

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 26TH NOVEMBER

Last Sunday before Advent, Christ the King

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
7-8.30pm for 11-18 year olds

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER

1st Sunday of Advent

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

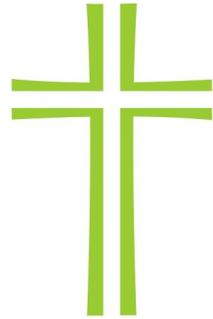
9:30am All Age 'Toy' Service at All Saints'

11:00am All Age 'Toy' Service at St Matthew's

Please note that next Sunday morning will be our annual 'Toy Services', during which we will be supporting Oxford Women's Refuge with gifts for mothers to give to their children on Christmas Day. This year our focus is on donating gifts suitable for teenagers, new and unwrapped. For more information see <http://HCChurches.org/toy>

6:15pm Evening Prayer at St Matthew's

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



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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

#GODWITHUS



God With Us is a short, colourful booklet for Christmas that explores the Christian faith. It offers 13 simple reflections that unpack the constant refrain of Christmas readings and carols – that God is with us. It makes an ideal gift for friends and family and use at home. Please take one or more if you can use them, and you may like to consider reimbursing the £1 cost. If you use twitter, keep an eye out for the #Godwithus campaign.

SPRING HARVEST 2018

Several of our church family have booked to attend Spring Harvest at Butlins Minehead on 3-8 April next year (the week following the Easter weekend).



Spring Harvest is a fun-filled, inspiring experience for all ages, so do consider booking to go along at the same time. But hurry – there are very few spaces left: www.springharvest.org If you do book, please let Jonathan know.

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/

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, and 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.

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.



CHRISTMAS TOGETHER



We are looking for volunteers to help at our Christmas Together Lunch at Chilton Village Hall. Last year we served 50 lunches, and we'd love to do so again this year. Please speak to Alison Gale or Vicky Johnston if you'd like to help. If you'd like to attend the lunch please book your place with

Vicky in the Church office. Tel 834256 or email office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk

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.

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.

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.

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

21ST JANUARY

SAVE THE DATE! On 21st January we'll be having a commissioning service for our new Children and Families Workers Sarah Barrett and Melanie Shields. We will then be having a bring and share lunch at Chilton Village Hall. All very welcome to join us!

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 workplace

Collect for the Sunday before Advent, Christ the King

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Alternative Collect

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. 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>