

# 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 7TH JANUARY

### First Sunday of Epiphany; The Baptism of Christ

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

9:30am All Age Worship at All Saints'

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6:15pm Evening Prayer at St Matthew's

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

## SUNDAY 14TH JANUARY

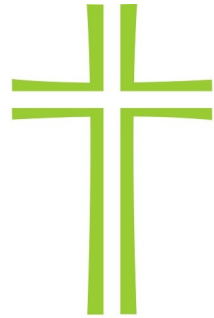
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If you would like to  
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about any matter, please  
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St Matthew's Harwell  
with All Saints' Chilton

## WELCOME!

Sarah Barrett & Melanie Shields are very excited to get started as our Children and Families Workers this week.



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!

## GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, MYRRH

Gold was a gift that would have been given to a king. Frankincense had traditionally been brought by priests as they worshipped God in the Temple. Myrrh was a spice that the ancients used in preparing bodies for burial.

If that is true, then you could say that the Wise Men, in choosing their gifts for this infant, honoured Jesus with gold because He was King of the Jews, with frankincense because He was to be worshipped as divine; and with myrrh, because He would also become a sacrifice and die for His people.

The Wise Men were the very first gentiles ever to worship Jesus. What faith they had! They travelled for months over difficult terrain, they never saw any evidence of Jesus' kingship, His divinity or His sacrificial death. They worshipped Him through faith in God's promises about Him. Isaiah foresaw this response to Jesus: 'Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.' The Magi's eyes of faith saw clearly and far into the future.



## WORLD LEPROSY DAY

World Leprosy Day is on Sunday 28th January. This is when we pray especially for one of our link missions, The Leprosy Mission, and when we send to TLM the contributions given through the coin phials. If you have a phial you would like to hand in, please give it to Rosemary Rolls by the end of January. Thank you.



## ST MATTHEW'S RE-ORDERING

We have 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.

## RIDGEWAY BROADSHEET

The next edition of the Ridgeway Broadsheet will be available on 18th February. The Easter cards will be available on 18th March.

We have vacancies in both Chilton and Harwell for deliverers of the Broadsheet. There are eight issues a year, plus cards at Christmas and Easter. Please let Vicky know if you are interested in helping the church communicate with the wider community in this very practical way.

## CAP (DIDCOT AREA) PRAYER MEETING

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CAP

Please note there is a change of venue for this prayer meeting, starting from Friday 12th January. We will be meeting from 9.15am to 10.00am on each 2nd and 4th Friday of the month in the meeting room at St Matthew's Church. Anyone wishing to support the work of the debt centre in prayer is welcome to attend.

## 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.

## DIDCOT FOODBANK

The Didcot Food Bank are short of supplies 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.

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

Thank you.

Margaret & Mel Gibson

## RADIO OXFORD

You can hear Pam Rolls being interviewed on Radio Oxford on Sunday 14th January. The interview was recently recorded at All Saints' Chilton. The broadcast on 95.2 FM & DAB should go out in two parts, one just after 6am and the other just after 6.30am.

## PCC MEETING

Please remember our St Matthew's Parochial Church Council members in prayer as they meet on 9th January.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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...

- The governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established (Rom 13:1)
- Those who live in Dene Hollow in Chilton, and in Kings Lane in Harwell
- Our PCC members, secretaries, treasurers and bookkeepers
- Those who are homeless and cold especially in the colder weather; draw near and comfort them in spirit, and bless those who work to provide them with shelter, food and friendship
- For all our groups planning a new term

### Collect for First Sunday of Epiphany

*O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

### Additional Collect

*Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### Collect for the Baptism of Christ

*Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

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>