

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 6TH JANUARY

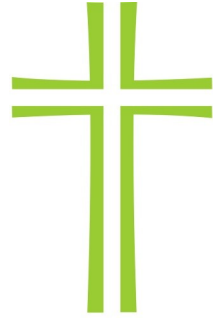
2nd Sunday of Christmas

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
No Youth Fellowship until 13th January

SUNDAY 13TH JANUARY

3rd Sunday of Christmas

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at All Saints'
9.00am Pebbles Family Service at Chilton Village Hall
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



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If you would like to
talk with the Rector
about any matter, please
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St Matthew's Harwell
with All Saints' Chilton

THANK YOU S

Thank you to all who supported the carol singing in the Rose and Crown and around Chilton in December. We raised a total of £137.08 for Save the Children Fund. With best wishes for the New Year. Rev Pam Rolls.



Jonathan, Dawn and family would like to thank everyone who kindly gave them Christmas cards and gifts; they are much appreciated

FAMILY SERVICE



Pebbles Family Service starts at 9am next Sunday morning at Chilton Village Hall. All very welcome. We start at 9am with croissants and pancakes, have a short, informal service from 9.30am with a craft for children, followed by tea, coffee and cake.

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.

We will be posting a thought for each chapter on Facebook and on our website: www.facebook.com/HCCChurches and www.HCCChurches.org/news

DIDCOT FOODBANK

The Didcot Food Bank are incredibly grateful for all the food that Harwell and Chilton Churches donate to the food bank throughout the year.

They always require more food donations as those needing to use the foodbank continues to grow. Please ensure that everything donated has at least 6 months before it goes out of date to help the foodbank manage stocks.

They especially appreciate tinned meat, tinned vegetables, whole UHT milk, biscuits, packet puddings, treats and sugar to help people around Didcot. The food donation plastic container is left at the back of St Matthew's Church in the vestry every Sunday for donations. Donations can also be left at All Saints' Church. Thank you for your support.
Mel & Margaret Gibson.



FINANCIAL RESOLUTION?

The Parish Giving Scheme is a great new way to organise regular, planned giving to All Saints' or St Matthew's and has the advantage of reducing administration and improving cashflow.

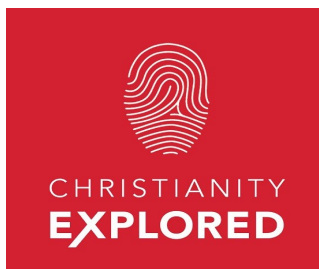
Whether or not you already give regularly, please would you consider registering with PGS to support the work of the church? Leaflets are available at the back of church or see HCChurches.org/news. Thank you.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

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@gmail.com or see www.HCChurches.org/news for more info.



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

MATTHEW 2:1-6, 11-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

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On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

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 The Gallops in Chilton, and in Reading Road in Harwell
- For Didcot & Wallingford Area CAP Debt Centre
- Ourselves that we will be faithful in witness, active in service, and joyful in our praise
- For those considering the Christianity Explored Course - that they would have the opportunity to attend, and that they may learn more of God's love for them through the course
- For our Queen & Government
- For our local school teachers, teaching assistants and head teachers to start term with good health, feeling refreshed and renewed

Collect for the 2nd Sunday of Christmas

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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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