

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://HCCchurches.org>

SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER

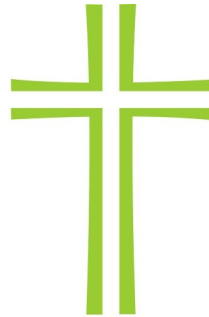
1st Sunday of Advent

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's
9:30am All Age 'Toy' Service at All Saints'
11:00am All Age 'Toy' 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 9TH DECEMBER

2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at All Saints'
9:00am Pebbles Family Service at Chilton Village Hall
9:30am Morning Worship/BCP 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



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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

BELL-RINGING

While Harwell Tower is being repaired, Harwell Ringers will bring their learners to All Saints' Chilton 7 - 8.30pm on Thursday evenings.

ALL AGE SERVICES

You can pick up a leaflet today listing all our All Age services from December - April.

You may also be interested in our monthly Informal Family Services at Chilton Village Hall on the Second Sunday of each month starting at 9am with pastries and drinks.

Unless we've got an All Age service in the morning, we have children's groups in Chilton alongside our 9.30am services and in Harwell alongside our 11am services.

All our services and activities can be found on our website: HCChurches.org

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CHRISTMAS EVENTS

It's not too late to join our living advent doors. Each evening you are invited to knock on a door in Harwell or Chilton (Whichever village you sign up for) and hear the next part of the Christmas story while collecting a sweet and a sticker. See

HCChurches.org/advent for more info.



Join us on Sunday 16th December at St Matthew's Harwell for our Carol Services. 4pm Family Friendly and 6.30pm for a more traditional carol service followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

These services will run at the same time in All Saints' Chilton on the following Sunday, 23rd December.

CAP MONEY COURSE

Christmas is lovely, but it's easy to spend money you don't have.

If you know anyone who'd like to get their spending back on track in 2019, please tell them about the next CAP Money course taking place in St Matthew's lounge on Saturday mornings, 12 and 19 January and 2 February. As usual, it's all free including hot bacon rolls at half-time. To find out more or book, contact Vicky our Parish Administrator: 01235 834256 or vj.HCChurches@gmail.com.



If you need help with debt, contact the Didcot Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre for free advice. See www.capuk.org or ring 0800 328 0006

ST MATTHEW'S TOWER

This year you may have noticed that the tower is embraced by scaffolding. This is because just under a year ago it was noticed that some of the rendering on the west wall (the one with the clock) was beginning to detach, so it needed investigation and repair. It has taken quite a long time to organize and get approval for this work, and now that it is underway removal of the rendering has exposed the need for more repairs to the underlying stonework than we could have anticipated. Until this is done bell ringing has been curtailed as a precaution against further damage. The tower is not only the tallest landmark in Harwell, but also one of the oldest, having been built almost 800 years ago. So it is not surprising that it needs some occasional 'TLC'.

This though is expensive and the extra work will not only take longer than we hoped, but also cost more than the £14,500 we were expecting. Every year villagers have been invited to put £2 coins in the church wall safe if they enjoy the Christmas lights, to help pay for the cost. If you can add something towards the cost of the repairs this year that would be a great help. Any donation, large or small would be much appreciated, either put in the wall safe inside the church or, if you need more information, contact the church office on 01235 834256, or the church bookkeeper Nick Clarke on 01235 820760.

CAROL SINGING

Join a group singing carols around Chilton village on Monday 17th December. Meet at 6.30pm at the Lynch Gate, All Saints' Chilton.

St Matthew's Harwell will be carol singing at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell on Tuesday 18th December from 7pm. All very welcome.

Friday 21st December at 8pm come along and join All Saints' choir as they lead carols at the Rose and Crown.



CUSHIONS

We have received a kind donation of four new cushions in St Matthew's for the use of anyone who has difficulty sitting on a wooden chair. Please speak to a sidesperson if this applies to you and they will be happy to help.

Many thanks to those who've planned, arranged, tested and sewn Velcro on to the cushions for us!

GENERATION GOLD

Our next Generation Gold service is on Monday **3rd December** at 2.30pm at St Matthew's Harwell. As we prepare for Christmas our theme will be 'Angels' and we would be delighted if you could join us. The service will be followed by light refreshments and an opportunity to socialise with friends old and new. For more information please contact Pam Rolls (pamrolls@tiscali.co.uk)

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LUKE

We are following the gospel of Luke during our morning services through Advent - Easter and we'll be encouraging everyone to read a chapter of Luke a week during this time. More info to follow.....

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>

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 Potteries Lane in Chilton, and in Manor Green in Harwell
- For Didcot & Wallingford Area CAP Debt Centre
- Those in our choirs preparing for the Carol Services
- Local Doctors, Nurses & Health visitors
- Those who are homeless and cold especially in this bitter weather. Draw near and comfort them in spirit and bless those who work to provide them with shelter, food and friendship

Collect for the 1st Sunday in Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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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