

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.

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
12:00pm Bring & Share lunch at St Matthew's
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

SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER

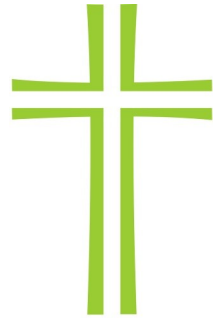
4th Sunday of Advent

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at All Saints'
9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints'
11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's
4:00pm Family Carols by Candlelight at All Saints'
6.30pm Nine Lessons & Carols at All Saints'
No Youth Fellowship until January

25TH DECEMBER

Christmas Day

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at All Saints'
8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's
9:30am All Age Worship at All Saints'
11:00am All Age Worship at St Matthew's
12:00pm Holy Communion at St Matthew's



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If you would like to
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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. Pick up a programme of readings today.

To help get into the gospel of Luke you might enjoy watching the Luke series of videos from The Bible Project.

See: HCCchurches.org/news



FOLLOW THE STAR

You can pick up one of the #Followthestar booklets today. These are designed to be read each day from Christmas Eve to 6th January. You can also sign up for daily emails at www.churchofengland.org/followthestar.

Maybe you have a friend or neighbour who might appreciate a copy. If so, please feel free to take one and pass it on.



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 aim to finish at about 8pm with hot drinks and mince pies. We welcome all ages and you can either sing or collect door-to-door for 'Save the Children'.

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



For further information, please contact Pam Rolls on 834475 or pamrolls@tiscali.co.uk Thank you.

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.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED



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This free, eight week course exploring the Christian faith begins on Thursday 10th January, will be held in St Matthew's Church meeting room, and includes free coffee, desert and cheese! Contact vj.hcchurches.org for more info.

ST MATTHEW'S TOWER



You may have noticed that the tower has been embraced by scaffolding. This is because about 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 took quite a long time to organize and get approval for this work, and once it was underway removal of the rendering exposed the need for more repairs to the

underlying stonework than we could have anticipated. Until this was done bell ringing was curtailed as a precaution against further damage. The tower was built almost 800 years ago, so it is not surprising that it needs occasional 'TLC'. The weather has now become unsuitable for completing the rendering, so the scaffolding has been taken down and will go up again in the spring for the work to be completed.

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.

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

RADIO OXFORD

Recently Pam Rolls was interviewed by Hedley Feast from BBC Radio Oxford about Advent and Christmas in Chilton. If you'd like to listen to the interview it will be broadcast on Sunday 23 December just after 6am and just after 6.30am. You can find Radio Oxford on 95.2 FM/Digital".



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.



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 Severn Road in Chilton, and in Newbury Road in Harwell
- For Didcot & Wallingford Area CAP Debt Centre
- 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
- For those who find Christmas a difficult time
- For our Queen & Government

Lord, the God of righteousness and truth, grant to our Queen and her government, to Members of Parliament and all in positions of responsibility, the guidance of your Spirit. May they never lead the nation wrongly through love of power, desire to please, or unworthy ideals but laying aside all private interests and prejudices keep in mind their responsibility to seek to improve the condition of all mankind; so may your kingdom come and your name be hallowed Amen.

Collect for the 3rd Sunday in Advent

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father 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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