

RIDGEWAY BROADSHEET

June 2018



We have a great range of engaging toys, a creative craft each week and a healthy snack we share together. We have a story and song time which introduces classic Bible stories and God's love for us, as well as singing traditional nursery rhymes. For you we provide cups of tea and coffee, biscuits and a chat with other local parents. Free entry, donations welcome.

On Wednesday 6th June we are holding a soft play session, why not come and join us at Chilton Field Community Centre 9.15-11.30am?

For more information email Melanie or Sarah
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PEBBLES FAMILY SERVICES

Pebbles Family Service is a new relaxed, family friendly service held in Chilton Village Hall every other month. It doesn't look like "traditional church". Adults and children of all ages sit together around tables. We sing contemporary, upbeat songs and have craft activities related to the days theme. We pray and consider something from the Bible, and how it's relevant to us today. We don't mind a bit of noise, chatter and wandering around! It's all very relaxed!

At our first service in February we thought about "The Lord's Prayer", what it means and how it's relevant to us today. We then had 'Kites and Coffee'.



In April we thought about how we can know Jesus is with us in our everyday life.

We always finish the service by having coffee and delicious homemade cake with the rest of the congregation from All Saints', who have a more traditional service taking place at the same time in the church.

Our next Pebbles Family Service is on June 10th at Chilton Village Hall. We're going to start at 9.00am with coffee, croissants and pastries, with the service starting at 9.30am. **We'd love to see you there!!**



CHILTON FAMILY DAY

Harwell & Chilton Churches will be at Chilton Family Fun Day on Saturday 9th June. Come along to decorate a pot and plant a sunflower with us.



RECTOR'S LETTER

"The comment was met with a stony silence"
"It dropped to the ground stone dead".
Nothing could be more lifeless than a stone.
It is their inert, lifeless nature that makes them permanent and useful for a range of purposes.

Stones are formed in the ground, often over extremely long periods of time, through the geological processes of accumulation, pressure and heat, and come in a huge variety of shapes, sizes, and properties, from the rather plain to the stunningly beautiful.

Stones are a basic building material, and have long been used to create landmarks and memorials.

In June every year, locally we gather around a stone that marks the departure point to remember servicemen who were amongst the first to land on D-Day (see item on page 4). The stability and permanence of a stone gives a very physical, present-day rallying point for significant, historical events and for individuals. And as well as pointing back, they can serve as a signpost into the future – "we will remember them" – and a commitment to live or journey a certain way in the future, as people did in bygone days with the aid of milestones that both mark progress and provide guidance towards a destination.

The Bible describes stones and rocks being used in many different ways, including as memorials and altars, where significant events and God himself are brought to mind; an ancient, tangible object bringing to mind in the present things that otherwise remain intangible.

Jacob, later named Israel, was the builder of one such memorial (at Bethel), and – recognising the unchanging, enduring nature of God – gave him the name 'Rock', or 'stone of Israel'. But Jacob's other names for God – Shepherd, Mighty One, etc. – make it clear that for him, God is far from lifeless.

Jesus, too, is described in the Bible as a stone – a living stone, a chosen and precious foundational cornerstone. He is the basis of a building made up of many other 'living stones' – the description of those who trust in Jesus and become part of that spiritual building.

It is written about by St Peter, one of Jesus' closest friends, formerly called Simon but given

by Jesus the name that means 'rock' (the Greek word for 'rock' is where we get our word 'petrol'). Peter realised that this name did not apply just to himself, but that all Christian believers who become living stones – stones of different shapes and sizes (as

acknowledged in the name for the 'Pebbles' children's group at All Saints' – see item on page 2). All have a place and role in the magnificent building that is built for the glory of God.

Come to Christ, who is the living Foundation of Rock upon which God builds; though men have spurned him, he is very precious to God who has chosen him above all others.

And now you have become living building-stones for God's use in building his house. What's more, you are his holy priests; so come to him – you who are acceptable to him because of Jesus Christ – and offer to God those things that please him. As the Scriptures express it, "See, I am sending Christ to be the carefully chosen, precious Cornerstone of my church, and I will never disappoint those who trust in him."

1 Peter 2:4-6 (The Living Bible)



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PRAYER SPACES

We enjoyed Prayer Spaces in our churches in May to pray for Thy Kingdom Come (see thykingdomcome.org). We had five prayer stations - Praying our most heartfelt prayers; Shining God's light on our dark places; Praying for Five Others to know Jesus; Praying for our Community; Praying for the World.



This was our "Wailing Wall" where we could pin up our own prayers and then read through and pray for the other things on the wall.

We used some special pens to write things that we repeatedly struggle with on a black post-it note which quickly disappeared. We then shone a UV torch onto the paper to symbolise God's light illuminating our words.



We made bracelets with 5 knots to help us to remember to pray for five friends, and wrote their names on a card as another reminder to pray for them.



