

RIDGEWAY BROADSHEET

May 2018

Songs *of Praise*

Sunday 27th May
4pm

Harwell Recreation Ground

See centre page for more details



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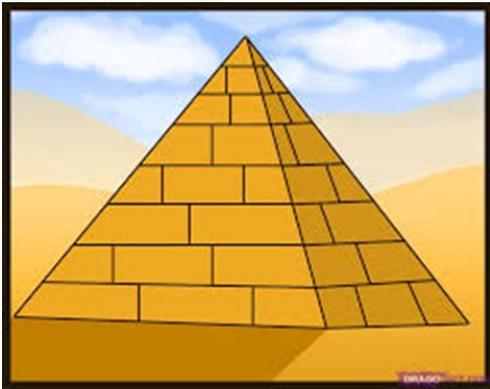
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Welcome to Ancient Egypt!



Holiday Club will be returning to Harwell School this year from **Monday 20th to Friday 24th August**, 9am to 3pm. This is thanks to a fantastic team of volunteers from Harwell and Chilton. There will be games, sports, codes to crack, bible stories and songs. It is for children going into years 1-9 in September. Each child will receive a free T shirt with our holiday club logo and will be in a team with other children of a similar age. The whole week is free although donations are always welcome.

We had a great time at Holiday Club last year with our theme of Spy Academy. This year we will be exploring Ancient Egypt with a particular focus on the story of Joseph.



Photos by Jonathan Wood

You can find out more information about Holiday Club 2018 and see what we've done in previous years at HCChurches.org/holidayclub and facebook.com/HCChurches.



RECTOR'S LETTER

There is something very British about the sound of church bells. For centuries, their ringing has called us to wake, to pray, to work, to arms, to feast, and, in times of crisis, to come together. They ring out joyfully at weddings and toll mournfully at funerals. They mark the significant events in the lives of individuals, communities, and nations.

The early missionaries used small hand bells to call people to worship, with bells being introduced into Christian churches around 400 AD. Since then, the technology and art of bell ringing has developed significantly, including the development of 'changes' that could be learned by heart to create patterns of ringing, and 'methods', often titled after the cities in which they were first rung, such as Norwich, London and Cambridge.

At the end of the First World War, bells rang out across the country to celebrate the coming of peace, and have been used in celebrations ever since. 95% of bells in the UK 'rang in' the Millennium, a bell announced the opening of the London Olympics in 2012 and, as part of the Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations a floating belfry with eight bells led the Thames Pageant of a thousand boats.

Located as they are at the top of church towers – often the tallest structure in a community – and their sound going out in all directions, the ringing of bells is a

good picture of a key part of the Christian gospel – that of proclaiming the 'gospel' (good news) of Christianity and calling all people to respond. A group of people work together, using their skill and commitment, to do their part, which is then translated into a pitched 'song' that is broadcast to all people in the vicinity, whatever their age, sex or social status. The good news of Christianity is for all, and it 'rings out' when Christians work together to bring that good news to their local communities in word and action.



"The Lord's message rang out from you..."
(1 Thessalonians 1:8a)

The ringing teams in both Harwell and Chilton are always open to new ringers, and learning bell ringing

can open up a hobby that can last a lifetime. A band of ringers can do so much more than one or two individuals – the variety of the 'changes' possible increases exponentially with each additional member. And so it is with proclaiming and being good news in our communities; with each new member, the possibilities multiply. We each have a unique and valuable role to play, ringing out across our communities.

Rev'd Dr Jonathan Mobey
Rector of Harwell with Chilton

SONGS OF PRAISE

Songs of Praise

We'll be meeting under canvas at Harwell

Recreation Ground on Sunday 27th May at 4pm for a special Songs of Praise Service, followed by light refreshments. We'll have a fabulous orchestra.



The Celebration Choir will be making an appearance, as they did in 2016.



You can watch a video from the 2016 service online at HCCchurches.org/news. Scroll down and find the video almost at the bottom of the news items.



