

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.

SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

2nd Sunday before Advent

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

Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church Hall
7-8.30pm for 11-18 year olds

Didcot & District
Praise & Prayer

Didcot & District Churches
Praise & Prayer Service
at Didcot Baptist Church
today, Sunday 19th Nov at
6.30pm. All very welcome.

SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

Last Sunday before Advent, Christ the King

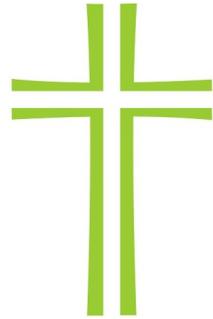
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If you would like to
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about any matter, please
contact Jonathan directly,
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St Matthew's Harwell
with All Saints' Chilton

NEARLY NEW TOYS

BALSAM FAMILY PROJECT CHRISTMAS APPEAL Please could you help Balsam by donating Children's NEW (or good-as-new) Toys & Books for Balsam's stall at: DIDCOT CHRISTMAS STREET FAIR on Thursday 30 November. Please bring donations to All Saints' Chilton and St Matthew's Harwell by Sunday 19 November.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

There are some Christmas Cards for sale at All Saints' Chilton. Each pack of 5 for £3. Proceeds to All Saints' Church funds. Please speak to John Berry or Pam Rolls for more information.

DIDCOT FOODBANK

The Didcot Food Bank are short of supplies for Christmas and are asking for help to give the area's struggling families a proper treat and ensure nobody goes hungry.

Pasta, rice, tea and tinned tomatoes are especially needed. Didcot Food Bank is hoping to offer Christmas hampers with puddings and mince pies.

Please leave your donations in All Saints' or St Matthew's and we'll take them to the Foodbank.

Thank you
Margaret & Mel Gibson

ST MATTHEW'S CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Since 2000, the St. Matthew's tower has been floodlit at Christmas and the cost of this, nearly £5 per day, has been covered by specific donations. We hope that again the inhabitants of Harwell will want to see their church tower lit up this Christmas and we would welcome your contributions in £2 coins, which can be put in the wall safe just inside the door, any time during November. All £2 coins put here will be used for the floodlighting and will not be put into the general church funds. Thank you.



NARNIA PRAYER SPACE

Our two churches have been invited to take part in a Narnia-themed Prayer Space at Chilton Garden Centre.

The Prayer Space is going to take place over the afternoons of Thursday 14 and Friday 15 December and all day on Saturday 16 December. We hope to show around lots of members of the public including local adults and children and visitors from further afield.

In terms of team members, we would welcome help with setting up on Wednesday 13 and/or dismantling on Saturday 16, and people who will man the various spaces and show adults and children around so that they can engage in the various prayer activities which explore many Christian concepts such as forgiveness, generosity, gifts and blessings.

We plan to get the team together with a leader from Prayer Space Headquarters for a team briefing on Thursday 7 December at 7pm. Further details to follow.

If you'd like to be part of the team, or if you'd like to know more, please speak to Pam Rolls or Hazel Connolly.

P.S. If you'd like to take part in the Prayer Space, you might also like to read 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' by CS Lewis, or watch a Narnia DVD, or you could join the Blewbury Players for their dramatization in St Michael's Church, Blewbury from 28th Nov-2nd Dec. We could even try to make a group booking and go to see the play together. Further information at www.blewburyplayers.co.uk/the-lion-the-witch-and-the-wardrobe-2017/

REMEMBRANCE THANKS

Last Sunday for Remembrance we had our local uniformed groups join us in our services. At All Saints' this swelled our usual Pebbles group to 28 children and St Matthew's Kids Church to around 70!

As well as thinking about Remembrance at both churches, games were played, prayers said and poppy wreaths made. Poppy wreaths for 100 odd children were all prepared by Alison Gale! *Huge thank you to Alison for preparing this wonderful craft* and to everyone who helped to run the sessions last Sunday and welcome our uniformed groups and other visitors.



ST MATTHEW'S RE-ORDERING

We have now received a Faculty (permission) to replace the pews at St Matthew's with 200 'Abbey' chairs and to carpet the floor. We are now starting to look at planning the work in detail – what all the various associated tasks are, the order in which they should be undertaken, when and what manpower will be required.

The full cost of the project is £59,000. We have already raised/secured £31,500, and the PCC has underwritten £15,000 from a legacy received, but we still have £12,500 to raise. Would you please consider donating towards this, for example by sponsoring a chair? See separate fundraising leaflet for further information.

CAP VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Have you thought of getting involved in the Debt Centre's work? For those who wish to join the visit team (or those already involved!) there is **Journey Out of Debt training**. A chance to explore the role further, to understand the process CAP works through and what is required, and to consider how we share our faith with clients. This session is running on **Saturday 9th December from 9am-1pm**. For more info please contact Sue Bright on 07741 472182 or suebright@capuk.org.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We would love to add Christmas greetings to friends around the world on our Facebook page. If you'd like to join in, please send an email to Vicky in the Church Office with a Christmas message, and a photograph of yourself outside Harwell or Chilton Church. Thank you.

NIGHT HIKE

Join us on Friday 24th November for a night hike. Meet at 6.30pm just south of Ellaways Barn, half way up Newbury Road out of East Hendred. The walk is 1.5 miles and is completely off road. Boots or wellies required if wet, otherwise trainers are okay. Warm clothes and waterproofs advisable. Pick up from 8pm up at the Ridgeway at Scutchamer. Feel free to bring any treats (flapjack, bonfire toffee, other specialities). Contact Tim Paget or Vicky Johnston for more information.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

We are looking for a female to join the leadership team on Sunday evenings at St Matthew's Church Hall. Please contact either Tim Brook or Vicky Johnston if you would like to be involved.

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 and Gaza
- Those who live in Upper Farm Road Chilton and in Grove Road in Harwell
- Help us to grow closer to one another and to God as we journey together
- God's help for those who find it difficult to obtain Bibles or are persecuted for owning them
- Our work and work place

Collect for the 2nd Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, 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>