

# Ridgeway Broadsheet

October 2016

Join us for our  
Harvest Celebration  
Services

2nd October

9.30am  
All Saints'  
Chilton

11am  
St Matthew's  
Harwell



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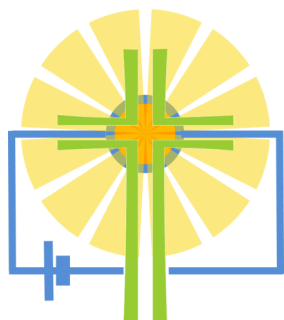
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## SCIENCE & FAITH

Come along and join us at our new Family Science and Faith Club!



We meet on the last Friday of each month at St Matthew's Church Hall, Harwell for some hands-on science and to think about faith. Launching on the 30th September we will have our second meeting on Friday 28th October at 4.30pm but you don't need to have come to the first session; just turn up! Hopefully we can make some volcanoes and explore more about the creation of the world. The Club ends with a meal, and there is no charge.



We also have a Science and Faith group for adults which meets each fortnight on a Thursday evening in St Matthew's Church meeting room to discuss the big issues where science and faith meet. Contact Jonathan or Vicky for more information.

## BILL WILSON

Thursday 3rd November, 7.30pm  
St Matthew's Church Harwell



He's experienced beatings, stabbings and being shot in the face. Yet Bill Wilson refuses to leave the area or give up on the children growing up in one of New York's roughest neighbourhoods - Bushwick in Brooklyn. For decades nothing has overcome his determination to bring good news to those that others have written off as hopeless cases. It's a passion which is transforming lives in some of the hardest places around the world. Every week his organisation, "Metro World Child" serves 40,000+ children across the globe - from the ghettos of New York to the slums of Manilla.

He is a controversial and divisive figure – many people find his passion and his concern for children compelling; many others find his burnout-baiting lifestyle and tough-talking style difficult. The one response he doesn't provoke is indifference. St Matthew's are honoured to be hosting Bill Wilson during his "Servers & Senders" tour this autumn. We invite you to come, listen and make up your own mind on Thursday 3rd November.

*"His methods and his driven personality are not necessarily likable. But you can't help notice that he's inspiring these lost children when lots of liberal-minded, middle of the road nice people are not."*

The Tablet Newspaper, London

## LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

Harvest is a time when nature is in 'giving mode'. Having spent the previous seasons hibernating, germinating, and growing, plants have moved into a phase of producing an astonishing variety of fruit and seeds. Having taken in water, nutrients and sunshine, and reached the peak of maturity, we are treated to a dazzling display of the bounty of nature. Having spent the previous part of the year in receptive mode, the harvest season is all about the self-giving of nature.

The Bible uses the picture of fruitfulness to describe what it is to be a fully-developed human. Mature character is described in Paul's letter to the Galatian Christians as displaying love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, humility, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (cf Gal 5:22-23). This bountiful harvest of personal qualities is described as the 'fruit of the Spirit', the inevitable consequence in season of a life blessed and watered by God. It is what is to be expected in "those who belong to Christ Jesus" (Gal 5:24) and who, on a daily basis, become more and more like their Master.



It is traditional at harvest time to give thanks to God for his provision of food, for answering our prayer to "Give us this day our daily bread". It is also traditional to share that bounty with those in need. In both our churches during our harvest celebrations, non-perishable items are collected and given to Didcot Emergency Food Bank, and we raise money for Tearfund who work with those living in poverty in other parts

of the world. It seems appropriate to join with nature's pattern of moving from a season of receiving to a season of giving.

The life-giving harvest is a beautiful illustration of the

giving heart of God, who provides "daily bread" not just for our physical needs but also for our spiritual needs. 'All good gifts around use are sent from heaven above'. Without God's good gifts humans would perish.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jonathan". The script is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'J'.

