

Ridgeway Broadsheet

September 2016

*Ye all are invited to Return to Camelot
Sunday 4th September 11am
St Matthew's Church*

*All are welcome to our Holiday Club Celebration Service
followed by a picnic lunch (please bring your own)
with jousting, stocks and games on the lawn*



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CAMELOT HOLIDAY CLUB

A HUGE thank you to the 65 helpers who came along and made Holiday Club 2016 possible, and to Harwell School for giving us the use of the school.



We had 112 children in 10 teams; Swords, Shields, Jousts, Bedivere, Lancelot, Dragons, Galahad, Gawain, Tristan, Percivale. Our theme for the week was 'Who do you say I am?' which is what Jesus asks his disciples in the gospel of Luke, chapter 9. We thought about Jesus being our leader, commander, healer, judge and provider.



If you or your children came along to the Club, we hope that they really enjoyed the week. For more Holiday Club fun, families are warmly invited to join us on Sunday 4th September at 11am at St Matthew's for a Return to Camelot. Don't forget to bring a picnic lunch for after the service.



Keep an eye out for the unveiling of the 2017 Holiday Club theme in the spring in the Ridgeway Broadsheet, on our website and facebook page. HCChurches.org.uk and facebook.com/HCChurches.

COMMUNITY AND UNITY

The EU Referendum has revealed deep divisions within our country and, indeed, our local community. During the campaign and in the aftermath of the vote, strong feelings have been expressed, and people on both sides have been hurt. There are reports both of a rise in xenophobic behaviour and of people feeling unable to speak about legitimate concerns for fear of being misunderstood. Whilst some are optimistic, others are fearful about the future.

There is much work to be done, not only by our national leaders in brokering a good 'Brexit' outcome, but also by ordinary people at the local level to heal rifts in communities and restore relationships.

One of the most emotive issues in the whole Referendum debate has been immigration. Whatever our views on how or whether immigration should be regulated, Christians must in their attitude and dealing with others take their lead from God, whose heart is revealed in the Bible to be very much for all people.

Whilst the Old Testament is focussed on the history of a particular ethnic group, the Israelites, they are told that non-Israelites living with them are not to be mistreated, but to be treated as one of them, loved even (cf Lev 19:33-34), and given an inheritance in the land (cf Ezek 47:21-23). From the very beginnings of the Church in the New Testament, people from all nations have been included and welcomed, irrespective of race or nationality. The Christian faith is about radical hospitality.

The Church is called to represent and serve the whole community. As in the wider country, people in our churches and its leadership voted for both Remain and Leave. Some people have been open about their decision, many have kept it private. As our community is not monochrome, neither is the Church. But despite its diversity, it is called and committed to being united.

St Paul likens the Church to a human body – a single thing, but made up of many, different and complementary parts. He explains that 'The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!"

And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" ' All the parts are needed and valuable, and there should be no division. It is the diversity of its parts that when working in harmony gives the body its amazing abilities. Just think of the astonishing athletic feats displayed in the recent Olympics.

In Chilton and Harwell we have a wonderfully broad mix of ages, temperaments, skills and ethnicities – an inspiring cross-section of God's diverse creation. As the late Jo Cox MP observed, "we are far more united and have far more in common with each other than things that divide us". All human beings are made in God's image

and are equally valuable. We need to value and celebrate the diversity of our local community, and the strength and richness that diversity gives. We should say to no-one "I don't need you".

It is easy, however, to express ourselves badly, to misunderstand one another, and to make unfair assumptions without really taking time to hear what the other is

saying. We should always speak with gentleness and respect, and be prepared to apologise when we cause offence or upset, whether intended or not.

Good communication is essential for good relationships and a healthy community. Unity, whether in a local church, a village, a country, or even a group of countries, can only be achieved when we are prepared to listen and learn from one another, taking a turn at being an 'ear' in the body. Taking time and effort in the months ahead to listen respectfully and carefully will be essential for our political leaders, and for all of us.

