

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, and for which there is no charge! 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.

You may also like to register on our website:
<http://HCChurches.org>

SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

The second Sunday of 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
7-8.30pm for 11-18 year olds

SUNDAY 4TH MARCH

The third Sunday of Lent, Education Sunday

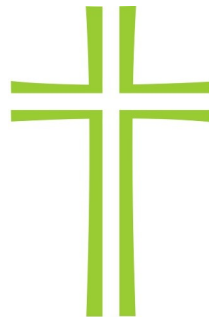
8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's

9:30am All Age Worship at All Saints'

11:00am All Age Worship at St Matthew's

6:15pm Evening Prayer at St Matthew's

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If you would like to
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contact Jonathan directly,
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St Matthew's Harwell
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MENS CONVENTION

Phill Johnston is co-ordinating a men's group to attend the London Men's Convention on 2nd June. This years guest speaker is John Piper and will be hosted in Central Hall Westminster.

There are 2 sessions either morning (starting at 9:30) or afternoon (starting at 15:00), both offering the same content, based on the title: 'Men who make a difference'.

I have booked to attend the morning session as there is no allocated seating to make group bookings easier. Please let me know by email chillwithphill@gmail.com or text 07979 341008, if you would like to attend christianconventions.org.uk

FROM CLIVE AND HEATHER HOUSE

"We would like to thank everyone for the wonderful send off, cards, wine and gift vouchers that you gave us before we left for Exmouth. We were very touched by your kindness and generosity. We are gradually settling in and getting unpacked and enjoying the sea air. We will really miss you all and you are in our thoughts and prayers. Do call in and see us if you are in the Exmouth area! With love from Clive and Heather House."

CMS - THE SHARLANDS



David and Heather Sharland have been called to use their skills in the service of God's people, enabling them to live healthy and fulfilling lives and to know Jesus as their saviour and friend with CMS. David uses agriculture to serve struggling and marginalised farmers, and Heather (a nurse) works as a community health co-ordinator. They have been serving God in East Africa for more than 25 years, including until recently South Sudan. They are now in Arua in North-West Uganda.

See the back page for prayer points.

PEBBLES FAMILY SERVICE

On Sunday 11th February we had our first Pebbles Family Service in Chilton Village Hall running at the same time as the BCP Service at All Saints'.

We looked at The Lord's Prayer and thought about each of the sections of this special prayer and how it can help us in our own prayer life. We did this using various interactive methods including fizzy tablets, tea lights and prayer pins. At the end of the service we made our own kites and had great fun flying them when we also enjoyed sharing coffee and cake with other members of our church family from the BCP service.

The next Pebbles Family and BCP Services will be on April 8th - all are very welcome to join us at Easter.



PARISH GIVING SCHEME

Lent is traditionally a time of almsgiving, and spring a time to review and refresh. As well as 'spring cleaning' our houses, it might be a good time to spring-clean our finances, too.

Last Sunday our church Treasurers, Stuart and Peter, reported on our annual accounts for 2017 and our budget for 2018. We also launched the 'Parish Giving Scheme' (PGS), which is a new way to organise regular, planned giving to All Saints' or St Matthew's.



The work of the church is only possible when supported through giving. We are grateful to all who give to church in so many ways, but the current focus is financial giving.

Planned giving especially helpful. It is also biblical: *"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver"* (2 Cor 9:7).

Many give regularly by Standing Order or the envelope scheme and we are exceedingly grateful for that. We would like to encourage all to consider giving regularly, and for those who already have Standing Orders or use the envelopes, to consider using the new Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) that is being introduced today.

PGS is a national scheme, promoted and supported by the Diocese. It is a direct-debit based and significantly reduces the administration for our hard-working Treasurers and Bookkeepers, and improves cash flow.

It has the option to index link the amount given, so inflation-proofing your gift, can be used to give anonymously, and can be used for either general giving or for a particular purpose.

Flyers explaining more about the scheme are available, and if you would like to join, please take a form from the back of church, to either return or post.

Whether or not you already give regularly, please would you consider registering with PGS to support the work of the church? Thank you.

HOLIDAY CLUB

We are now able to confirm the dates for Holiday Club 2018:

20th - 24th August

Please mark these dates in your diary! A highlight of the year for both churches and community, everyone can get involved.

Watch this space for news of booking and how to get involved. In the meantime, please pray for those involved in the planning, the team members, and all those who will take part.

ST MATTHEW'S RE-ORDERING

We are delighted that the carpet has now been fitted and we have received the new chairs.

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.



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>

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...

- Those who live in Latton Close in Chilton, and in School Lane in Harwell
- For CAP Debt Centre in Didcot & Wallingford
- The Work of CMS, especially David & Heather Sharland in Uganda
 - For Heather's role as community health co-ordinator and nurse
 - For David as he seeks to train and encourage farmers in their use of the land and care for their crops
- For the growth of 5,000 trees which have been planted across the Diocese – their success will have a major positive impact on the environment and on agriculture in the area
- For their work amongst Sudanese refugees in the Kiryandonogo Refugee Settlement – especially for widows, and orphaned children, many of whom have been traumatised by their experienced. Over 1 million people have fled the fighting in South Sudan, often leaving the elderly behind who were unable to travel.

Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who 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>

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