Revd Dr Jonathan Mobey  
Rector of Harwell with Chilton

## REGULAR MEETINGS

OCTOBER 2016

### Mondays

9:30-11:30am Fledgelings Toddler Group (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 Toddler Group (during term time) at Chilton Field Community Rm  
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)

*Fledgelings, our toddler group,  
meets on Mondays in Harwell  
and Wednesdays in Chilton.  
Contact Peter  
07467 038734*

### Fridays

2.00pm Home group at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell

### Saturdays

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

### Sundays

9.30am Pebbles pre-school & primary aged children's group at All Saints'  
11am Kids Church and children's groups at St Matthew's  
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 October 8.30pm	Night Prayer at All Saints' Chilton
9th October 2.30pm	Walking Group, see website for details
11th October 7.45pm	All Saints' Women's Group
20th October 2.30pm	Harwell Evergreens, Mr Palmer - Temples, Tigers & Tea Plantations
22nd October 10.00am	All Saints' Art Group, Chilton Village Hall
28th October 4.30pm	Family Science Group, St Matthew's Church Hall
29th October 10am-noon	Harwell Evergreens Coffee Morning at St Matthew's Church Hall

**Sundays at All Saints'**

2nd October	9.30am Harvest Worship
9th October	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP)
16th October	9.30am Holy Communion
23rd October	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am Morning Worship
30th October	9.30am Holy Communion
	6.15pm Evening Prayer

**Sundays at St Matthew's**

2nd October	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11.00am	Harvest Worship
	6.15pm	Evening Prayer
9th October	11.00am	Morning Worship
16th October	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11.00am	Holy Communion
	6.15pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
23rd October	11.00am	Morning Worship
	6.15pm	Holy Communion
30th October	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11.00am	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](http://www.hcchurches.org.uk), telephone 834256 or email  
[office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk](mailto:office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk).

\*BCP = Book of Common Prayer



### MEMORIAL STONE SERVICE

D Day Memorial Service at the RAF Harwell Memorial Stone 4th June 2016

This year's service was organised by Harwell Branch and Harwell Campus with Harwell and Chilton Churches.

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, led by the Guest of honour Group Captain Timperley, representing 38 Group RAF. Cadets from Wantage and Didcot ATC Squadrons formed a guard of honour and laid a wreath along with pupils of Chilton Primary School.

Refreshments were provided afterwards by the Harwell Village RBL Club.

£102.77 was collected for the Poppy Appeal.

Harwell Branch thanks all who participated and helped make the day a success.

### CHARITY MARKET STALL

# SALE

Thank you to everyone who supported the market in September in

the pouring rain. The great sum of £240 was raised for the Oxfordshire branch of the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

On **October 8th** the stall at the Rose and Crown, Chilton, 10-12noon will be for T2, part of Styleacre, based in Didcot which is a support and drop-in centre for individuals with mild to moderate learning disabilities or autism, enabling "hard-to-reach" vulnerable people to receive much-needed support to help them gain skills and access to meaningful employment together with leisure and social opportunities. See you on the 8th!

### 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 22nd Oct, 26th Nov.

Contact Carol Pigott 834408 or Kate Hunneman 835163 for more details.

### WELCOME NEW BISHOP

There is a welcome service for our new Bishop of Oxford, Bishop Steven on Sunday 9th October at 3.30pm at Dorchester Abbey. No tickets are required. There will be refreshments available after the service.

### POPPY APPEAL

If you would be willing to call house to house to sell poppies during the end of October and early November, in Chilton and Chilton Field, please contact Hazel King on [hazel.king@btopenworld.com](mailto:hazel.king@btopenworld.com) or call 01235 821714. Many thanks, Hazel.

THE ROYAL BRITISH  
LEGION

### Can you help make a difference?

With so many of our Service men and women deployed in areas of conflict around the world, the Poppy Appeal is needed now more than ever. We are looking for a Poppy Organiser to co-ordinate our team of volunteers to raise funds for the Poppy Appeal in Harwell in the weeks leading up to Remembrance Sunday.

