciple Peter comes back with his question - imagining that you can quantify forgiveness, not understanding that forgiveness is a way of life. Jesus puts him straight.

1. **Real forgiveness never gives up.** It even takes the initiative in looking for reconciliation (v.15) – for the aim is to 'win' the transgressor. So, no whispering campaign, no letters or accusing e-mails. Learn from Jesus!
2. **Real forgiveness never goes soft** (v.15-20). Sin is the most expensive thing in the universe – for how can God, in the face of appalling deeds, say, "It doesn't matter; let's say no more about it"? It cost the Cross of Jesus to make it possible for us to be put right! Even so, there are many who don't wish to receive forgiveness. For our own part, we should be more than ready to forgive, but realise that no one is forgiven in fact until they have repented.
3. **Real forgiveness never keeps count.** Some Jewish teachers had said that you could forgive three times. Peter thought that he was being generous! Jesus says, Stop counting! (v.22). Archbishop Anthony Bloom has written, 'To forgive one's enemies is the first, the most elementary characteristic of a Christian. Failing this, we are not yet Christian at all, but are still wandering in the scorching wilderness of Sinai.' Forgiveness means total cancellation; you don't then record it in a book!
4. **Real forgiveness never looks back.** In verses 23-35, Jesus tells the terrifying story of a man who, having been forgiven his debt, continued as an extortioner himself – and ends up in a prison of his own making.

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"I never forget a friend or forgive a foe." So said a certain sea-captain once to John Wesley. The preacher replied, "It is to be hoped, sir, that you have never sinned against God!"

Once we have been forgiven at the Cross, forgiveness is to be our new mindset.

Editor: Preb Richard Bewes

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WEEKLY EVENTS

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'

Fledgelings

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

Home Groups

8:00pm Mondays at 10 Jennings Lane, Harwell

8:00pm Tuesdays at various homes in Chilton

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

1:45pm Wednesdays at 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton (during term time)

7:30pm Wednesdays at 29 Chilton Field Way, Chilton

8:00pm 1st, 2nd & 3rd Thursdays at 'Milburn', Wantage Road, Harwell (during term time)

Prayer Meeting

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

Youth Fellowship

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

Youth Fellowship is a group for those between the ages of 14 and 18. We meet weekly during term-time to discuss and explore significant and topical Christian themes and issues in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere and use engaging media, games and discussion. We also organise trips to Christian youth events, services and weekends away. Further info from the Rector, Jonathan: 799376.

OTHER EVENTS

PCC Meeting

Tuesday 2nd 7:45pm Combined PCC Meeting at St Matthew's Church

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

SERVICES

September	All Saints' Chilton	St Matthew's Harwell
7th September	9:30am All Age Worship	8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)* 11:00am All Age Worship 6:15pm Evening Prayer
14th September	8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)* 9:30am Morning Worship	11:00am Morning Worship 6:15pm Commissioning Service
21st September	9:30am Holy Communion	8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)* 11:00am Holy Communion 6:15pm Evening Prayer (BCP)*
28th September	8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)* 9:30am Morning Worship	11:00am Morning Worship 6:15pm Holy Communion

(BCP)* = Book of Common Prayer

MONTHLY EVENTS

Missions Prayer Meeting

Monday 1st 10:00am at 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton

Night Prayer

Wednesday 3rd 8:30pm at All Saints'

Chilton Wives' Group

Tuesday 9th 7:45pm at All Saints'

Holy Communion (BCP)*

Tuesday 16th 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)* at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell

Harwell Ladies' Group

Tuesday 16th 7:30pm at St Matthew's Church Hall - Talk by Jenny Vereker - Harpist

Harwell Evergreens

Thursday 18th 2:30pm at St Matthew's Church Hall - Chrissies Owls

Non-members will also be welcome if they want to see the owls.

Connect

Sunday 21st 4:30pm at Chilton School

'Connect' is a free family event. All welcome. For children there are crafts and hot food; 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.

HEATING ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Don't we already have a heating system?

The fan-based heating system in All Saints' Church is over 50 years old, and spare parts for the fan heaters have limited availability; we can only keep it going for so long! In many ways it is effective for use just a few hours a week, but it can be very noisy and produce inconsistent heating effects. It is also not ideal in terms of preserving the historic fabric of the building. The PCC have therefore wanted to consider a new heating system.

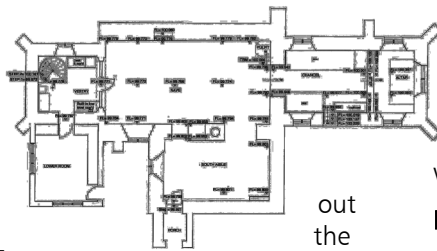
So where are we up to?

Earlier this year, CBG Consultants were engaged to carry out a feasibility study and produce a performance specification. This resulted in a strong recommendation for a low mass underfloor heating (UFH) system in the main hall, chancel and vestry. In the absence of a gas supply in the village, it was decided that the best power source would be an electric boiler, with the possible installation at a later stage of the 'green energy' Solar Photovoltaic Panels and/or Air Source Heat Pumps.

Does a UFH system have any other advantages?

Installing an UFH system

creates the opportunity to improve access by creating a level floor throughout the church, with the floor height matching the level of the step at the entrance of the church. A level floor throughout the church would make the church wheelchair and pushchair accessible. This would be achieved by installing on top of the existing floor of the main hall and breaking



out the raised floor in the chancel, in order to eliminate the step from the Nave to the Chancel. A new floor tile finish would be laid on top. Recently, an exploratory investigation was carried out in the Chancel to check the sub-base and the foundations, and no problems were uncovered.