To aid our prayers for our local area, we blew feathers over a map to represent God's Spirit covering our communities.

To help us pray for our world we looked through newspapers and magazines to choose an article to pray for. We could then cut it out to take home and pray for through the coming weeks.



Photos by Jonathan Wood & Melanie Shields

OTHER EVENTS IN JUNE

4th June 7.30pm	CAP Money Course, St Matthew's Church Lounge
5th June 7.30pm	Combined PCC Meeting, St Matthew's Church
6th June 8.30pm	Night Prayer, All Saints' Church
8th June 9.15am	CAP Prayer meeting, St Matthew's Church Lounge
9th June 5.30pm	Service at the Harwell Stone, Chilton
11th June 7.30pm	CAP Money Course, St Matthew's Church Lounge
12th June 7.45pm	All Saints' Women's Group, All Saints'
19th-22nd June	Reflective Space at Harwell School
21st June 2.30pm	Generation Gold Service & Evergreens, St Matthew's Harwell
22nd June 9.15am	CAP Prayer Meeting, St Matthew's Church Lounge
25th June 7.30pm	CAP Money Course, St Matthew's Church Lounge
30th June 12noon	Harwell Flower Show, St Matthew's Church
30th June 10.00am	All Saints' Art Group, 4 Latton Close

Services at All Saints' Chilton

3rd June	9.30am Morning Worship
10th June	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP) and commissioning handrail 9.30am Pebbles Family Service (<i>at Chilton Village Hall</i>)
17th June	9.30am Holy Communion
24th June	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship

Services at St Matthew's Harwell

3rd June	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Morning Worship 6.15pm Evening Prayer
10th June	11.00am Morning Worship and commissioning new chairs
17th June	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Holy Communion 6.15pm Evening Prayer (BCP)
24th June	11.00am Morning Worship 6.15pm Holy Communion

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



CHILTON MARKET STALL & CRYPTIC QUIZ SHEETS

The next Chilton Village Market will be on Saturday 9th June on Crafts End Green between 9am and 12noon. Money raised will be for The Porch who provide support for homeless and vulnerably housed individuals. In addition to our Home Produce stall and White Elephant, there will be a stall selling delicious jams, chutneys and marmalades.

The winner of the cryptic quiz was Barry Sadler from Harwell. £167.40 was raised for Christian Aid.

Any queries please ring Judy on 834503.

WALKING GROUP

Our Walking Group are meeting on Sunday 10th June at 2.30pm at Harwell Recreation Ground carpark. The walk will be 4-5.5 miles with a shorter option available (2hrs).

We'll take a circular gentle route on paths and tracks to East Hendred and back again.

Wear walking boots if wet, otherwise trainers/good shoes acceptable. Bring plenty of water and don't forget a rain coat if needed.

We are meeting bimonthly on Sunday afternoons; 12th August, 14th October, 9th December. All very welcome to join us, including well behaved dogs. See <http://HCChurches.org/walking>



HARWELL STONE SERVICE

The D Day Service at the RAF Harwell Memorial Stone

On the Saturday nearest to the anniversary of D-Day, an annual parade and service is held at the RAF Harwell Memorial Stone at the Harwell Campus. The stone marks the departure point for Servicemen who were amongst the first to land on D-Day. This is organised by the Royal British Legion (Harwell Branch) and supported by the Harwell Campus management.

This year's Service will take place on Saturday 9th June at 5.30pm. Legion Standards, Service Standards and Cadet Forces will be present and assembling at 5.00pm following the Harwell Campus and Chilton Village Family Fun Day.

For those wanting to know more details of the Parade or Service or wishing to organize a wreath to lay during the Service can contact the Harwell Branch Ceremonial Officer Peter Davies on Harwell.committee1@RBL.community

CHRISTIAN AID GRAND PLANT SALE

All Saints' Women's Group thanks everyone who supported this Annual Event. We were delighted to raise £1390.62 for Christian Aid.



FLOWER FESTIVAL

Harwell Gardeners Club are organising a flower festival in St Matthew's Church on Saturday 30th June. The theme of the festival is, 'My favourite book'. If you are interested in participating please contact janette.roberts@sky.com, 01235 861409.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

"He who believes in Me will live"

Michael Morrow

Mary Perry

Nicola Barclay-Watt

Ken Messer

Baptisms

"Welcome into the Lord's Family"

Hamish Robertson

Jack Mortimer

April & Dylan Collins

CAP MONEY COURSE

You don't have to have money worries to get something out of a CAP Money Course...



and we're holding one

in St Matthew's starting on Monday 4 June at 7.30pm.

Learn nifty ways to approach your finances to budget, save and spend. The three-week course is free, friendly and entirely confidential - there's no need to share anything unless you'd like to. Sessions follow on 11th and 25th June.



budget. save. spend.

