

Ridgeway Broadsheet

September 2015

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS!

St Matthew's Harwell with All Saints' Chilton
are running a free short course
to help us manage our money better and
learn to budget, save and spend well
Starting on Monday 21st September from 7.30pm
for 3 sessions. For further information see page 6



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CHILDREN'S AND FAMILIES' WORK

Last month a team of over a dozen volunteers from All Saints' and St Matthew's led a week of "Prayer & Reflection Spaces" in Harwell & Chilton primary schools.

Each child spent up to 10 minutes in each of four zones: A "Please" zone to consider those less fortunate than themselves; a

Being calm and just having some time to think.

I liked the sorry area because you can say sorry for what you have done and then rub it out and forget it.

I hope this short selection of the children's thoughts & comments gives an insight into their hearts as well as their minds – and how cherished they both should be.

Cool. Because I felt relaxed and calm.

"Sorry" zone to think about any regrets and clear their

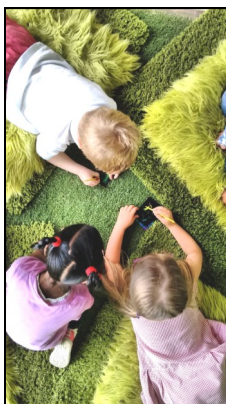
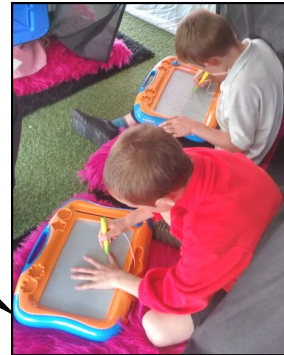
I really enjoyed the Be Still zone. I hope they keep coming.

Prayer space is relaxing! Prayer space is fun!

consciences; a "Self Identity" zone where they could contemplate what gives them real beauty & worth; and a "Be Still" zone where they could simply be still & quiet to listen to their own thoughts. We can be

My favourite was the mirror area because you learnt more about yourself and that you're special and everyone is unlike.

I liked being still and calm. The jars were my favourite.



very grateful that both our local primary schools see themselves as more than "knowledge factories". They take their responsibility for the social, moral, spiritual & cultural development of our children seriously too. It was a privilege to be able to help them in this.

6TH SEPTEMBER

Come and celebrate with us as Sir Random Finds(!) and his expedition team of 100 children share what they've discovered on their quest to the East & West poles on Sunday 6th September at 11am at St Matthew's Church, for a special Polar Explorers All-Age Service.



Peter Shields
Children & Families Worker

PRAYER

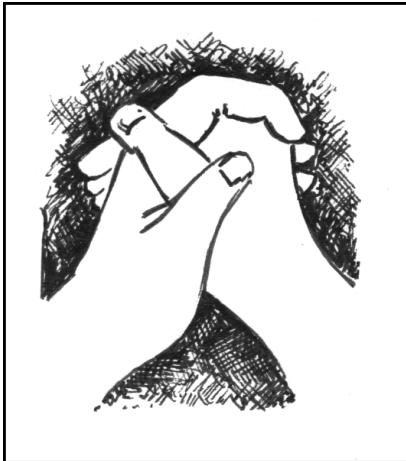
Welcome to the September edition of the Ridgeway Broadsheet. There is quite a theme running through this month's issue – the theme of prayer. Do read the report on the recent Prayer Spaces events in our two Schools, found to the left. In this item I'm going to explore, briefly, what prayer is.

You may have childhood memories of praying in school assembly or in church, and it's true to say that children have a natural inclination to pray. The Prayer Spaces Team from our two churches which worked in our schools back in June witnessed this first hand. Many children are very open to the idea of communicating with a loving God who cares for their needs. But, maybe, we no longer pray or only offer up a desperate prayer in a crisis. Perhaps we've moved away from the notion of a loving God with whom we can have a personal relationship, or maybe we've become self-conscious and think that we need to use a special formula or ornate words in order to speak to God.

Whilst there are some beautifully crafted prayers which are lovely to use, we can pray using the simplest words which come straight from the heart.

Prayer is at the centre of our relationship with God and involves us talking to God (praising him, thanking him, saying sorry to him) but it also involves us

listening to him. We can pray anywhere and at any time but, in order for us to cultivate a thriving prayer life it's good to set some time aside regularly when we can be quiet before God. This might be indoors at home, in the garden (even in the shed!), or perhaps whilst out on a walk. I find it uplifting to pray whilst out walking and enjoying the environment in our lovely villages and their surroundings.



God loves us to talk to him and he loves to answer our prayers. He'd love you to talk to him and he'd love to answer your prayers too.

