

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 20TH JANUARY

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's

9:30am Holy Communion at All Saints'

11:00am Holy Communion at St Matthew's

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

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

SUNDAY 27TH JANUARY

4th Sunday of Epiphany

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

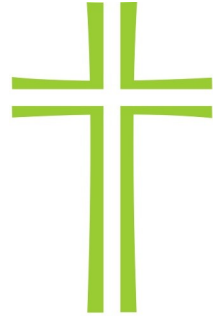
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Don't forget our Christingle services on
Sunday 3rd February
9.30am All Saints' Chilton
and 11am St Matthew's Harwell



**HARWELL
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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

HELP NEEDED

Can you use MS Publisher?
We are looking for a volunteer to lay out the church annual report using MS Publisher during February ready for our annual meeting in March. The text would be provided in a Word file plus there would be a small number of photos to insert. If you can help, or know someone in your family or in the community who might be willing to undertake this task, please speak to Jonathan Mobey or email JM.HCChurches@gmail.com by the end of January.

PUDDINGS

Would you like to provide a pudding for our Christianity Explored course? Please let Vicky know by emailing her VJ.HCChurches@gmail.com

CAP DEBT CENTRE

Next Sunday (27th Jan) we will have a visit from Sue Bright, CAP Debt Centre Manager, to update us on the work of the Centre in our area. Our churches support this valuable work financially and through volunteering, and this will be a good opportunity to find out more
<http://capuk.org>

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 or see HCChurches.org/Luke for a copy.

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

LUKE 5: WELCOME & HEALING FOR OUTCASTS

Considering that Luke was a doctor, it's not surprising that his gospel includes many accounts of miraculous healings at Jesus' hands and some of these appear in chapter 5. Firstly, Jesus healed a man with leprosy – a disease which would have made him an outcast from society as well causing him to live with pain and infection.

Later in the chapter Jesus healed a paralysed man carried by four friends who were so determined to bring their friend to Jesus that they lowered him through the roof of the room where Jesus was teaching and laid him at Jesus' feet. Jesus not only healed the paralysed man but he also forgave him. The religious onlookers were outraged at Jesus forgiving the man – they thought only God could forgive sins. But they hadn't grasped, or didn't want to grasp, who Jesus really was. The Son of God. He still is.

And it's that same Son of God who called people to serve alongside him as apprentices, learning how to spread God's word and grow his Kingdom. These followers weren't smooth-talking educated types but rough fishermen, despised tax collectors and people regarded as of no consequence. Here again Jesus showed compassion for the outcast. They were the people who needed to come to faith and have their lives changed. And those followers went on to turn the world upside down, taking the good news of Jesus across the globe and beginning the early church.



You can read the rest of this message on our website www.HCChurches.org/Luke or pick up a print-out at the back of church.

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.

LEPROSY MISSION

Both our churches have supported The Leprosy Mission for a number of years by giving from funds



The Leprosy Mission

administered by the PCCs, through collecting used postage stamps, through collecting loose change in money phials, and through prayer. The Leprosy Mission is our Mission Focus in January. I am planning to send the money collected in our phials to The Leprosy Mission soon. If you have a phial that is ready to hand in, please pass this onto me.

You can find out more about The Leprosy Mission by visiting its website <https://www.leprosymission.org.uk> or through our website www.HCChurches.org/worldmission

With many thanks for your prayers and support.
Rosemary Rolls

CMS MONEY BOXES

Please return any CMS money boxes that you have to St Matthew's for Georgina Greer to forward through to CMS in Oxford.

**CHURCH
MISSION
SOCIETY**

**The call
in action**

BROADSHEET

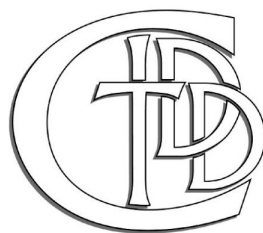
We're looking for a Broadsheet deliverer to deliver 34 copies to The Cleave in Harwell. Please email Vicky if you can help!

Our next edition should be available for delivery next weekend. Thank you to all those who regularly deliver.

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WEEK OF PRAYER

Churches Together in Didcot have a week of prayer for Christian Unity from 18th - 25th January. Please see the noticeboard or the news section of our website for dates and times.



As part of the week, there is a prayer meeting at St Matthew's Harwell on Tuesday 22nd January from 12-12.30pm in the small meeting room.

There is a join service on Sunday 20th January at 6.30pm at Didcot Methodist Church.

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>

St Matthew's Registered Charity Number 1158861



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 Lane in Chilton, and in South Drive 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.
- Those attending the Christianity Explored Course
- For our Queen & Government

The Leprosy Mission Prayer

Almighty Father, the giver of life and health, look mercifully on those who suffer from leprosy. Stretch out your hand to touch and heal them as Jesus did during his earthly life. Grant wisdom and insight to those who are seeking the prevention and cure of the disease; give skill and sympathy to those who minister to the patients; reunite the separated with their families and friends; and inspire your people with the task set before The Leprosy Mission, that it may never lack either the staff or the means to carry on its healing work, in accordance with your will, and to the glory of your holy name. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Collect for the 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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>