Contact Vicky in the office to book. And please spread the word

to anyone you think could benefit. If you can't make these dates please be in touch and we'll arrange a more convenient time.

HARWELL GARDENERS CLUB

June 4th, Garden Visit to Denton House.
2nd July Garden Visit to Boars Hill. Email Janice at jvmarkey@googlemail.com.

CHURCH COUNCILS

At the Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM), Alex Reich & Yvonne Sanderson (Chilton), and Rebecca Lewis & Tim Paget (Harwell) were elected to serve as Churchwardens.

Elections were also held for Parochial Church Council (PCC) members, and following the APCMs and the first meetings of the PCCs, the members of the Church Councils for Harwell and Chilton in addition to Jonathan Mobey, Pam Rolls, Jan Radford and the Churchwardens, are as follows:

Harwell PCC: Jean Barton, Lizi Bowerman, Martin Gibson, Tony Hughes, Andrew Keene, Michelle Walker, Eliza Wheaton, Christina Wood, Jane Woolley. Deanery Synod reps: Gordon Gill, Sid Gale.

Chilton PCC: Phil Corbishley, Stuart Gibson, Hazel Benton, Carina Lobley, Liz Morris, Carol Pigott, John Pigott.

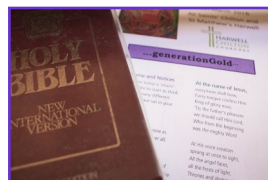
PCC members meet 9 times during the year to discuss issues relating to the running of our churches. Do speak to PCC members, or Churchwardens if you would like something to be discussed.

EVERGREENS & GENERATION GOLD

On June 21st Harwell Evergreens will join the Generation Gold service at

St Matthew's Church at 2.30pm. The service will be followed by delicious home made cakes and biscuits.

Contact Pam Rolls for more information or to arrange a lift to the service.



INTERVIEW WITH REBECCA LEWIS

Rebecca Lewis and her family moved to Harwell at the beginning of half term last October. After an exhausting day, she and her husband felt so blessed to have a home cooked meal delivered by a kind friend from Harwell church. The following day was Rebecca's birthday, so the family celebrated with a birthday breakfast of croissants and coffee amidst a lot of boxes!

Rebecca grew up in the nearby village of Stanford-in-the-Vale, where she went to St Denys' church with her family. Rebecca has loved Jesus since she was very little, but as she grew up she learnt the importance of making her own commitment to God, which she was happy to do. Since then, her Christian faith has always been the most important part of her life.

After finishing school at King Alfred's in Wantage, Rebecca went up to Liverpool University to study physics and philosophy. Soon afterwards she met Andy, and after graduation the couple got married and moved to Hackney to start the next phase of their lives together. Whilst in London, Rebecca did a PGCE and got her first job as a teacher.

After Andy and Rebecca had their first child, they decided to move to Didcot, where they lived for fifteen years and had three more children. Since having the children, Rebecca has mostly been a stay at home Mum. When she has some free time, she loves reading, gardening, spending time with friends, camping holidays and going for long walks. The "Narnia" series by C.S. Lewis was one Rebecca read many times as a child, and she has particularly enjoyed sharing these stories with her children. Most recently, Rebecca and her youngest child, Teddy, read "Prince Caspian" together. Rebecca is often struck by how applicable the children's adventures with Aslan seem to her own life!



Having previously worshipped at St Aldates since moving to Didcot in 2002, Rebecca and her daughter started coming to St Matthew's church in Harwell in July 2015. Before too long, the boys and Andy joined them and the family now feel well settled into the church family. Rebecca particularly enjoys being part

of a home group, which is a great way of deepening connections with others at church. Home groups meet together to read the bible, pray, encourage each other and drink coffee (or tea!). While talking about the home group Rebecca thought about Psalm 68:6, which says "God sets the lonely in families". Being part of a home

group means that you get to know a few other people in church really well and can offer love and support to each other.

Rebecca joined St Matthew's PCC (Parochial Church Council) last year, and was asked about becoming a Church Warden when Christiana Wood decided to step down from the role at the end of her third year in the role. Christina has done an amazing job as Church Warden, so Rebecca realises that there is a lot to learn and has got started by shadowing Christina.

Rebecca leads Kids Church occasionally during the Sunday morning service, and her youngest attends Kids Church each week. She has also been a Den Leader at the Holiday Club, and will be there again this year. Her older children attend Pathfinders when they meet during the service every other week, and Youth Fellowship (YF) which meets on a Sunday evening at the Church Hall. The children all have a fabulous time at these activities!

Church Wardens are a point of contact for people with questions about the parish church. For contact details of our Church Wardens (2 in each church) please contact the Church Office or see HCChurches.org.

Please submit notices to Vicky via the website, by email or by phone.
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