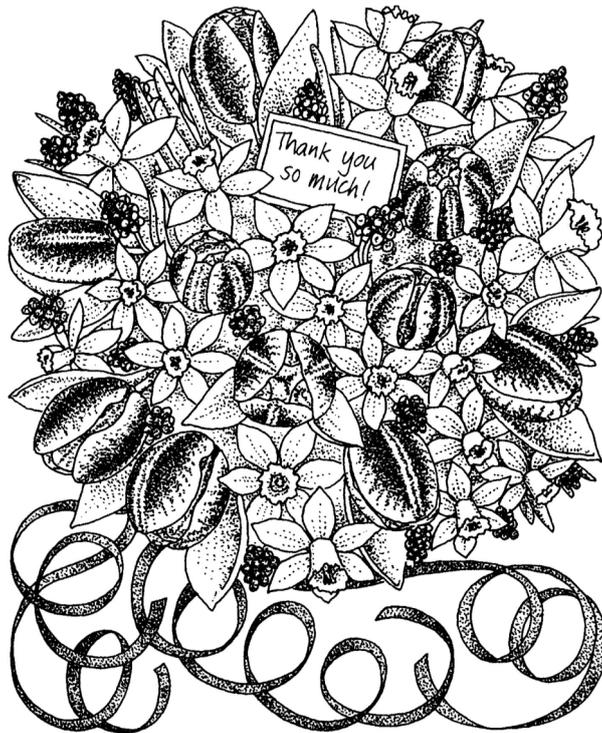


March 2015
RIDGEWAY BROADSHEET

Your are invited to join us on
Mothering Sunday
Sunday 15th March
9.30am at All Saints' Chilton
11.00am at St Matthew's Harwell



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BALSAM PROJECT: OPPORTUNITIES



Balsam Family Project works to support families with small children who feel isolated or are struggling in some way. The friendship, mentoring and practical support that our volunteers provide makes a big difference. Due to our steady growth over the past few years, we are in great need of more volunteers to work with our families. There many different ways to get involved, but there are two particular roles that we urgently need to fill:

Volunteer Administrator: On Wednesdays in Harwell, for up to 5 hours. You would be given full induction and training to work with our management team to perform basic administrative tasks that help keep the charity running!

Family Day Helper: On Thursdays in Didcot Methodist Church from 9:45am to 12noon. You would be trained and CRB checked to help run our toddler group, setting out and packing up equipment, preparing refreshments and chatting with parents or playing with children.

If you are not able to make a regular commitment but would like to help, please consider volunteering a couple of hours at our next fundraiser: **Bag-packing on Saturday 11th October** at Sainsbury's supermarket for 1-2 hours between 10am and 4pm.

If you would like to know more please call/text/email Sadie on 07871 961460, info@balsamfamilyproject.co.uk or www.balsamfamilyproject.co.uk

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday March 21st in Chilton Village Hall at 7:15 for a prompt 7:30 start. Tickets priced at £8 are now available for this fun quiz which includes a tasty hot meal and a delicious pudding. Teams can comprise up to 6 people. Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements.

The Charities we are supporting this year are firstly the very local charity The Balsam Family Project (see left) who work alongside local organisations and churches to raise awareness of the needs of families in their communities and to train volunteers to practically support them. Secondly we are supporting Hamlin Fistula UK who treat and support women in Ethiopia with Obstetric Fistula.

The Quiz Night is organised by All Saints Womens Group (formerly Chilton Wives Group). Tickets for this event are available from Audrey Slater, 9 Latton Close, Tel 834558 and Judy Goodall, 43 Crafts End, Tel 834503.

CRYPTIC QUIZ SHEETS

The latest quiz sheet is out on a theme of Oxfordshire Towns and Villages – Revisited and is to raise money for the Balsam Family Project and Hamlin Fistula UK. Sheets priced at £1.25 will be available from Judy Goodall and Audrey Slater as above, and from Shea at the Rose and Crown and Atomic Hair in Curie Avenue. The winner of the Christmas Quiz which raised £240 for SeeSaw was Gill Riches of West Hagbourne with 60.5 out of 62. Second was Julia Gilling and third came Margaret Friend and family. The previous quiz raised £160.50 for the RNLI and was won by Pam Frodsham. Thank you all for your support.

