

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 18TH MARCH

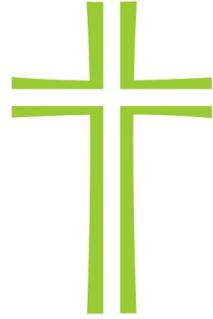
The fifth Sunday of Lent

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

SUNDAY 25TH MARCH

Palm Sunday

- 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



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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

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Rolls for St Matthew's Harwell and All Saints' Chilton are being revised in the period 1st March to 25th March inclusive. The Electoral Roll is your Parish Church's Register of Electors, the list of those qualified to vote at the Church Annual General Meeting at which the Parochial Church Council and Deanery Synod representatives are elected. You need to be on the Electoral Roll for at least 6 months to be a PCC member or Churchwarden. If you are already on the Electoral Roll you do not need to re-register.

For St Matthew's Harwell forms (form E2) may be obtained from the table at the back of church, and completed forms should be placed in the wall box near the main door. For All Saints' Chilton forms may be obtained from Gordon Cowan (telephone 831932) or from All Saints' Church (blank forms in the red envelope at the base of the font), and completed forms should be returned to Gordon or placed in the yellow envelope at the base of the font.

Forms should be returned no later than Sunday, 25th March.

All are welcome to attend our Church Annual General Meetings which are at 10.20am on 22nd April at Chilton and 11.50am on 29th April at Harwell.

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.

EASTER TRAIL

We are running the Easter Trail again this year - over the Easter weekend. (30th -31st March)

Please pray that people would engage with the posters and enjoy the trail.



If you would like to donate Easter Eggs to hand out as prizes on Easter Sunday morning - please leave these at St Matthew's and All Saints', clearly marked for the Easter Trail. Thank you!

ALPHA



Harwell and Chilton Churches are planning to run an Alpha course in 2018. The course is a great way to explore Christianity with some very

well presented films and group discussion. Please speak to Jonathan, Pam, Sarah or Melanie if you are interested, or email Vicky at vj.HCchurches@gmail.com

See www.alpha.org

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

A BIG thank you to all those who prepared posies to hand out at our Mothering Sunday services last week.

This week at Fledgelings we were learning about spring and new life. We made some beautiful spring pictures.



Monday Fledgelings also had a trip to Princes Manor Farm this week. Thank you to the Lay family who invited us. We all really enjoyed seeing the baby lambs.

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.

A couple of Sundays ago, 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 and has the advantage of reducing administration and improving cashflow.

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>

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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...

- Those who live in Lower Road in Chilton, and in The Barrow in Harwell
- For Didcot & Wallingford Area CAP Debt Centre
- Those getting married and preparing for marriage, especially David & Emmie, Margery & Tim and Victoria & Daniel
- Those who are worried, sad, mourning or facing illness
- 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

Collect for Fifth Sunday of Lent

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.

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>