# 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 1ST JULY

# 5th Sunday after Trinity

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

9:30am All Age Service at All Saints'

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

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 8TH JULY

# 6th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion (BCP) at All Saints' 8:00am Morning Worship at All Saints' 9:30am 11:00am Morning Worship 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

#### PCC MTG

Please pray for our PCC members as they meet on Tuesday evening.

# **GENESIS 12:1-7**

The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land. "So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

#### SCIENCE & RELIGION



"Male and Female He Created Them": Science, Faith & Questions of Sexuality and Gender

A talk by Professor Chris Cook, Director of Project for Spirituality, Theology & Health, Durham University will talk about Science, Faith & Questions of Sexuality and Gender on 25th July 7.30pm at Dorchester Abbey.

#### PRAYER CHAIN



We send out items to our prayer supporters as and when requests come into the office. If you would like to be added to the prayer chain please email Vicky in the Church Office who can add you to the list.

# ENVIRONMENT GROUP

The environment group meet once a month to discuss practical actions that we can do to protect and sustain God's wonderful creation.
We live in a beautiful area and there are plenty of



opportunities to look after his world and be part of our communities in Harwell and Chilton.

We are always looking for new members, our meetings are very relaxed; people are welcome to come to just a few or all of the meetings, as fits with your schedule. If you are interested email Helen at helen@mangava.org or 07854 083424

# GENERATION GOLD & HARWELL EVERGREENS

It was wonderful to welcome a congregation of more than 50 people from Harwell and Chilton for our latest Generation Gold service combined with the Evergreens' Annual Service. This was held at St Matthew's Church on Thursday 21 June. Our theme was 'curtains' and we thought about the elaborate curtain which was created to screen off the 'Holy of holies' in the tabernacle in the desert, and later in the temple, and which represented a barrier between God and his people. That barrier was torn in two when Jesus died on the cross in place of us and enabled a new relationship between God and those who trust in him through Jesus. The 'reverse offering' was of a little cross and a card featuring the words "Jesus said 'Father into your hands I commit my spirit' (Luke 23: 46)".

We thoroughly enjoyed a lavish and delicious spread of scones, cake and cups of tea.

Our next Generation Gold service will take place on Monday 10 September at

2.30pm at All Saints' Chilton but, in between we are going to have some fun time together on Monday 6 August at Chilton Village Hall when we are going to remember days at the beach. To find out more or book a place on this day (which is free of charge) please contact Pam Rolls (834475, pamrolls@tiscali.co.uk).

#### REFLECTIVE SPACES

We had a great few days last week at Harwell Primary School hosting a Reflective Spaces tent. The focus was on the school values of Responsibility, Respect, Resourcefulness and Resilience. The children were able to reflect or pray on each of these values by writing,



drawing or making a response out of play dough! The children showed great respect toward each other and we had some really interesting conversations about their values. Thank you to the children and staff for a positive response, to the volunteers who gave their time and to Mary and Catherine from BeSpace for organising the event.

# SUMMER EVENTS

Mark Bodeker, Minister for Great Western Park, has arranged a programme of family events over the summer holidays. Please contact Mark if you are able to help with them: markbodeker@gwpchurch. org.uk

Churches Together in Didcot are running a prayer space at the Town Fayre on Saturday 4th August. If you can help please email Malcom Edge mk.edge@gmail.com. There will be a meeting on 25th July for all those interested in helping.



# STAFF TEAM

Please pray for our staff team, particularly as they meet each Tuesday lunchtime as they meet together to review the past week and look ahead to coming events.

Please also pray that God would refresh and renew us on our days off. Jonathan & Vicky usually take Wednesdays off and Pam, Sarah & Melanie usually take Fridays off.

# 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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# PRAYER FOCUS

'...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 Thorningdown in Chilton, and in Barrow Lane in Harwell
- For Didcot & Wallingford Area CAP Debt Centre
- Holiday Club! For all the planning and for all those who will be attending and helping
- All those attending Alpha on Monday evenings and for the Holy Spirit Away Day on 7th July
- All those attending the CAP Money Course on Monday evenings at St Matthew's
- YF as they follow the Youth Alpha course

# Collect for 5th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour 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