Sometimes we find ourselves in need of prayer so if you would like to be prayed for, or you'd like prayer for someone else, please write your prayer request in the prayer diary in All Saints' Chilton (the diary can be found on the heater by the font) or write your prayer request on a card at the back of St Matthew's Harwell and place it in the box there, or contact the Church Office. We promise to join you in your prayer need.

With all good wishes.

Pam

Rev Pam Rolls
Associate Minister
Harwell with Chilton

PRAYER

WEEKLY EVENTS**SEPTEMBER 2015****Mondays**

9:30-11:30am Fledgelings (during term time) at St Matthew's Church Hall
7:30pm Bell-ringing at All Saints' Church Tower
8.00pm Home Group at 10 Jennings Lane, Harwell

Tuesdays

8.00pm Home group at various homes in Chilton

Wednesdays

9:15-11:15am Fledgelings (during term time) at Chilton Field Community Room
10.15am Home group (during term time) at St Matthew's meeting room
1.45pm Home group (during term time) at 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton
7.30pm Home group at various homes in Chilton Field
7.30pm Choir Practice at All Saints'

Thursdays

7.30pm Bell ringing at St Matthew's Church Tower
8.00pm 1st, 2nd & 3rd Home group (term time)

Fridays

2.00pm Home group at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell

Saturdays

8.30am Prayer meeting both at St Matthew's and All Saints'

Sundays

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

OTHER EVENTS

5th September 9.30am Marriage Course, St Matthew's Church Hall
8th September 7.45pm All Saints' Women's Group, Yvonne Sanderson on Uganda
9th September 8.30pm Night Prayer at All Saints' Chilton (NOT 2nd Sept as usual)
10th September 7.30pm Science & Faith Group, St Matthew's Lounge
15th September 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell
15th September 7.30pm Harwell Ladies Group, St Matthew's Church Hall
17th September 2.30pm Evergreens Mr L Walters, Didcot Railway Centre Archivist
21st September 7.30pm CAP Course, Chilton Field Community Room (see separate item)
24th September 7.30pm Science & Faith Group, St Matthew's Lounge
26th September 10.00am All Saints' Art Group, Chilton Village Hall
28th September 7.30pm CAP Course, Chilton Field Community Room

Sundays at All Saints'

6th September	9.30am Morning Worship
13th September	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship
20th September	9.30am Holy Communion
27th September	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship

Sundays at St Matthew's

6th September	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am All Age Worship 6.15pm Evening Prayer
13th September	11.00am Morning Worship 4.30pm 'Hands Free' Worship
20th September	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Holy Communion 6.15pm Evening Prayer (BCP)
27th September	11.00am Morning Worship 6.15pm Holy Communion

You are very welcome to join us for any of our meetings.
For more information please check our website
www.hcchurches.org.uk, telephone 834256 or email
office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk.

*BCP = Book of Common Prayer



CAP COURSE

A debt charity is calling for local people to start preparing for the festive season rather than relying on costly credit this December. Most of us will now have just four paydays to go until the big day and Christians Against Poverty (CAP) want people to set aside something each month to cover the big spend.

Hundreds of churches through the UK are offering free short courses throughout the Autumn, including a team from our churches of Chilton and Harwell who have trained with the charity to help the local community. The CAP Money Course, as it is known, comprises three easy sessions to help set up a household budget and saving.

The team, who will be leading the course, said: "None of us like to think of Christmas when we have only just finished with the Summer holidays. However, our last minute thinking sometimes results in desperate buying in December and this costs us all more in the end. What we're saying is, with just over 100 days to go let's take charge and have the Christmas we can afford, without the stress."

The CAP Money Course now helps more than 10,000 people a year across the UK gain control of their finances with a cash-based system supported by on-line tools. It is available for everyone and is suitable for all ages and situations.

The course will take place at 7.30pm on September 21, 28 and October 12 at Chilton Field Community Room, Horsa Lane, Chilton OX11 0UE. To book your place, put your postcode into www.capmoneycourse.org or email office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk or phone 01235 834256.

ALL SAINTS' CHARITY MARKET

This takes place on the second Saturday of each month between 9am and 12 noon in the car park of the Rose and Crown. On SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12th the stall will be raising funds for Style Acre and in particular the Day Centre T2 in Didcot which supports adults with moderate learning difficulties. There will be unknown treasures amongst the White Elephant, a good range of books, and freshly baked tarts and cakes. This month there will also be jam and pickles, other home produce and plants. We are always grateful to receive items to sell (but not clothes, please). We look forward to seeing you there.

In August we raised £230.20 for Optima, the Oxford Project To Investigate Memory and Ageing and in July we raised £234.05 for the Oxfordshire branch of Crohn's and Colitis. Thank you all for your support.

