

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.



**HARWELL
CHILTON
CHURCHES**

SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

2nd Sunday before 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

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

Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church Hall

6.30-8.00pm for 11-18 year olds

SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

Sunday before Advent

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

Youth Fellowship at St Matthew's Church Hall

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

TOY SERVICE

Our next All Age Service is on Sunday 1st December. 9.30am All Saints' Chilton, 11.00am St Matthew's Harwell.

If you can, please bring along gifts for children living in Oxford Women's Refuge that are brand new items, not wrapped up. This year they are especially requesting items suitable for younger children, aged 2-10 years (contrary to the earlier notices about this).

Monetary gifts received in All Saints' Chilton on 1st December will be given to the SeeSaw charity which provides grief support for the children of Oxfordshire.



MOZART REQUIEM

The Didcot Choral Society are performing Mozart Requiem, accompanied by chamber orchestra at St Matthew's on Saturday 23rd November at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 each, with school aged children free. Mulled wine will be on sale at the event. See www.trybooking.com, ring 07915 094842 or get tickets on the door.

PCC'S UPDATE

What have our church councils (PCCs) been doing?

Last month we reported on the Combined PCC meetings held in July and October 2019. This month we report on the **individual PCC** meetings (meaning individual to St Matthew's, Harwell or to All Saints', Chilton) held in November. The remit of the individual PCCs is primarily to do with the finances and the buildings of that specific church.

At every individual PCC meeting, PCC members receive **updates** on the finances and also on various issues related to the buildings.

Highlights from the PCC meetings on 5 November 2019:

St Matthew's

We formally approved the distribution of the world missions budget to various partner organisations and individuals

We formally approved the appointment of the members of the Finance Committee

Subject to permissions, we agreed to the installation of a rope handrail for the tower staircase to improve access and safety up to the ringing chamber. The bell ringers are paying for this.

Subject to permissions, we agreed to replace the north aisle roof (which has had almost all its lead stolen recently) with coated steel and at the same time to replace the felt roof on the church extension also with coated steel. The total cost not covered by insurance is likely to be £22.5k.

All Saints'

We asked the Fabric Committee to continue to develop plans for an access ramp inside the main entrance of the church

We agreed to reduce mission giving from 15% to 10% of unrestricted income from the previous year

We formally approved the appointment of Andy Wells as Health & Safety Officer

LIVING ADVENT DOORS

We are running our Living Advent Doors again this December. Held daily from 5.30-7pm. If you would like to volunteer to be a 'door' in either Harwell or Chilton or would like more information please contact Debra Dewhurst directly, or through the Church Office.

ADVENT CENTRAL

We will be running a special 4 week course on Thursday evenings at St Matthew's Harwell from 28th November. Everyone is invited to join us at 7.30pm for light refreshments before watching sections of video which will be discussed in small groups. We'll be looking at 'Humbug and Happiness', based on the classic movie, 'A Christmas Carol'.

This is a really good opportunity to spend a season in a sociable setting exploring the Christian faith together and encouraging one another



CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY



HAMPERS Harwell and Chilton churches give practical support to local families working their way out of debt through the local Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Debt Centre. We would like to bless

them with a Christmas hamper and I'd be grateful for your help with providing the "treat" elements. (Gifts of food are taken care of by Didcot Foodbank.) If you would like to know more about what we have in mind, please get in touch with me at harwellandchiltoncap@gmail.com or text me on 0774 80 20 30 to ring you back. Don't worry - we're not asking for anything extravagant: just a few things that someone wouldn't be able to buy for themselves or their children. Thank you very much, Liz Roberts.

VACANCY: Our local CAP Debt Centre are looking for a part time administrator. This role isn't client facing and would suit someone with great organisation skills, good computer literacy and an eye for detail.

The post is for 8 hours a week for one year initially with the possibility of extension beyond that. Please see www.HCCchurches.org/news for more information.

THANK YOU

A big thankyou to all those who helped out in All Saints' Churchyard on Saturday 2 November. Despite the rather blustery day much was achieved including ivy removal, cutting back of trees, pruning, tidying round graves and of course the removal of lot of leaves.

There are however still quite a lot of leaves to come down so if anyone has half an hour to spare to help with raking them up it would be much appreciated. They can be dumped on the compost heap behind the sheds.

Thankyou all.



GOSPEL CHOIR

If you enjoyed the concert in the summer you might like to know that Didcot Community Gospel Choir is holding its Christmas Concert - A Holly Jolly Christmas! - on Saturday 7th of December in Didcot Civic Hall, Britwell Road, Didcot. Doors open at 5.00 and the concert starts at 5.30pm. Tickets cost £8 for adults and £6 for concessions. For more information and tickets call 07923 453145 or email didcotgospel@gmail.com

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>

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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 Church Hill in Chilton, and in Hill Mead 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

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 2nd Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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>