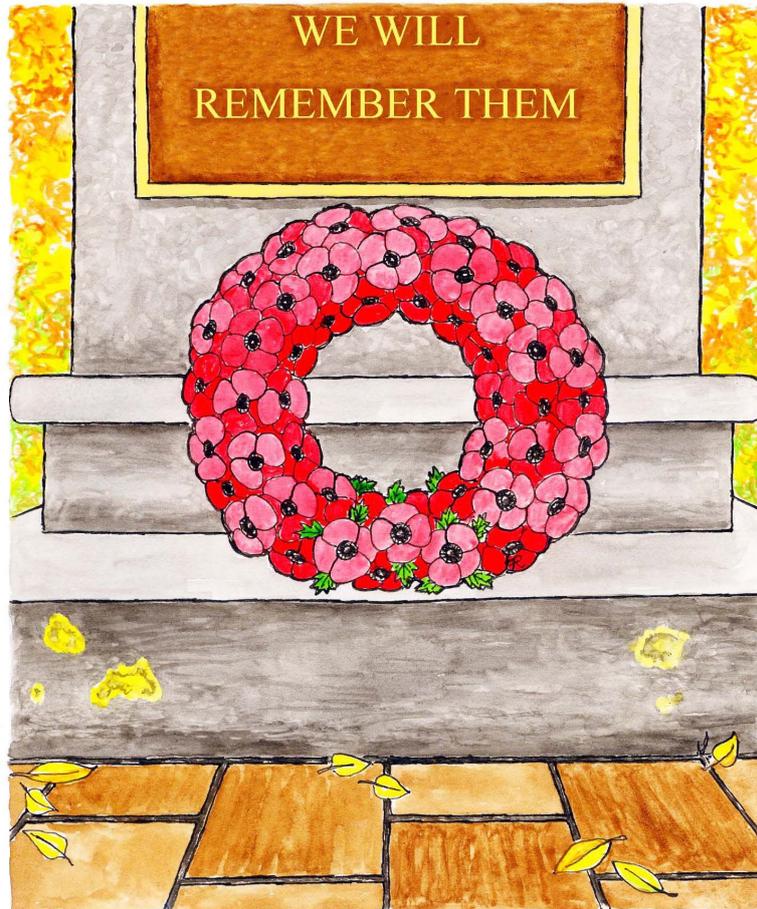


Ridgeway Broadsheet

November 2016



Sunday 13th November: 9.30am at Chilton, 11am at Harwell. Details inside front cover.



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REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

Remembrance Day has special significance this year as we commemorate 100 years after the Battle of Somme finally came to an end on 18th November. The unbelievable slaughter of the Somme – more than a million men were killed or wounded – made it perhaps the bloodiest battle of human history. The incessant bombardment of heavy artillery, the suicidal waves of attack by unprotected soldiers, and the introduction, a few months from its close, of the first tanks in battle, all contributed to the vast number of casualties. This was a battle nobody won but a million men lost. This year we shall once again make our prayers for peace and our reflective remembrance.

A short ceremony will be held on Friday 11th November, 11 am at Harwell War Memorial.

On Remembrance Sunday, 13th November, the 2nd Chilton Scout Group will parade to All Saints' Church Chilton, leaving the Rose and Crown car park at 9am to join the congregation for the 9.30am Service.

The Parade in Harwell will form up at Townsend at 10.30am and set off for the War Memorial for the service there at 10.45am. After the service the Parade will continue to the Church for the 11am service.

There will be children's activities in Chilton Village Hall, and St Matthew's Church Hall during the church services.

Following the Church service the RBL will march to a short ceremony at the War Graves.



Photo by Simon Haycox, Remembrance 2015

DIDCOT CHORAL SOCIETY

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RUPERT GILL
Musical Director

Christmas Fantasia

including *Fantasia on Christmas Carols* by Vaughan Williams
and a selection of other well-known Christmas Carols
performed in the candle lit church of St Matthew's, Harwell

Saturday 26th November 2016, 7.30pm
St Matthew's Church, Harwell

Tickets
£10 / £8 conc

free to accompanied school aged children
Available on the door, by calling 07915 094842
or from Didcot Information, Civic Hall, Didcot

WALKING GROUP

We have now had four walks as part of the Harwell and Chilton Churches Walking Group. Our last walk was around the perimeter of Harwell campus.