CHARITY QUIZ SHEETS

The latest quiz sheet will be available from September 8th and will be in aid of Style Acre. If anyone is able to sell a few sheets priced at £1.25 each please contact Judy on 01235 834503.

AUDREY CUMBERLAND

My family would like to express their sincere appreciation for the many messages of condolence and sympathy received from so many friends and acquaintances from near and afar. The Harwell Church congregation and service were just overwhelming and so memorable. Thank you everyone.

Generosity shown towards "Cancer Research UK", the charity chosen by Audrey, was finalised recently with a total contribution of £1,000.

**FROM THE PARISH
REGISTERS**

Baptisms

"Welcome to the Lord's family"

Bodhi Holloway
Freddie Birkinshaw
Enid Dewhurst
Finley Dunsdon

Marriages

"Those that God has joined together"

Andrew Freeman & Angela Hughes
Darren Walker & Hannah Johnson

Funerals

"He who believes in Me will live"

Fred Simcox
Vincent King
Anne McLinden
David Graham
Stanley Chamberlain

RIDE & STRIDE

This year the Oxfordshire Historic Ride and Stride is on Saturday 12th September between 10am and 6pm.

A county-wide bike ride, horse 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 equally between the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust which gives grants to churches needing help with restoration or renovation work, and the church of your choice. Please collect a sponsor form, from All Saints' or St Matthew's.

THANK YOU

Margaret McNiven would like to thank every one for their prayers and thoughts whilst her mum has been in hospital and recovering at home.

SCIENCE & FAITH

Is it possible to be a scientist and a Christian? How can we reconcile the Biblical accounts of creation with modern science? Are we more than atoms and do we have a purpose beyond the propagation of our 'selfish' DNA? Has science buried God? This new discussion group is for anyone interested in exploring the relationship between science and faith and will meet fortnightly on Thursdays 7.30-9pm in St Matthew's meeting room from 10th September. Further information from Jonathan.

GARDENING CLUB

September 7th, 7.30pm. Tips For The Produce Show. Comp: Sunflower Bloom/s (grown from seed provided in March) Contact: David on 821615.

D DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

D Day Memorial Service at the RAF Harwell Memorial Stone 6th June 2015

This year's service was organised by Harwell Branch and Harwell Campus with Harwell and Chilton Churches and in association with the Chilton Festival held adjacent and in conjunction to the day.

Wreaths were laid by Legion County, Branches and Veterans Organisations from across Berkshire and Oxfordshire and on behalf of the local communities and on site businesses. Cadets from Wantage and Didcot ATC Squadrons formed a guard of honour and laid a wreath along with 2nd Chilton Scouts and children from the local school.

Refreshments were provided afterwards by the Harwell Village RBL Club. £89.53 was collected for the Poppy Appeal. Harwell Branch thanks all who participated and helped make the day a success.

INTERVIEW WITH LIZI BOWERMAN

You never know what's just around the corner, or what will happen next as you journey through life. 5 years ago we'd have laughed if you told us we'd be moved from our house in Oxford to Harwell by Christmas and yet here we are and very happy too! It's true we'd felt a longing to move into an area with a real sense of community, to share life with the people around us through church, school, leisure and work and make a positive contribution – but had no idea where that would be or how quickly it would happen! All we knew was that we could trust God to place us where he wanted us. Since then it has been a pleasure to serve the community here through various opportunities and we hope to continue to do so for as many years as we are here for.



As Christians, one of the most important things for us was finding a church we could get actively involved with and serve our community through. Eventually St Matthew's was the natural choice and we were warmly welcomed! It is exciting to see the church positively impacting its local community, especially through the children's work and soon through valuable life skills too. For 7 years Lizi has been working for Christians Against Poverty, the leading face to face debt counselling charity in

the UK. Originally getting involved with CAP because we were clients, after becoming debt free ourselves, Lizi went on to train and manage the Oxford CAP Centre. Now the Area Manager for the South region Lizi oversees 14 debt counselling centres from Banbury to Poole but it is here in Harwell and Chilton we long to see people helped with the service. Christians Against Poverty realised that education was a major key to preventing people getting into debt in the first place and in 2008 launched the revolutionary CAP Money Course.

As our desire is to see people helped through the local church with a message of hope, not just for their practical circumstances but also their spiritual ones, it was important for us to be a part of a church like St Matthew's Harwell and All Saints' Chilton who are equally passionate about serving their community. As a result, one step towards helping our community was realised with the training of 6 CAP Money Coaches back in April. Whilst the long term vision is to see the vital work of the debt centres cover our area, until that is possible we can still do something for people through the money education course. Resourcing people to avoid debt and providing some support should they find themselves in debt - because you never know what's just around the corner!

Please submit notices to Vicky by email or by phone.
The deadline is the 2nd Wednesday of the month.
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