The bigger picture

Love is in the air. The big focus at the time of writing, with the shops and cinemas full of the usual pink hearts and chubby cupids, is, of course, Valentine's Day. But just one month later we are giving flowers once again as we celebrate another type of love on Mothering Sunday.

Romantic love is famous for being narrowly focussed, but parental love sees the bigger picture.

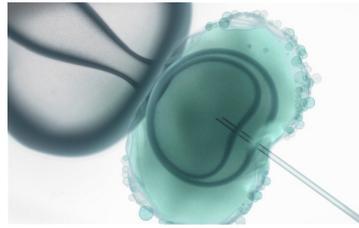
Romantic love can come and go, but parental love is there for the long-haul. Parents are under great pressure to give in to demands for more junk food or screen time than is good for their children, but they have to take the long view – choosing what is ultimately best for their children, who often don't appreciate the reasons.

We discipline our children for the same reason. "No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it" (Heb 2:11). And this is the approach that our loving heavenly Father takes with us. Because of their love, parents need to see the bigger picture and take the longer view.

Science, too, needs to take account of the bigger picture and take the longer view. Parliament has recently been

debating and voting on so-called 'Three Parent Families' – the possibility of using ground-breaking IVF techniques to try to prevent the transmission of the terrible and currently incurable mitochondrial diseases that can afflict whole families. It is

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a technique that involves creating an embryo from material from either three or four individuals.

The prospect of preventing terrible diseases is exciting, but many concerns have been raised, including about the destruction of human embryos, potential

identity confusion of any resulting children, and uncertainty about the long-term effects on children; some scientists believe that children born this way could have an

increased risk of cancer or premature ageing. This proposal would also breach the internationally-agreed ban on 'germ line' modification (resulting in genetic changes that would be passed on down future generations, for good or ill).

A fundamental problem that I have is accepting the principle that we should be able to genetically modify our children. We might be wanting to consider doing this for the best of intentions, but need to stand back to see the bigger picture and take the longer view. We need to ask how this might affect our treatment of those with disabilities, our view of children as a gift, and our attitude to human life itself. Love requires us to do this.

So whether in good times or bad, in the intimacy of our families or the grandeur of public discourse, let us take account of the bigger picture and take the longer view in our loving. For "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends" (1 Cor 13:7-8a).

Revd Dr Jonathan Mobey
Rector of Harwell and Chilton

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 (during term time) at St Matthews Church Hall

9.00-11.00am Wednesdays (during term time) at Chilton Field Community Room

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 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton (during term time)

7:30pm Wednesdays at various homes in Chilton Field

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

Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's meeting room

6:00-7:15pm for those in school years 7-9

7:00-8:15pm for those in school years 10-13

MONTHLY EVENTS

Missions Prayer Meeting

Monday 2nd 10:00am - location to be confirmed

Night Prayer

Wednesday 4th 8.30pm at All Saints' Church

All Saints' Women's Group

Friday 13th March 7pm visit to Pendon Museum

Holy Communion (BCP)*

Tuesday 17th 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)* at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell

Harwell Ladies' Group

Tuesday 17th 7:30pm at St Matthew's Church Hall, speaker: The Rector

Harwell Evergreens

Thursday 19th 2:30pm at St Matthew's Church Hall - Dan Allen; Queen Victoria's Wars

MONTHLY EVENTS

MARCH 2015

	All Saints' Chilton	St Matthew's Harwell
1st March	9:30am All Age Worship	8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)* 11:00am All Age Worship 6:15pm Evening Prayer
8th March	8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)* 9:30am Morning Prayer (BCP)*	11:00am Morning Worship 4:30pm 'Hands Free' Worship
15th March	9:30am Holy Communion Mothering Sunday Service	8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)* 11:00am Holy Communion 6:15pm Evening Prayer (BCP)*
22nd March	8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)* 9:30am Morning Worship	11:00am Morning Worship 6:15pm Holy Communion
29th March	9.30am Holy Communion 6.15pm Evening Prayer	8.00am Holy communion (BCP)* 11.00am Morning Worship

