

# 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 8TH JULY

### 6th Sunday after Trinity

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at All Saints'

9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints'

11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's

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

## SUNDAY 15TH JULY

### 7th Sunday after Trinity

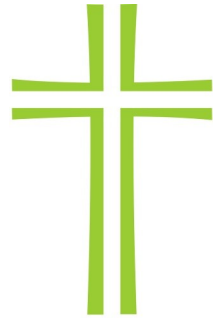
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6:15pm Evening Prayer (BCP) at St Matthew's

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If you would like to  
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about any matter, please  
contact Jonathan directly,  
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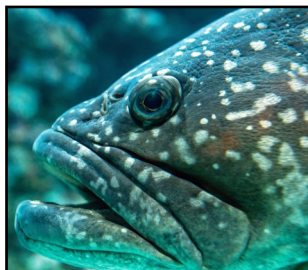
St Matthew's Harwell  
with All Saints' Chilton

## HOLIDAY CLUB

There is a Holiday Club meeting on Saturday 21st July (not 14th July)

## MATTHEW 12 : 39 - 40

He (Jesus) answered, "A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth".



## 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 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 [helen@mangava.org](mailto:helen@mangava.org) or 07854 083424

## ST MATTHEW'S HEATING

The PCC has recently re-considered options for improving the heating in St. Matthew's. The economic case for changing to a gas or electric central heating system with radiators around the walls has weakened since the last assessment in July 2016, mainly because of the increased capital cost of the electric system that we favoured two years ago. The estimates of likely running costs have also increased, especially if the church is to be used more than it is now.



The PCC has therefore decided to continue to use the existing radiant heating system for the time being, but to replace some of the older

(occasionally failing) heaters with new ones that should be more efficient. Over the next two years the PCC will also consult on the case for a new central heating system and keep the economic costs under review. The price of electricity and gas, as everyone knows, can be unpredictable, and in the case of electricity the 'greening' of the electrical supply system may shift costs and environmental issues. Some work will also be done over this period to see what limited prospects there might be to reduce the heat losses from the large volume of air in the building and hence improve the effectiveness of any heating system.

If this all results in a clearer case for a new heating system then funding will need to be raised to add to what can be available from the PCC's designated reserves. The capital cost of a central heating system would almost certainly now be over £50,000.

If you have any questions please ask any member of the PCC's heating working group: Scott Cockburn, Hazel Connolly, Martin Gibson, Tony Hughes and David Pyke.

## SCIENCE & RELIGION

Science & Religion Lecture. 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.

## 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.

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](mailto:pamrolls@tiscali.co.uk).



## PYRAMID ROCK



We want to say a huge "Thank you" to everyone who volunteered their help at last Sunday's service. Whether you're

praying, baking, cleaning, preparing or something else we do so appreciate your support and help with Holiday Club 2018.

For Holiday Club this year we want to transform Harwell School hall into Ancient Egypt. We'd love to have some sphinxes, sarcophagi, obelisks, palm trees...

We're planning to make these from very large pieces of cardboard and/or thin plywood sheets (the kind that large pieces of furniture often come packed in) at our **Holiday Club planning, prep and make day on 21st July**. If you have anything that we could use, please get in touch and we can arrange to collect it from you.

If you have anything else on the Egyptian theme we could use to "dress" the hall (or ourselves!) please also get in touch.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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>

## 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 Townsend in Chilton, and in Barrow Park in Harwell
- For Didcot & Wallingford Area CAP Debt Centre
- Holiday Club! For the team as they plan the teaching element and for all those who will be attending and helping.
- All those attending Alpha on Monday evenings and for those who attended the Holy Spirit Away Day on 7th July
- YF as they follow the Youth Alpha course
- Local Doctors, Nurses and Health visitors as we celebrate 70 years of the NHS
- Those in hospital; surround the frightened with your tenderness; give strength to those in pain; hold the weak in your arms of love, and give hope and patience to those who are recovering

### **Collect for 6th Sunday after Trinity**

*Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding; pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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>

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