

Ridgeway Broadsheet

October 2014



Sunday 5th October: Harvest Sunday

All Age Worship Services

9:30am at All Saints', Chilton

11:00am at St. Matthew's, Harwell

Collection of tins, packets, etc. for Didcot Emergency Foodbank;
perishable food auctioned to support the work of Tearfund*

Delicious cream tea, Sunday 3-5pm at All Saints', Chilton*

Also buy local produce, cakes, flowers and jam. Children's activities, too!

Monday 6th October: St Matthew's Annual Harvest Lunch

Harwell Village Hall

Food served between 12noon and 2pm,

Please do come earlier for a cup of tea or coffee
and browse the fruit, vegetables and flowers on sale

Prices the same as last year!!

*Auction of perishable food and cream tea in aid of Tearfund who help people in poverty worldwide and this year they are using raised funds to help the most vulnerable children

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCHYARD

Volunteers are needed to help with tidying up All Saints churchyard on Saturday 4th October from 9.00am and finishing in time for lunch. This is open to everyone in the village. We would love to see lots of people come and give a helping hand for as long as you like as there are lots of jobs to be done such as raking leaves, weeding, cutting ivy off trees, replacing a fence post, resetting a gate post and lots more. All you need to do is bring yourself and your favourite tools, not forgetting the gardening gloves. Thank you. For more details please contact Judith Russell on 01235 832484

IMPROVING THE INTERIOR OF ST MATTHEW'S

St. Matthew's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has been discussing how the interior of the church could be improved further, to help in our mission of growing the church and to build up the part that it plays in our expanding community. Some preview of possible plans was given at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April and in the church Sunday noticesheets in July and September. In the first instance we are concentrating on the heating and seating. We will also be looking at whether and how the church could be used more widely than it is at present. Meanwhile we are continuing with the project to re-paint the internal walls and ceilings of the church and aim to complete both of the side aisles in November.

A more detailed account is posted on the notice board in the church porch. Please have a word with me (tel: 835301) if you would like to comment or know more about what is underway.

*Tony Hughes; Churchwarden and
Chairman of the PCC Buildings Committee*

GETTING UNDER THE SKIN OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

...with David Wenham (formerly tutor in New Testament at Wycliffe Hall and at Trinity College, Bristol).

An opportunity to think about Jesus and the New Testament - the history, the literature and their relevance for today. Each evening will last from 8-9.30 pm at St Andrew's Church, Orchard Road, Dean Court, Botley (directions can be found on at www.standrewsdeancourt.org) and will include a talk/ presentation and opportunities for discussion and questions. The evenings will be accessible to those without a lot of Bible knowledge, but will hopefully contain plenty to interest and stimulate those who already have some background in biblical study.

The autumn program will be four Wednesdays:

October 8th

Walking where Jesus walked: the gospels in their context

October 29th

A bird's eye-view of the first gospel: Mark

November 12th

Jesus and the Old Testament: Matthew and the Sermon on the Mount

November 26th

Son of God - really?! John's view of Jesus

In the spring we hope to look at the writings of Luke (including the magnificent book of Acts) and Paul. For more information email geoff.maughan@btinternet.com.

A regular autumn fixture for our churches and community is a celebration of harvest. The first weekend in October sees various events including special All Age services in both churches, a cream tea in Chilton and a special lunch in Harwell – more information about these on the front page. We rightly celebrate and give thanks for the plentiful and varied food that we enjoy. But we also think about and seek to provide for those for whom food is not so bountiful, by collecting for those in need locally via Didcot Emergency Foodbank and further afield through the work of Tear Fund.



We have a great debt of gratitude to all those who work the land and are involved in that grand chain of events and processes that brings food to our tables. Our farmers work hard in soil preparation and enrichment, pest control, and helping to ensure just the right climate and mix of nutrients necessary for germination, growth, and the eventual harvesting, storage and effective transportation of the crop.

But of course there would be no harvest without sowing. No crop without seed.