Photo by Vicky Johnston

FLEDGELINGS



Our toddler group, Fledgelings, meet on Mondays at St Matthew's Church Hall and on Wednesdays at Chilton Field Community Room from 9.15-11.30am during term time.

Parents and carers are welcome with their children aged 0-5 years old. We have a time of free play, light refreshments, a craft and a song and bible story time. Entry is free, with donations welcome. Contact Sarah Barrett or Melanie Shields for more information (contact details on the front).



Photos by Melanie Shields

Services at All Saints'		Services at St Matthew's
9.30am Morning Worship	6th May	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Morning Worship 6.15pm Evening Prayer
	10th May	7.45pm Ascension Day Service
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship	13th May	11.00am Morning Worship
9.30am Holy Communion	20th May	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Holy Communion 6.00pm Pentecost Praise
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship	27th May	11.00am Morning Worship 4.00pm Songs of Praise at Harwell Recreation Ground

OTHER EVENTS IN MAY

2nd May 8.30pm	Night Prayer, All Saints' Church
8th May 7.45pm	All Saints' Women's Group, All Saints'
14th May 7.30pm	Alpha, Chilton Village Hall
21st May 7.30pm	Alpha, Chilton Village Hall
26th May 10.00am	All Saints' Art Group, 18 Latton Close

REGULAR EVENTS

You can find details of all our regular events and meetings on our website HCChurches.org. You can also pick up a welcome leaflet from All Saints' Chilton or St Matthew's Harwell for this information.

We also put information, and sometimes photos of our events on our facebook page: facebook.com/HCChurches



100 MILE CYCLE RIDE

Calling all keen cyclists: would you like a guaranteed place in Prudential Ride London-Surrey 100 on **Sunday 29th July**? Harwell based charity the Pelvic Partnership have charity places available. Commit to raising £500 for the Pelvic Partnership and help women with pregnancy-related Pelvic Girdle Pain (PGP) get the right treatment and get back on their feet. Deadline for applications: 24th May. For more information visit: www.pelvicpartnership.org.uk, email atcontact@pelvicpartnership.org.uk or call Lucy Ryan on 07739 563689.



EASTER STORY TRAIL

Well done to the 30 people who entered our prize draw after completing our Easter Trail in Harwell and Chilton. We hope that you enjoyed reading through the Easter Story.

Thank you to everyone who donated chocolate eggs - it was fabulous to give everyone who entered a chocolate treat on Easter Day.

If you missed it this year keep an eye out over the Easter holidays in 2019. We publicise our events on our website HCChurches.org/news and through [facebook.com/HCChurches](https://www.facebook.com/HCChurches)



Posters by Kate Evans

PLANT & BOOK SALE

All Saints' Chilton Women's Group

Grand Book and Plant Sale and Coffee Morning



on

Saturday 12th May
10am to 12pm

at

Chilton Village Hall



All Saints' Women's Group will be raising money for Christian Aid on **Saturday 12th May** at our Plant Sale and Coffee Morning.

There will be yummy home-made cakes and tarts and other home produce, as well as a huge selection of good condition books for children and adults.

Come and enjoy a cup of coffee and a homemade biscuit and meet up with your friends and neighbours. We, All Saints' Women's Group, would welcome donations of any plants and offers of help. We will have a wide variety of plants, annuals, herbaceous plants, vegetable seedlings, small shrubs and herbs for sale. Once again we are delighted that the Gardening Club from Chilton School will be joining us and selling plants to raise funds for their club.

We will be joined by Manshed, The Old Farm Shop, Pauline and Alex as well as our brilliant White Elephant Stall packed full of interesting objects and toys. Entry is free for all.

Contact Judy Goodall on 834503.



Photo by Frank Dumbleton

FROM THE REGISTERS

Weddings

"Those God has joined together"
Robert Corderoy & Hannah Clifton

Funerals

"He who believes in Me will live"
Beatrice (Bea) King
Val Bosley
Diana Bevan
Francis Corderoy
William Lister
Ronald Haley

Baptisms

"Welcome into the Lord's Family"
Griff Thomas-Snell
Ezra Somarakis

PENTECOST PRAISE



Join us at St Matthew's Harwell for a Pentecost Praise service at 6pm on **Sunday 20th May**.

