

Welcome

A very warm welcome to you, whether you are new to St Matthew's and All Saints' or worship with us every week. We hope you will feel at home in our churches. Please introduce yourself to someone, and stay for coffee, which is served after most services. Please see the back page for useful information for visitors.

If you are a newcomer or visitor, do please consider filling in and returning a welcome card, so that we can be in touch with information about groups and activities of interest and how we can serve you.

19TH FEBRUARY

2nd Sunday before Lent

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's

9:30am Holy Communion at All Saints'

11:00am Holy Communion at St Matthew's

6:15pm Evening Prayer (BCP) at St Matthew's

No Youth Fellowship. Returning on 26th February.

26TH FEBRUARY

Sunday before Lent

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at All Saints'

9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints'

11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's

6:15pm Holy Communion at St Matthew's

Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church Hall

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

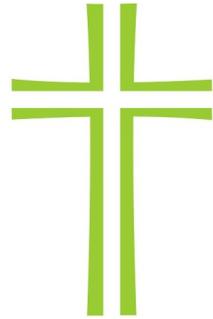
7:00-8:45pm for those in school years 10-13

12.30pm Chess Tournament at
St Matthew's Church Hall

1ST MARCH

Ash Wednesday

7.45pm Ash Wednesday Service at St Matthew's



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If you would like to
talk with the Rector
about any matter, please
contact Jonathan directly,
or via the Church Office

St Matthew's Harwell
with All Saints' Chilton

BROADSHEET DELIVERY

Would you be willing to deliver 16 Broadsheets each month near the Rowstock roundabout? If so, please contact Vicky in the office.

ALPHA

Interested in finding out more about Christianity? The Alpha course is a great way to explore what the bible says, and how it can affect our lives in the 21st century. See alpha.org for more information. Please

contact Vicky in the office if you are interested in doing an Alpha course.



ALL SAINTS' TREES

The two large chestnut trees at the front of All Saints' churchyard have become seriously diseased with blight and honey fungus. Sadly this means they will have to be felled, and this is scheduled for 9th and 10th March. Please be very careful if you visit the churchyard while the trees are coming down.

Unfortunately, because of Honey Fungus, most of the wood has to be taken away by the contractor.

GOD IN THE LAB

It's not too late to book your place for our Science & Faith event with Dr Ruth Bancewicz on 21st February, 6.30 buffet, 7pm lecture at The Pickavance Lecture Theatre. Go to <http://tiny.cc/godlab>



MEN IN SUDAN



Reverend Hassan Abduraheem, Mr Petr Jašek and Mr Abdumonem Abdumawla have been found guilty of a number of charges, including espionage, a national security crime. Czech national Mr Jašek was found guilty of espionage and sentenced to life imprisonment. Reverend Abduraheem and Mr Abdumawla were found guilty of espionage and abatement and sentenced to ten years imprisonment. The pastors' lawyers intend to launch an appeal. Please pray for this appeal and the release of these men. For more information see HCChurches.org/news

We've been asked to write to our MP and to ask them to raise the case with Tobias Ellwood MP, Minister for the Middle East and Africa, who can raise the unjust sentences with Sudan. There are some printed out letters that you can sign and send in both churches to the Sudanese Embassy.

GENERATION TO GENERATION

Christingle: Thank you to the team who assembled the Christingles. Over 150 were made & distributed. The 'do-it-yourself' Christingles at All Saints' seemed to be enjoyed by all. And post-Christmas, it's always good to be reminded to be like Simeon and see beyond baby Jesus, to saviour Jesus.

The Wisdom

House: "Because you don't always have to learn the hard way".

Care For The Family present leading author Rob Parsons sharing life lessons from around the world and across the generations. Topics covered include:



- Taking the mask off and being your true self
- Dealing with difficult people
- The greatest killer of strong friendships
- Discovering & playing to your strengths
- The single lesson most people wish they'd learned earlier.

A great event to invite friends, family & neighbours to. Weds 15th March, Oxford. Tickets £4. Contact Peter or see HCChurches.org/news

Education Sunday - 5th March:

All Saints', Chilton 9.30am - 10.15am

St Matthew's, Harwell 11.00am - 11.45am

If you're grateful for your education and those who taught you, we invite you to come and give thanks for the amazing work of all those involved in educating our children, and celebrate all the amazing achievements of our local schools. We'll be holding short celebration services with perspectives from teachers, pupils & governors.

Prize Chess Tournament: All ages and abilities are welcome to join our Chess Tournament on Sunday 26th February at 12.30pm, at St Matthew's Church Hall. There will be prizes! Contact Peter for more information and to register.



LENT



Lent Begins Ash Wednesday

We invite you all to the first service of Lent. The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus, his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death and resurrection. Join us on **Wednesday 1st March, 7.45pm at St Matthew's Harwell.**

During the six weeks of Lent, let us spend more time in prayer and drawing nearer to God individually and as a church family. You are very welcome to join one of our homegroups who will be looking at a lent themed study. "At The Cross" a Cover to Cover Group study by Abby Guinness. Please contact Jean if you'd like to find out more about our homegroups: jeanvbarton@btinternet.com

1 PETER 5:7

Cast all your
anxiety on him
because he
cares for you.

VISITORS' INFO

Children and young people are especially welcome at our services, and there are groups for children and young people in Harwell, and for primary aged and pre-school children in Chilton, along with a family area in both churches.

At our services of Holy Communion all who love the Lord are welcome to share with us. If you require a gluten-free wafer please indicate this to the sidespeople before the service.

Both churches have a hearing loop, and large print service and weekly noticesheets are available. Toilets are at the back of the church in Harwell and accessed from outside at Chilton.

NOTICESHEET ITEMS

Please submit noticesheet items to Vicky by Wednesday of the preceding week, either via the website, by email, by phone, or by leaving a note in the vestry. The deadline for Broadsheet items is the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

News items also appear on our website. You need to be logged-in to see some of them: <http://HCChurches.org>

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P R A Y E R F O C U S

'...in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God' Philippians 4:6

Please pray for...

- A peaceful solution to the troubles in Iraq, Syria, Ukraine and Gaza
- All those seeking refuge from war-torn countries
- Those who live in The Lane, Chilton and Newbury Road, Harwell
- The three men who have been sentenced in Sudan
- The new CAP Debt Centre in Didcot
- Our Science & Faith Event on Tuesday 21st February

Collect for 2nd Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen.

There are many church groups and activities happening every week and space does not permit inclusion of all of them. You can find details of all church events and groups on the church website: <http://HCChurches.org>

Do please also consider registering on our website if you have not already done so. This gives you access to more information and puts you on the list for occasional email updates that are sent out.