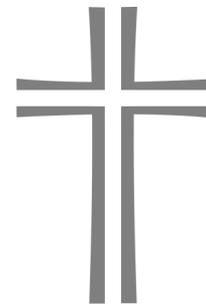
OTHER EVENTS

Mothering Sunday

Join us for our Mothering Sunday services on Sunday 15th March
9.30am at All Saints' Chilton & 11am at St Matthew's Harwell.



For more information on any of these events
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or e-mail the church office
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*BCP = Book of Common Prayer

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals

"He who believes in Me will live"

Martin Sheridan
Richard Bint

NEW CHURCHWARDENS

Are you eligible to vote for your Parish Councillors? Then you are also eligible to vote for your Churchwardens!

Churchwardens work closely with the Rector in various areas, are legally responsible for all the property belonging to a parish church, and involved in the practicalities of running services, and more besides. For more info on Churchwardens, see <http://hcchurches.org/churchwardens>.

Come to All Saints' Church at 10.30am on Sunday March 22nd or St Matthew's Harwell at 12 noon on Sunday 26th April, when 2 Churchwardens will be elected for each church for the year.

These elections will be followed immediately by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, when church members will have an opportunity to discuss matters relating to church life. During the weeks leading up to this meeting, reports on various aspects of church life will have been presented during the 9.30/11.00am services, and copies of these reports will be available to download from the church website at <http://www.harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk>, or in paper form in church.

The results in due course, can be found on our website: <http://hcchurches.org/electionresults>

PHOTOGRAPHER NEEDED

Harwell Church is going to be host on Saturday July 11th, to a Gospel music concert by Didcot Community Gospel Choir, also featuring Baggs Tree Buskers and Harwell Young Singers. It's to raise money for the Village Hall rebuild fund and the organisers are looking for someone who can take photos in the late afternoon and during the evening concert. We're looking for someone who can take high-resolution pictures for the artistes' websites and the presswork which follows the event, name-checking the Village Hall fundraising. If that sounds like you, would you please let us know via the church office office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk or 01235 834256.

HARWELL GARDENERS CLUB

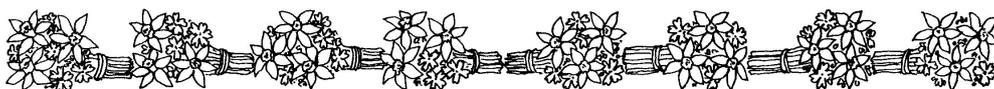
Harwell Village Hall Monday 2nd March 7.30pm. 'Hardy Perennials & hollyhocks' with The Botanic Nursery. Competition: Hellebores. Contact David 821615

PLANT SALE

ADVANCE NOTICE: The Annual Grand Plant Sale and Coffee Morning for Christian Aid will be held on Saturday May 16th at Chilton Village Hall between 10am and 12 noon.

FAMILY PROJECT

Friday 6th March 7.45-9.45pm Balsalm project. Come and hear from families and volunteers about their experiences in Balsam Family Project. Please invite an interested friend to this FREE event which includes refreshments and musical entertainment for an enjoyable evening together. Contact Balsam for tickets: info@balsamfamilyproject.co.uk



QUOTABLE STOTT

"Some are indeed called to be missionaries, evangelists or pastors, and others to the great professions of law, education, medicine and the social sciences. But others are called to commerce, to industry and farming, to accountancy and banking... In all these spheres, and many others besides, it is possible for Christians to interpret their life work Christianly, and to see it neither as a necessary evil (necessary, that is, for survival), nor even as a useful place in which to evangelize... but as their Christian vocation, as the way Christ has called them to spend their lives in his service."