Let's make every effort – despite our political, cultural and ethnic diversity – to be united. It is God's will and plan for his world.

"God made known to us the mystery of his will... to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ" (Ephesians 1:9-10).

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REGULAR MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 2016

Mondays

9:30-11:30am Fledgelings (during term time) at St Matthew's Church Hall
8.00pm Home group at 10 Jennings Lane, Harwell

Tuesdays

9.30am Home group at Shimna, Church Lane (during term time)
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 Home group (1st, 2nd & 3rd, term time)

Fridays

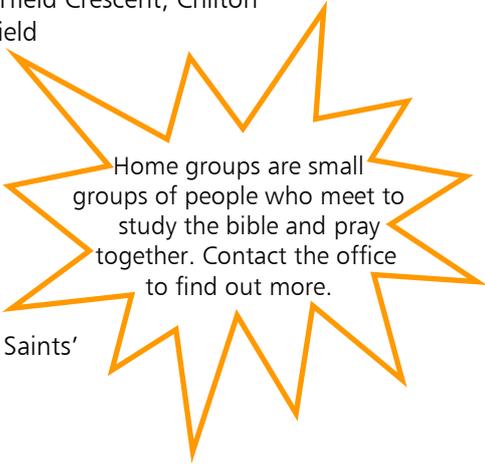
2.00pm Home group at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell

Saturdays

8.30am Prayer meeting both at St Matthew's & 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



Home groups are small groups of people who meet to study the bible and pray together. Contact the office to find out more.

OTHER EVENTS

7th September 8.30pm Night Prayer at All Saints' Chilton
13th September 7.45pm All Saints' Women's Group
15th September 2.30pm Harwell Evergreens, Anita Pepper - Holiday in China
19th September 2.30pm Generation Gold, All Saints' Chilton
20th September 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell
24th September 10.00am All Saints' Art Group, Chilton Village Hall

Sundays at All Saints'

4th September	9.30am All Age Worship
11th September	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship
18th September	9.30am Holy Communion
25th September	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship

Sundays at St Matthew's

4th September	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Morning Worship 6.15pm Evening Prayer
11th September	11.00am Morning Worship
18th September	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Holy Communion 6.15pm Evening Prayer (BCP)
25th 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



ALL SAINTS' MEMORIAL INSCRIPTIONS

All Saints' Memorial Inscriptions
New Edition in preparation

The first edition of 'All Saints' Memorial Inscriptions with some Family History' was printed over 15 years ago. Since then we have lost many loved ones, church wardens have found some old records and I have photographed church 'gifts given in memoriam' so there is much interesting history to discover. I am planning to produce a computer CD with coloured photographs of all the memorials.

I would also appreciate information about people who were born in Chilton, but who moved to Harwell, such as members of the Mulford family, some of whose ancestors are buried in Chilton. This will be most helpful for future family historians trying to trace their family trees.

I am hoping to display my transcriptions of Chilton Parish Registers in All Saints' Church during the next 'Heritage Day', probably on the afternoon of Saturday 10th September, between 2 and 4pm.

Please come along to tell me about your family history. Kate Crennell, 834357; KMCrennell@dpmail.co.uk; 'Greytops', The Lane, Chilton.

CHARITY MARKET STALL

Join us on Saturday
10th September at
the Rose and Crown
from 9am-12noon.
The stall is in aid of
Motor Neurone
Disease this month.

Donations of cakes, home produce and small white elephant items will be really appreciated. Contact Judy on 834503.



ALL SAINTS' ART GROUP

All Saints' Art Group meet in the small room at Chilton Village Hall on the 4th Saturday of the month from 10am to 1pm. We are a friendly bunch, come and join us, and unlock your hidden talent! (Materials and refreshments provided). Children are welcome, accompanied by an adult please! Donations towards the hire of the hall are also welcome. Saturdays 24th Sept, 22nd Oct, 26th Nov. Contact Carol Pigott 834408 or Kate Hunneman 835163 for more details.