Seeds, though humble in appearance, are quite amazing if you stop to think about them. Packed into a tiny space is all the genetic information and machinery necessary to grow a mature, food-bearing plant, which itself produces more seeds. Seeds, when supplied with the right environment, spring into life in a way that can seem almost miraculous.

Jesus spoke of God's Word as being like a seed that is sown – with the potential to grow and produce a great crop. We know that the success of any seed depends on the environment into which it is sown, and that is true of the seed of God's Word. The growth of seeds can – amongst other things – be thwarted by stony ground or choked by weeds. Each of us provides a different environment in which the Word of God is sown and there are many things that can impede its growth and fruitfulness, such as a superficial understanding, or distraction by other concerns.

The Bible is God's Word for us, and it should therefore have pride of place not just on the shelf, but in our lives, as we 'read, mark, learn and inwardly digest' the deep truths, promises and encouragements we find. Christians hear the Bible read and explained in Sunday services, they meet together to study it, and they read and reflect on it individually. And there are many resources for those who wish to grow in faith through studying the Bible. The Mission Focus this month is the Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF) which produces material to assist those who want to be 'fertile soil' for the seed of God's Word – check the back page for more information about BRF.

The universe was created by the Word of God when God spoke the universe into being. The Word of God continues to speak life into being when it finds the fertile soil of hearts that are open to God and ready to produce a harvest of righteousness.

"The seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop" (Luke 8:15).

Revd Dr Jonathan Mobey
Rector of Harwell with Chilton

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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', Chilton

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)

2:00pm Fridays at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell

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 Meetings

Tuesday 7th 7:45pm All Saints' and St Matthew's PCC Meetings at St Matthew's Church

Coffee Morning

Saturday 1st November Harwell Evergreens

St. Matthew's Church Hall 10am-12noon: the usual stalls and a raffle; all are welcome

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

October	All Saints' Chilton	St Matthew's Harwell
Harvest Sunday 5th	9:30am All Age Worship	8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)* 11:00am All Age Worship 6:15pm Evening Prayer
Sunday 12th	8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)* 9:30am Morning Worship	11:00am Morning Worship 4:30pm 'Hands Free' worship
Sunday 19th	9:30am Holy Communion	8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)* 11:00am Holy Communion 6:15pm Evening Prayer (BCP)*
Sunday 26th	8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)* 9:30am Morning Worship	11:00am Morning Worship 6:15pm Holy Communion

*Book of Common Prayer

MONTHLY EVENTS

Missions Prayer Meeting

Monday 6th 10:00am at 'Dromore', Townsend, Harwell

Night Prayer

Wednesday 1st 8:30pm at All Saints' Church

Chilton Wives' Group

Tuesday 14th 7:45pm at All Saints' Church

Holy Communion

Tuesday 21st 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)* at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell

Harwell Ladies' Group

Tuesday 21st 7:30pm at St Matthew's Church Hall -
Up-date by Jenny Lambert on Bulgaria; Bring & Buy Sale

Harwell Evergreens

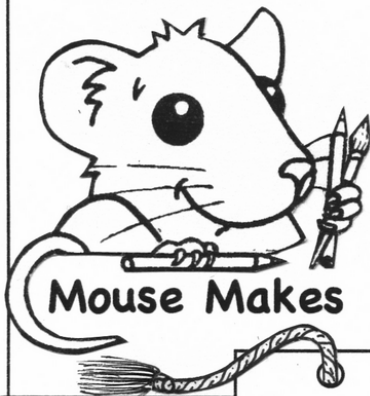
Thursday 16th 2:30pm at St Matthew's Church Hall
Entertained by Mrs Kate Evans and Mrs Frances Taylor

Connect

Sunday 19th 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.





GOD'S WORD FOR US

"All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for **teaching** the truth, **rebuking** error, **correcting** faults, and giving **instruction** for right living, so that the person who serves God may be fully qualified and equipped to do every kind of good deed."

