

# 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 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 Prayer 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

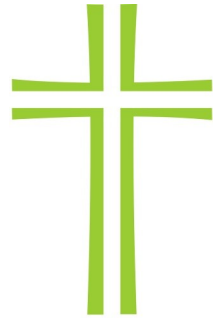
## SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER

### 3rd Sunday of Advent

- 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's
- 9:30am Holy Communion at All Saints'
- 11:00am Holy Communion at St Matthew's

Bring and Share lunch at St Matthew's after the 11am service to say farewell to the Wood family.

- 4.00pm Family Carols by candlelight at St Matthew's
- 6:30pm Nine Lessons & Carols at St Matthew's followed by mince pies & mulled wine
- Youth Fellowship party at St Matthew's Church Hall  
7.45pm - 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

## 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.....

## 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.

All our services and activities can be found on our website: [HCChurches.org](http://HCChurches.org)

## THANK YOU

Jeremy and Jude would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

## CAROL SERVICES

Join us on Sunday 16th December at St Matthew's Harwell for our Candlelight 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.



## CAROL SINGING

### Carols in Chilton

The carol singers will be touring around the old village of Chilton on Monday 17 December starting at 6.30pm at the Church lychgate. We usually aim to finish at about 8pm. We welcome all ages and you can either sing or collect door-to-door for 'Save the Children'.

For many years we have ended our evenings with hot soup and mince pies and have been hosted by a couple who have generously welcomed us into their home. After more than 35 years, 'retirement' has now beckoned, and it would be really lovely if someone could invite us to conclude our evening in their home for about an hour. We are very willing to contribute hot soup and mince pies if that would be helpful.

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



### Carols in Harwell

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

## 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. For a time bell ringing had to be 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.

## CAP MONEY COURSE

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](mailto: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](http://www.capuk.org) or ring 0800 328 0006

## 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!

## LUNCH

On Sunday 16th December, we are planning a bring and share lunch event after the 11am service. All are very welcome. Please do stay and join in.

This will be the last Sunday for Christina, Jonathan, Catherine and Emma Wood, before they move to Australia.

Please bring along some sweet or savoury finger food to share. If you have any questions, or if you would like to let Anne Cockburn know what you are bringing, please get in touch on 834060 or [Anne.Cockburn1@gmail.com](mailto:Anne.Cockburn1@gmail.com). Thank you!



## 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 Seven Road in Chilton, and in Newbury Road 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 2nd Sunday in Advent*

*O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, 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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