HARWELL EVERGREENS

Harwell Evergreens are meeting on Thursday 15th September at 2.30pm at St Matthew's Church Hall. Anita Pepper will be speaking about her recent holiday in China. Contact Gill Gay 831592.

RIDE & STRIDE

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



This is 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. See www.rideandstrideuk.org

**FROM THE PARISH
REGISTERS**

Baptisms

"Welcome to the Lord's family"
Arthur Davis

Marriages

"Those that God has joined together"
William Bond & Jenna Wilcox
Anthony Burgess & Rachel Stevens
Sarah Cox & Lukas Somarakis

Funerals

"He who believes in Me will live"
June East

GARDENING CLUB

September 5th, 7.30pm Harwell Village Hall. Gwen Barton: Beyond My Wildest Dreams. Comp: Something Exotic. September 10th Produce Show. dave.drummond@hotmail.co.uk; 821615.

GENERATION GOLD

Generation Gold enjoyed meeting in June with Harwell Evergreens to celebrate the Queens 90th birthday. Our next Generation Gold service is on Monday 19th September at All Saints' Church Chilton at 2.30pm when our theme will be 'food'. Our services are aimed at those of retirement age. If you would like more information, or request a lift please contact Pam on 834475.



CHARITY QUIZ SHEETS

The next cryptic quiz sheet will be out on Saturday 10th September and will be available at the market stall at the Rose & Crown, Chilton.

KIDS CHURCH & PEBBLES

Kid's Church meet at St Matthew's each Sunday at 11am and Pebbles meet at All Saints' during our 9.30am service each week. We have been looking at the gospel of Luke over the last few months and thinking about how Jesus taught people to live. Some of the children have learnt Psalm 23:



The LORD is my shepherd! I will have everything that I need. A good shepherd takes care of his sheep.

He brings them to rest in green meadows, and he leads them to drink cool water from quiet streams.

God will take care of me just as well. He shows me the right way to go, so all the world will see how good God is.

A good shepherd watches over his sheep. He reaches out with his staff and pulls them away from trouble, and with his rod he protects them from danger.

So even when things look dark and scary, I will not be afraid, because God is with me.

When trouble seems to be all around, God prepares a feast for me. I am his special guest, and his blessings overflow.

His goodness and forgiveness will be with me all of my life, and I will live with him forever.

INTERVIEW WITH DIANA BEVAN (DR SCOTT)

"Diana, you seem to have some things in common with the Queen! You were born 2 months later than the Queen and you share an interest in horses."

"Yes, I was terrified of these enormous animals when I was young, but when I retired from my work as a GP, I went to work at a local riding stables for 26 years part-time I loved it! The horses were nice because everyone was nice to them. I saw the Queen at the Horse of the Year show - but I didn't speak to her."

"I chose the song 'O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder' because it says 'All the works of your hand' – it covers everything, nothing is missed out. God made everything and this covers it all."

"I've always had a faith. I grew up in a Church of England home and was sent to a Church of England school. As I've got older, my faith has grown 'nearer'. It seems a funny way to put it, but it has. I wouldn't get by now without my faith. God walks beside me, he really does. I've had illness and God has always come to help me – if I don't know what to do I ask Jesus. God does speak to me – not always immediately, but he does answer. Not a voice, but I know he's spoken to me."

This is transcribed from an interview with Diana Bevan at the Songs of Praise event in May which is on our website: HCChurches.org/songsofpraise

O Lord my God!
when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works
Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars,
I hear the mighty thunder,
the power throughout
the universe displayed;

When through the woods
and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds
sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down
from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook,
and feel the gentle breeze;

And when I think
that God His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die –
I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross
my burden gladly bearing.
He bled and died
to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation
and take me home -
what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim,
my God, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul,
my Saviour God, to Thee,
how great Thou art,
how great Thou art!

1953 Stuart Wesley Keene Hine/Kingsway's Thank you Music

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