Our regular walks are at 2.30pm on a Sunday afternoon on alternate months, and are approximately 5 miles long. We also have a few 'specials' thrown in.

On Friday 18th November we have a 'special': two night hikes. We'll meet at 6.30pm for a 1.5 mile walk. Following that, we have another Sunday afternoon walk on 11th December at 2.30pm. See our website for details: HCChurches.org/walking.

ALPHA

Alpha is a great way to explore what Christianity is all about, along with the chance to get to know others in the community. We'll be running another Alpha group in the new year. Take a look at alpha.org or contact Vicky in the Church Office to book a place.

LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

You should receive this copy of the Ridgeway Broadsheet around the time when the clocks go back an hour and 'Daylight Saving Time' ends. 'Losing an hour' of light at this time of year can be striking, and thoughts often turn to how we might brighten things up a bit.

Fireworks displays are a great way to light up the night sky with dazzling displays, and if not already up, High Streets up and down the country will soon be putting up festive lights in order to hopefully attract shoppers. We are even now making plans to put the Christmas trees and lights up on our churches to lend some cheer to the darkest weeks of the year.

There is another type of light that we celebrate, particularly locally – the bright ideas of creativity and scientific discovery that shines light into areas of dark ignorance. Right in our midst we have the 'Diamond Light' source, a wonderful example of how cutting edge technology has been harnessed and made available to researchers from around the world, bringing with it the hope of medical advances, new technologies, and the world made better in numerous ways. In September our churches started a year-long project to encourage people to explore the fruitful relationship between science and faith, and celebrate the great gift of God that science is. See page 7 for news of the Family Science Club; news of other events and activities to follow.

Great good can come from the light cast by science, but the way scientific discoveries are harnessed is entirely down to the choices made by individual people. The deeds done by humans themselves are described in the Bible as light.

Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

What a difference we can make with the time, talents and opportunities that we each have. This month's interviewee (page 8) is Judy Goodall, whose good deeds in the community and contribution to making the world a brighter place were recently recognised with a British Empire Medal. Judy follows in the steps of the one who described himself as the Light of the World, who came to banish the darkness that so blights human life.



Jesus is divine light incarnate, "the true light that gives light to everyone" (John 1:9) who came into the world. As plants naturally grow towards the light, so we are invited to turn towards the light of God. In the dark months ahead, let us decide to do just that,

as we look forward to the arrival of the glorious light and warmth of spring!

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn" (Isaiah 60:1-3).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Revd Dr Jonathan Mobey
Rector of Harwell with Chilton

TOY SERVICES

This Christmas, St Matthew's and All Saints' are once more supporting the Women's Refuge in Oxford. This year, the Refuge has a particularly high number of teenage children (and in particular, teenage boys). Teenagers tend to be a bit beyond "toys" as such. So if anyone would like to donate a voucher/gift card instead for that age group that would be really helpful. The Refuge recommends Amazon vouchers/gift cards as universally appealing.



At the other end of the age range, the Refuge also has a particularly high number of babies less than 12 months old.

So if anyone could donate a toy suitable for a young baby that too would be particularly welcome.

Please bring your donation to one of our special advent "Toy Services" on Sunday 4th December at 9.30am at All Saints' Chilton or at 11 am at St Matthew's Harwell. This is a service particularly appropriate for children, whom we find really connect with the idea of giving a toy to less fortunate children at Christmas time.

Toys should be brand new please, not second hand, and not wrapped. Cuddly toys are acceptable, provided they are new. For the older children, anything that they can "do" e.g. a science or craft kit or game, as boredom is a real fact of life in a refuge.

Anyone unable to make the service is welcome to hand their toy in to the Church Office by Friday 2 December.

The children at the refuge were so grateful for the gifts donated last year.

If you would like advice about what toy to buy, feel free to contact Jane Woolley on 221030 or janemn.woolley@hotmail.co.uk.

Chilton PCC would like any monetary gifts to be donated to the SeeSaw Charity, which provides grief support for the children of Oxfordshire. Thank you.

ADVENT DOORS



Don't miss the brilliant Advent Doors in Chilton and Harwell villages from 1st - 24th December. Visit a different home each evening to hear the next part of the Christmas story and receive a sticker & treat.