What are the next steps?

Full architectural drawings and specifications are in process, and once these are completed, a number of building contractors will be approached for quotations. The project will then be discussed by the DAC

(Diocesan Advisory Committee for the care of churches) who will then issue a Notification of Advice. A public notice will then be put up to alert the wider community of our proposal and an application for a 'faculty' from the Archdeacon or Chancellor needs to be made. Once the faculty has been granted, the work can be implemented by the contractor. We are aiming to start the work in the New Year, and anticipate that it will take about 8 to 10 weeks to complete.

How will this be paid for?

All Saints' has specific funds that are restricted in their use but could be used for a project such as this. We are also planning to apply for grants and will of course also be very grateful if individuals decide to support this project.

What can I do?

If you have any questions or concerns about this project, please speak to a member of the PCC or to Sylvie Thompson, Chair of the Heating Project group. Please also take a look at the selection of flooring tile samples and let Sylvie know your views.

FROM THE PARISH
REGISTERS

Baptisms/Thanksgivings

"Welcome to the Lord's family"

Harry Brennan
Lydia Capper
Oliver Rogers
Colby & Chloe D'Angio

Marriages

"Those that God has joined together"

William Buxton & Georgina Davis

Funerals

"He who believes in Me will live"

Jacqueline Connolly
Cherry Packer
Rita Boshier
Frank Newbold
Frederick Norton
Jean Bennion
Jane Vickers
Kevin Swanzy
Frederick Thomas
Nora Burns
Malcolm Harmer

HARWELL
GARDENERS' CLUB

Monday 1st September 7.30pm at Harwell Village Hall. 'Flower arranging for the novice' (inspiration for the Produce Show) - Talk by Debra Davies.
Competition: Biggest Pod (grown from bean provided in March).
Produce Show: Saturday 13th September
More information: David Drummond 821615

CLUBS & SOCIETIES DAY

This is a reminder that Didcot First is, once again, arranging a Clubs & Societies Day in Didcot. This year we are holding the event on Sunday 14th September 2014 at Didcot Civic Hall from 10am-3pm (9am arrival to set up). We 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. We 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. On behalf of the organising committee, we would like to invite your club or society to be present at the event **free of charge**. Each Club will have a table given to them to display whatever they feel demonstrates their club or society best and you will need to 'man' the stall.

If you have not done so already, please would you inform me as soon as possible if you would like to attend by having a display at the event, if you require a power socket for your display and if you would be able to provide a demonstration/taster session for those attending? For those that have already replied to say you are attending or unable to attend, you do not need to respond again.

We had some fantastic displays last year that brought many extra people in to the event so we are looking for as many as possible again this year. Please would you help us to publicise the event by informing your members and forwarding this email to any clubs and societies you are in contact with as we may not have captured everyone in and around the local area. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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

**MISSION FOCUS:
JOHN A BAKKER**

Our churches have been supporting John for many years. His own journey of faith has been remarkable and his ministry focuses on a variety of projects. He has run 'Fellowship for Neighbours India' (FFNI), welcoming converts from other faiths to Christianity into their Houses of Hope, based in Assam and Vellore. With a particular concern for Christian-centred education, John and his wife Lily have opened a mission school at Jolarpet, (Tamil Nadu province) for underprivileged children, as well as a hostel for the children of missionaries. Recently John has emailed notes of some progress concerning a Mini Conference Centre in the Yellagiri Hills, south of Vellore. This is a self-support scheme to "support church planters".

John is planning to visit the U.K. this October, and hopes once again to visit both St Matthew's and All Saints'. Our Missions Team follows and prays for John's work, for the safety of the children and staff, and supports his team through financial giving. Details of John A. Bakker's visit will be available when the final arrangements have been made. Please contact Pam Rolls, Chairman of the World Missions Group (email pamrolls@tiscali.co.uk) for more information about John, our mission partner in India.

In his own words recently: "Our God is Great and able to provide our spiritual, mental, psychological and economic needs".

HOLIDAY CLUB THANKS

One hundred children aged 5-12 had an amazing time with Professor Heinz and his 'Mega Machine' at Holiday Club last week, learning about God's love that is wider, deeper, stronger, greater and forever. Thank you so much to all who were involved in various ways, leading 'dens', playing in the band, helping with afternoon activities, playground supervision, etc., etc.

A Celebration service followed by BBQ is planned for Sunday 7th September at St Matthew's. Everyone welcome.

**ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH
HALL FOR HIRE**

St. Matthew's Church Hall, Harwell is available for private bookings such as birthday parties or for weekly activities. The cost of hire is £8 per hour. For more information contact: Anne Gill (833575), Roz Shipp (863342) or fill in the form on the website: hcchurches.org/churchhallbookings

SIGNS 2 RHYMES

The baby signing class for children
3 months to 2 years
and their parents/carers.
Thursday mornings
10-11am & 11-12noon
in St. Matthew's Church Hall, Harwell.
1st class free, £4 per class thereafter
More information contact Katy:
katy@signs2rhymes.co.uk
Telephone: 07791 026323

Please submit items for inclusion in the Ridgeway Broadsheet to Carolyn by the second Wednesday of the month, either via the website or by email, by phone, or by leaving a note in St. Matthew's vestry. Thank you.

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