*Could you spare your time and take on the challenge to help ex-Service men and women in need?*

**Email: [branch@harwellrbl.co.uk](mailto:branch@harwellrbl.co.uk)**  
Charity no 219279



**FROM THE PARISH  
REGISTERS**

**Baptisms**

*"Welcome to the Lord's family"*  
Cody Philip Thompson

**Funerals**

*"He who believes in Me will live"*  
Patrick William Toovey  
Robert Froud-Williams

**CAP MONEY**



We have a new CAP Money Course starting on Saturday 29th October at St Matthew's Church Harwell, 10.30am-12.30pm to include brunch. (3 sessions including 5th & 19th November). This is a free course that helps you manage your money better and learn to budget, save and spend well. Contact Vicky on 834256 or [capmoneycourse.org](http://capmoneycourse.org) to find out more and book your place.

**HARWELL EVERGREENS**

Harwell Evergreens are meeting on Thursday 20th October at 2.30pm at St Matthew's Church Hall. Mr Palmer will be speaking on Temples, Tigers & Tea Plantations. Contact Gill Gay 831592.

**HARWELL GARDENERS CLUB**

October 3rd, Harwell Village Hall 7.30pm.  
Central Royal Parks: Jim Buttress.  
Comp: Photo of a Royal Park or Garden.  
[Dave.drummond@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Dave.drummond@hotmail.co.uk); 821615.

**POKEMON GO!**

Did you get involved in the Pokemon GO craze this summer? The mobile app that gave millions of US and then UK users their first experience of 'augmented-reality games' became an overnight sensation, attracting millions. Even churches got caught up in the craze, inviting Pokemon gamers to come back for services. Did you realise that St Matthew's is a Pokemon gym?

**ALL SAINTS'  
WOMEN'S GROUP**

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:45pm in All Saints Church Chilton. We welcome visitors and new members.

On Tuesday 11th October Debbie Davies will be giving a flower demonstration. For more information contact Judy on 834503; [thegoodalls43@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:thegoodalls43@tiscali.co.uk).

**HARVEST**



*The harvest produce was taken to the old  
people's bungalows*

## INTERVIEW WITH DENNIS LAY

**How long have you and your family been farming in Harwell?** We took over the farm in 1843, Prince's Manor was bought by my great-great grandfather, John Lay. The previous owner was John Loder, who was the first man in Britain to have farm accounts. The farm house was originally a hunting lodge for the Black Prince and has since been extended a number of times.

**What have been the biggest changes that you've seen in farming?**

When we first moved here we had 7 men working on the farm, we now only employ one person as machinery has developed to do the majority of the manual labour. Pressure on standards and efficiency has also increased in farming and as a result we have less time for family traditions such as "harvest teas" and dinner at lunchtime that we did 40 years ago when Sue and I first married.

**What is your favourite time of year?** I love the Autumn because its the end of the farming year and we have time to rest and relax knowing that this years crop is successfully harvested, next years is sown and everything is complete.

**Has this year been a good harvest?** Very good, the weather was on our side in August and we finished cutting the last of our beans today [15th September], well ahead of the last few years.

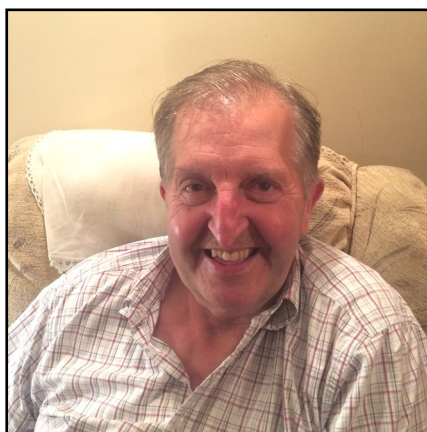
**When was the worst harvest that you can remember?** 2 & 3 years ago we had, what seemed like, non stop rain through August, our most important month. We

try not to use our drier too much and work with the weather as much as possible, this can make harvest more stressful at times.

**Do you ever get the chance to go on holiday?** Yes, I love going to North Devon and Sidmouth, often in Autumn. We tend to go on a number of short breaks through the year.

**What do you think heaven is like?** Heaven to me will be with my loved ones who have already gone, watching over those who remain and hopefully some good food!

I am very lucky to have two beautiful daughters and a son called Tom to take over where I left off; Sue and I are only a custodians of Prince's Manor Farm. Tom and Vicky have got two sons and hopefully one of them will follow on from Tom and the Lays will continue to farm the land in Harwell for generations to come.



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