The best thing about living in a village like Harwell or Chilton is the sense of community. The **Living Advent Calendar** is an amazing way for your whole family to discover new things about your village, about the people who live there and about the Christmas story. Children (big and small!) will absolutely love collecting a full set of Christmas stickers and receiving a daily chocolate treat.

There are 24 different

Living Advent Calendar

doors dotted around each village.

Everyone who registers will get exclusive access to a website which

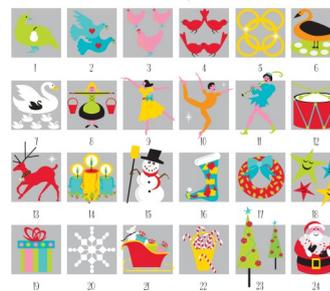
reveals where they are, who lives there, and what that day's instalment of the Christmas story is all about. Each evening you can call at the "calendar door" to hear the story and receive your treat. Simple.

We are confident this will become a favourite part of your children's day, and the start of a tradition you will want to repeat.

Did we mention that it's FREE!

See HCChurches.org/advent for more info.

Advent Calendar



Fun. Festive. Free.

CHURCH MEETINGS

Services at All Saints'		Services at St Matthew's
9.30am Morning Worship	6th Nov	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Morning Worship 6.15pm Evening Prayer
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.00am Parade from Rose and Crown 9.30am Morning Worship	13th Nov	10.30am Parade from Townsend 11.00am Morning Worship
9.30am Holy Communion	20th Nov	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Holy Communion 6.15pm Evening Prayer (BCP)
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship	27th Nov	11.00am Morning Worship 6.15pm Holy Communion
9.30am All Age Worship 'Toy' Service	4th Dec	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am All Age Worship 'Toy' Service 6.15pm Evening Prayer
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP)	11th Dec	11.00am Morning Worship 4.00pm Carols by Candlelight 6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols
9.30am Holy Communion 4.00pm Candlelit Carol Service 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight	18th Dec	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Holy Communion
10.00pm Holy Communion	24th Dec	3.30pm Crib Service 11.30pm Holy Communion
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am All Age Worship	25th Dec	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am All Age Worship 12.00pm Holy Communion
9.30am Morning Worship	1st Jan	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Morning Worship 6.15pm Evening Prayer
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship	8th Jan	11.00am Morning Worship
9.30am Holy Communion	15th Jan	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Holy Communion 6.15pm Evening Prayer (BCP)
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship	22nd Jan	11.00am Morning Worship 6.15pm Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion 6.15pm Evening Prayer	29th Jan	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Holy Communion

You are very welcome to join us for any of our meetings. More information on our website HCChurches.org or telephone 834256. * BCP - Book of Common Prayer

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals

"He who believes in Me will live"
Trevor Packer

GENERATION GOLD

Generation Gold is for those of retirement age - even if you've retired early! We meet quarterly and will next meet on **Monday 12th December**, 2.30pm at St Matthew's Harwell. We'll be thinking about bells and will have



Christmas carols, Christmas cake and mince pies. All very welcome to join us. Contact Pam on 834475 for info.

HARWELL EVERGREENS

Harwell Evergreens are going to Milton Keynes for a shopping trip on **24th November**. If you would like to join the coach trip, (open to everyone) tickets are £10 per person. Our November meeting will be on **17th November** at St Matthew's Church Hall. Mrs Pilkington will be talking about The Lost Villages and Railways of Oxfordshire. As usual we'll also enjoy some tea, coffee and cake. The Annual Evergreen's Dinner will be on **3rd December** at the new Harwell Village Hall. Contact Gill Gay on 831592.



ALL SAINTS' WOMEN'S GROUP

Meeting to be held at 7:45 pm in All Saints' Church Chilton on **Tuesday 8th November**. Chris Burrows will talk about the wide range of services provided by Styleacre – an Oxfordshire Charity – to support Adults with Learning Disabilities. There will be a Bring and buy sale/auction to raise funds for Styleacre. Everyone welcome. For further details contact Judy: 834503, thegoodalls43@tiscali.co.uk.