2 Timothy 3:16-17



READ
Psalm
119:105
Proverbs
30:5,6

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AHAMOSAZECHARIAHZEUOABZMICAH
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Genesis • Exodus • Leviticus • Numbers • Deuteronomy • Joshua • Judges • Ruth
• Samuel • Kings • Chronicles • Ezra • Nehemiah • Esther • Job • Psalms •
• Proverbs • Ecclesiastes • Song of Songs • Isaiah • Jeremiah • Lamentations •
• Ezekiel • Daniel • Hosea • Joel • Amos • Obediah • Jonah •
• Micah • Nahum • Habakkuk • Zephaniah • Haggai • Zechariah •
• Malachi • Matthew • Mark • Luke • John • Acts • Romans •
• Corinthians • Galatians • Ephesians • Philippians •
Colossians • Thessalonians • Timothy • Titus • Philemon
• Hebrews • James • Peter • John • Jude • Revelation •



FROM THE PARISH
REGISTERS

Baptisms

"Welcome into the Lord's Family"

Henry Barrett
George Christie
Matilda Jacks

Marriages

"Those that God has joined together"

David Cumming & Rebecca Freeman

Funerals

"He who believes in Me will live"

Melville Cox
Clive Bosley

WORD FOR THE WORLD
(MATTHEW 24:32-35)

Changing seasons,
Changing world.
As leaves fade, fall
And are swept away,
So, everyday, lives are lost
In wars, in disasters.
Sons and daughters swept away
Before they have time to fade.
Broken lives,
Broken hopes and hearts.
Signs of a world without love,
Signs of a world without you, Lord.

And yet, And yet,
You do not forget.
There is a still point,
A firm foundation
For all who will stop and receive.

Heaven and earth will pass away,
But God's word,
God's word alone
Will stand. Forever.

Wisdom, healing, reconciliation,
There, for the reaching out.

Lord have mercy.

By Daphne Kitching

UNIVERSITY OF
THE THIRD AGE

DIDCOT & DISTRICT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 2pm at Didcot Civil Hall. Visitors are welcome to come to a meeting as a taster before joining. The September meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st October 2014 at 2pm at Dicot Civil Hall when Heather Shoot will talk about Medical Detection Dogs. More information Tel: 07804 159993. Email: didcotdistrictU3A@virginmedia.com Website: <http://u3asites.org.uk/didcot>

ACCOMMODATION
REQUIRED

A Christian single lady age 58, is looking for a room to rent or to house share in Harwell. Just recently started a new job in Harwell and would like to live nearby. Please contact via e-mail: Anne.gardner12@Gmail.com or Carolyn in the Church Office 834256

HARWELL
GARDENERS' CLUB

Monday 6th October 7.30pm at Harwell Village Hall. Growing Fuchsias for garden & show bench Talk by Joy Craig Competition: A single rose. Raffle & refreshments. Visitors £1.50. More information: David Drummond 821615

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: harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk or hcchurches.org. If you would like to keep up to date with news from our churches, why not 'like' our Facebook page? facebook.com/hcchurches

At the heart of BRF's ministry is a desire to equip adults and children for Christian living – helping them to read and understand the Bible, explore and prayer and grow as disciples of Jesus. To achieve this BRF is involved in eight distinct, yet complementary, areas:

- ◆ BRF resources adults for their spiritual journey through Bible reading notes, books and Quiet Days.
- ◆ Foundations 21 provides flexible and innovative ways for individuals and groups to explore their Christian faith and discipleship through a multi-media internet based resource.
- ◆ Messy Church, led by Lucy Moore, enables churches all over the UK (and increasingly abroad) to reach children and adults beyond the fringes of the church.
- ◆ Barnabas in Churches helps churches to support, resource and develop their children's ministry with the under 11's more effectively.

- ◆ Barnabas in Schools enables primary school children and teachers to explore Christianity creatively and bring the Bible alive within RE and collective worship.
- ◆ Faith in Homes supports families to explore and live out the Christian faith at home.
- ◆ Who Let the Dads Out inspires churches to engage with Dads and their pre-school children.
- ◆ The Gift of Years helps people to prepare for and enjoy their older age, continuing to grow in wisdom and grace.

To learn more visit the website at www.brf.org.uk or call in at the BRF offices at 15, The Chambers, Vineyard, Abingdon.

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.