

# Welcome

A very warm welcome to you. Whether you are visiting, 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.

## SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER

### 18th Sunday after Trinity

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 OCTOBER

### 19th Sunday after Trinity Bible Sunday

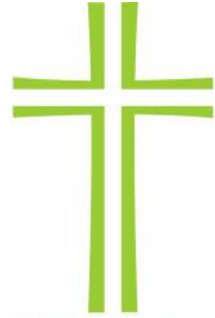
8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) at All Saints'

9:30am Morning Worship at All Saints'

11:00am Morning Worship at St Matthew's

6:15pm Holy Communion at St Matthew's

No Youth Fellowship until 10th November



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CHURCHES**

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Mon 12.30-2.30pm

Tue/Thu/Fri 9am-3pm

If you would like to  
talk with the Rector  
about any matter, please  
contact Jonathan directly,  
or via the Church Office

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## TEA & CAKE

Tea and Cake on Thursday  
24th October 2019

We will be serving tea and cake in Chilton Village Hall between 3:00pm and 5:00pm on Thursday 24th October. All donations will go to the Rotary End Polio Now Campaign which is working towards the eradication of Polio from the world.

We look forward to seeing you. Richard & Hazel Benton

## COFFEE MORNING

Please note that the Evergreens Coffee Morning on Saturday 26th October has been cancelled.

## LIGHT PARTY

We are having a light party on 31st October, 4.30-6pm at St Matthew's Harwell. Please speak to Melanie Shields if you would like to find out more! (See front page for contact details).



## A PARABLE

**Basil Mitchell:**

### **The Parable of the Partisan and the Stranger**

In a time of war, a partisan meets a stranger who claims to be the leader of the resistance. The stranger urges the partisan to have faith in him whatever the circumstances, even if he sees the stranger acting in ways which appear to contradict this claim. The partisan is committed to his belief in the stranger's integrity, even when his friends think he is a fool to believe him. When the stranger appears to be withholding help, or even acting contrary to the partisan's interests, he still believes that the stranger is on his side, and has overwhelming reasons for maintaining his faith. His original encounter with the stranger gave him sufficient confidence to hold on to his faith in him, even when the evidence weighed against it.

## BARN DANCE 16TH NOVEMBER



Harwell and Chilton Churches are organising a barn dance at Chilton Village Hall on Saturday 16th November, 7-10pm.

Tickets available to buy - £10 per adult, children go free. Yvonne Sanderson will have tickets to buy at All Saints' Chilton, or you can purchase them from Vicky in the Church Office. Light refreshments and drinks will be available, but please bring a plate of nibbles to share in the interval.

Proceeds to Tearfund.

If you are able to help host on the evening, please speak to Yvonne Sanderson in Chilton, or Vicky Johnston in the Church Office. Thank you.

## CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

### What have our church councils (PCCs) been doing?

This is the first in a new series about what your PCC is up to. This month we report on the **Combined PCC** - which means the PCC of both churches in the benefice combined. This body meets 4 times a year – in addition to meetings of the individual PCCs. Its remit is the **strategic issues** common to both churches.

At every Combined PCC meeting, PCC members receive **updates** from the work being undertaken at a benefice level to achieve our aim of

*Growing God's church, wider, deeper and closer*

e.g. children & families work; youth work; home groups; Alpha course; Christians Against Poverty (CAP) involvement; world missions support; social events programme; pastoral care; worship services; etc.

We also receive updates on the people and systems 'infrastructure' which helps to deliver the above activities, and on areas of legal responsibility, e.g. staffing and leadership; safeguarding; data protection; communications; etc.

### Highlights from Combined PCC meeting 2 July 2019:

We agreed to aim to extend the **Children & Families' Worker post** for a further 5 years, with fund raising from spring 2020

We considered the possibility of developing a **mission partnership** with a church in Albania

We discussed plans for making greater connection with **baptism families**

We agreed to make a **card reader** available for taking donations at suitable occasions e.g. at Holiday Club

We agreed to engage with an initiative called 'Lead Academy' which is being supported by the Diocese. This is designed to help us think through the **vision and strategy** for our benefice and how this might link with the Diocesan 'Common Vision' and mission funding opportunities

### Highlights from Combined PCC meeting 8 October 2019

The PCC and staff team members who had attended the first of 4 six-monthly 'Lead Academy' two-day workshops reported back on progress made

We agreed the proposed distribution of the **world missions** budget, including new mission partners at a church in Albania, for formal approval at the individual PCC meetings in November

## PASTORAL CARE

Harwell and Chilton Churches have a small team of volunteer pastoral carers.

Anyone who is experiencing sadness, feeling down or lonely can contact the team, in confidence, to request a friendly visit.

Please contact the Church Office in the first instance: 834256 or [VJ.HCchurches@gmail.com](mailto:VJ.HCchurches@gmail.com)

## HOLIDAYS

Please note that Pam will be off work from 20th October until Sunday 3rd November.

Melanie, Sarah & Vicky will be off work from 28th October until 2nd November. The office will be closed during this week.

## HOLIDAY CLUB

### KEEP THE DATE

Holiday Club in 2020 will be held at Harwell Primary School from Monday 27th - Friday 31st July.

Please pray for wisdom, discernment and inspiration as the Holiday Club Team plan and organise the event.

## 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>

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## P R A Y E R 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 Townsend in Chilton, and in Ham Corner in Harwell
- Didcot & Wallingford Area CAP Debt Centre and for Sue Bright as she takes a sabbatical
- For our Thursday evening Alpha Course and Christianity Explored on Tuesday mornings
- Those who clean and keep the Churches neat and tidy
- Those who serve refreshments after the services
- Sides men and women who welcome and assist us at the door

A prayer that is said at the beginning of parliament each day:

*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 18th Sunday after Trinity

*Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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>