FAMILY SCIENCE CLUB

Family Science Club started on **Friday 30th September**. A wonderful mix of families and friends met together, and set about our



main task - to discover whether it is possible to spot the difference between a hard boiled egg and a raw egg without breaking it. For a variety of reasons we all came to the same



conclusion and Carina didn't end up with egg on her face! We ended by sharing a meal together - the perfect start to the weekend.

Friday 28th October involves making volcanoes. On the **25th November** we will be making electric lanterns. Family Science Club meets on the last Friday of the month at 4.30pm at St Matthew's Church Hall

and is free. It will be great to see you there soon.



HARWELL GARDENERS CLUB

November 7th: Portrait of a Victorian Garden by Russel Bowes. Comp: Chrysanthemums. Harwell Village Hall 7.30pm. Tel David on 821615.

INTERVIEW WITH JUDY GOODALL

Judy is a very busy lady, and is involved with lots of different groups in Chilton, including the Charity Market Stall, WI, All Saints' Women's Group, Sunday School, Quiz night, Y-Club, Stroke Club, and All Saints' Pastoral Team, along with having 3 children who live locally and 3 grandchildren!

Judy grew up in Oxford and can remember cycling, or being cycled, on her father's bike to the Quaker Meeting House in St Giles each Sunday morning as they didn't have a car. Judy is still very much a Quaker at heart and went to a Quaker Boarding School aged 11 on a scholarship. Judy and Norman met at Oxford Tech at a dance, had a Quaker Wedding in 1969 and moved to a new bungalow in Chilton because Norman was working in Reading and Judy was working as an Occupational Therapist (OT) in Oxford. Chilton being pretty much in the middle of the two.

When John, their eldest, was born, Judy left work to spend time at home while John and their other 2 children were young, and she loved being at home helping and watching her children grow.

Judy was a Governor at Chilton School for 20 years and worked at Didcot Girls School for 10 years as a Learning Support Worker. After a 20 year break she went back to working as an OT, but this time at Wallingford Hospital and she greatly enjoying working as part of a team. Judy remembers driving to work and praying for guidance from God to make the right decisions about things.

She left work at the hospital to help her 95 year old father take care of Judy's step mother who had developed dementia. They had some very good times together! She then spent more time caring for her father as he grew older, and he was almost 105 when he died. He died in 2012, the year that the Olympics came to London.

Norman and Judy were 'gamesmakers' and Judy worked at the front gate at the Olympic Village welcoming visitors and assisting the security teams. It was a wonderful experience! They also went up to Scotland to volunteer at the Commonwealth Games.

The charity stall idea came out of the Christian Aid Annual Plant sale



and coffee morning event which has been going around 10 years. A friend in Chilton wanted to sell some produce each month and wondered if Judy would like to sell some plants for charity. This has grown to include cakes and white elephant items. Judy loves this monthly community event and can remember standing in rain and sunshine raising money for different charities – many of them local such as SeeSaw and the Chilton Lunch Club. It has been amazing to raise so much money for charity through these stalls, and the quiz evening for which Norman writes all the questions. Judy loves how everyone gets involved, and offer their own strengths and gifts.

Judy did go to the Oxford Quaker Centre when they first got married, but feels that it is important to worship in the local community, with people that you live with. God is at the centre of each worship service, even though the style of worship is very different at All Saints' to that of a Quaker meeting. Quakers believe that there is part of God in every person.

On 21st November, 2014 Judy received a very official looking envelope and wondered if she had forgotten to pay her council tax or something. Instead, she found a letter inviting her to receive the British Empire Medal from the Queen in 2015! She had to keep it a secret until December 31st (although she did tell Norman) when the New Year's honours list is announced. The day in 2015 when Norman and Judy went to Buckingham Palace was an incredible experience. It was a beautiful, windy day and the gardens were just amazing. There was a very strict dress code and all the ladies wore hats. Judy was amused to find 3 ladies wearing very similar hats to her from Marks and Spencers! Judy says "It just didn't seem real somehow".

Judy feels very fortunate to have found the right person to live her life with, and has felt so hugely supported by Norman throughout their marriage. They would go to a meeting together, and Norman would tell her to sit on her hands so that she wouldn't volunteer for more things!

When Judy was an OT, her patients would often say "Live life to the full, while you can" and Judy has really taken this saying to heart. While she still has the energy, she enjoys being part of lots of things.

Please submit notices to Vicky by the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

The next Broadsheet will be February 2017.

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