- John Stott, *Christian Mission in the Modern World*

SCIENTISTS SURVEY

Revd Dr Jennifer Brown is the Church of England Science Missioner in this area. Jennifer is conducting a survey of attitudes towards religion among those who work in the science & technology industries and would be very grateful if you could complete the survey (and perhaps invite your colleagues, Christian and otherwise, to take part, as well). The survey can be found at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/X8Z55C5>

The Science & Faith survey is being conducted by the Revd Jennifer Brown, the Science Missioner in the Churn group of churches in South Oxfordshire. Part of Jennifer's work includes researching attitudes towards science and religion, and this survey forms a part of that research. The purpose of the survey is to get a picture of attitudes towards faith and religion among those involved in the sciences and technology. It is not necessary to be a religious believer or a member of a particular faith to complete the survey. The survey takes only a few minutes to complete and all responses are anonymous. Thank you for your contribution to this research.

KEEPING ACCOUNT

Elizabeth Gill has been keeping account of the finances for St Matthew's Church for at least fifteen years, firstly as Treasurer and then latterly as Book Keeper. Elizabeth retired as our Book-Keeper at the end of December 2014. We are most grateful for Elizabeth's valuable service and skilful dedication to this important role.

Harwell Church Treasurer, Peter Barclay-Watt has presented Elizabeth with a retirement gift on behalf of the PCC (Church Council).

Elizabeth has also been kind enough to induct **Brenda Pyke** as the new Book Keeper for St Matthew's. We welcome Brenda to this crucial role in the life of our church.



BROADSHEET DELIVERY

We are so grateful for all those who kindly deliver the Broadsheet each month. Thank you if you are one of our deliverers. Our thanks especially go to Pam Monk who has helped for many years.

We are looking for a couple of new deliverers for the monthly broadsheet. If you are able to deliver in part of North Drive Harwell or The Park, Harwell please contact Audrey on 834300 or Betty on 835335, respectively.

MUSEUM DATE CHANGE

All Saints' Women's Group are organising a visit to the Pendon Museum at Long Wittenham on Friday 13th March, not Tuesday 10th March as shown in the programme. Our visit starts at 7pm. Cost is about £7 per person. If you would like to join us on this outing please contact Judy Goodall on 834503 by Monday 2nd March.

MISSION PARTNER UPDATE

Yvonne Sanderson in Uganda

I am visiting Uganda from 21st March to 9th April to offer administrative support to a Christian organisation, part of YWAM Uganda (ToRCH), which runs a Child Educational Sponsorship programme (CES) as part of its family, health and education work in and around Jinja on Lake Victoria. I shall be devising systems to keep records of the children and their sponsors, to streamline the administration and I shall be training local staff to continue the work after I leave. I hope to meet some of the children who are currently sponsored and to visit some of the schools.



I shall be taking a spare suitcase with me for items that ToRCH can use. They have specifically requested:

- Shoes – children's/teens' – blue or black leather shoes, trainers and football boots
- School bags/rucksacks for the children to carry their books to and from school (plastic bags are not allowed)

- Mobile phones and chargers for health care workers and staff (easiest means of communication in Uganda)
- Books for children to learn to read, especially information books.

If anyone has any of these items that they would like to donate, please bring to the church office at St Matthew's, or to me at Maltby, Main Street, Chilton, or email me to arrange collection: yksanderson@yahoo.co.uk. If I receive enough, I can book a second "spare" suitcase onto the flight!

I am fund-raising towards the costs of this trip, and to that end shall be running the charity market stall at the FARMERS' MARKET IN CHILTON on Saturday 14th March from 9.00 am. There will be home-made marmalade and chutney for sale, Simnel cakes (for Mothering Sunday on the 15th or for Easter!), home-made cards and more. Pre-orders of cakes gladly received – please email me. Thank you for your support!

Yvonne Sanderson.



Please submit notices to Vicky via the website, by email or by phone.
The deadline is the 2nd Wednesday of the month.
Please note that the next broadsheet will be for May.
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