CHARITY MARKET STALL

**AGAINST**
breast cancer

Thank you to everyone who supported the Charity Market Stall on a beautiful sunny morning on **Saturday 14th April**. We raised the great total of £450 for Against Breast Cancer. Judy Goodall

HARWELL FEAST & CHILTON FAMILY DAY

St Matthew's and All Saints' Churches will be hosting a stall at the Harwell Feast (**Monday 28th May**, 11-5) and at Chilton Family Fun Day (**Saturday 9th June** 12-5). This will include

planting sunflowers, a craft, a display of the groups at church and a prayer tree. The idea is that we showcase the wonderful things we do in our churches and be a fun and welcoming presence at these village events. We would love volunteers to support us with this. If you would be interested in helping, please contact me at SB.HCChurches@gmail.com.



Photo by Jonathan Wood

ALL SAINTS' WOMEN'S GROUP



Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 8th May** at 7:45pm at All Saints' Church. This is our planning meeting for the year so please come full of

ideas of speakers, interesting topics and places to visit. Visitors are always welcome.

A reminder that our outing in June is a week earlier than normal on **Tuesday 5th June**. It is an afternoon trip to Banbury to Infantilia, an amazing collection of antique nursery equipment.

BELLS AND BELLRINGING

Bells have been rung in our churches for hundreds of years. The earliest bell in Chilton was cast in Wokingham in the 14th century, there were several additions and restorations over the years. The bells were rehung in 1892 and a band formed which by 1894 had joined the local Branch of the Guild of bell ringers who taught them how to ring.

Often several members of the same family would join the band, including those of Silver, Woodley and Wetherall in Chilton.

Several of these fought and died in the First World War. William Anthony Silver had married Eliza Jane Wetherall in 1914, he died in France in 1919, he is remembered on his wife's gravestone, the nearest one on the left hand south side of All Saints' Church and on some of the church plate, together with his brother-in-law William Henry Wetherall killed in Belgium in 1917, who is remembered on the next gravestone, that of his father Ambrose. Archie Reginald Silver, younger brother of William, was killed in France in 1917; his name is recorded in the Roll of Honour Book for bellringers, created in 1924 to remember ringers who died during World War I.

Afterwards the ringing continued until World War II, when all ringing was stopped, unless there was an invasion when the bells were to be rung to tell the residents of the invasion. After the war, Bill Corduroy of Harwell came to Chilton to train a band of young ringers.

Unfortunately, the Chilton ringing had to stop in 1960 because the church architect had declared the tower to be unsafe. Fortunately the bells were restored to

celebrate the Millennium, with a reinforced tower and a new metal frame designed for the bells to ring in ways which cause less stress on the tower.

Ringling is a social activity, each ringer pulls the rope for one bell. They ring one after the other to make a pleasant tune. All you have to do is pull the rope down straight, but this takes a little time to learn. Like riding a bicycle, the first time it seems to be impossible but

soon it becomes much easier, because the swinging bell does most of the work. Our Branch has a training Officer who arranges ringing sessions for beginners, where experienced ringers ring most of the bells so it is easy to notice when you are not ringing in the right place. Apply to: Susan Read, Training Officer, Old North Berks Branch, Oxford Diocesan Guild, 01235 529779.

On 11 November 2018 we plan to ring all the bells in the country before the church services in memory of those killed in World War I; please join us and start learning now so that you will be ready to ring easily with us then. Oxfordshire has an additional plan to ring all bells in the county at 7.05pm, in a 'Churches for Peace' project so that we can all live peacefully together in future.



Chilton ringers with some friends from Harwell and Blewbury who rang for a special practice in memory of Alec Samler in Sept 2015. Front row: left to right: Carina Lobley, Elizabeth Gill (Harwell). Back row: left to right: Ricard Loyd (Blewbury), Kate Crennell, David Crennell, Gillian Loyd (Blewbury)

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