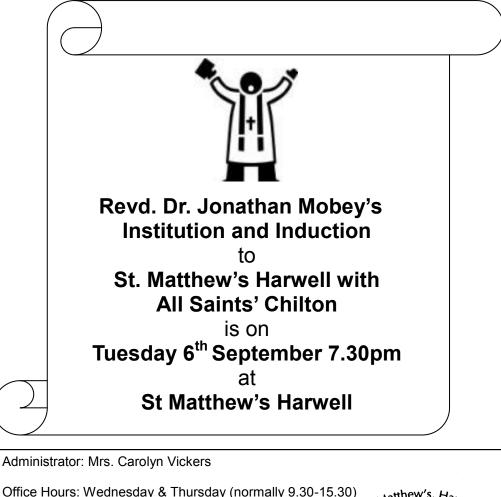
Ridgeway Broadsheet

September 2011



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Bell-ringing

We have a weekly practice on Thursdays from 7.30pm until 9pm, the first half hour is aimed mainly at our learners. All visitors (ringers and non-ringers) are most welcome. For details please contact Philip Roberts 861409 or Debbie Greenfield 820760.

There is an official joint practice with Chilton at HARWELL on the 1^{st} and 15^{th} September (1^{st} & 3^{rd} Thursday)



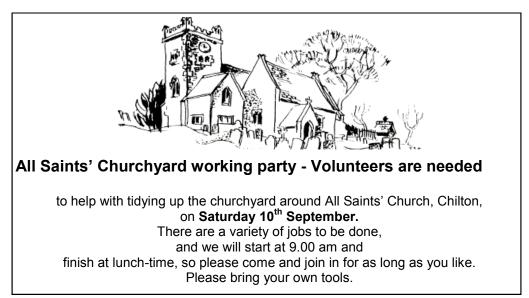
The 29th September (5th Thursday) will be a special practice when we will be ringing Stedman and brushing up on St Simon Doubles.

We will be ringing prior to Jonathan Mobeys induction service on Tuesday 6th September. Ringing from 6.30pm.

On Saturday the 10th September we will be ringing for Heidi and Gerry's wedding. They have requested we ring before and after the 12.30 service. So ringing will be from 12noon until 12.25pm and from about 1.30pm until about 4.30pm, when we will attempt a peal for the couple and our new rector.

Many thanks to all those who helped and villagers who turned up to the fete on Saturday 6th August, we had about 100 people (young and old) to come and see the Tower and the Bells and donations totalling £45 will be added to the sound control fund. A good time was had by all! On the subject of sound control work will be starting very soon so watch this space!

Philip Roberts. Harwell Tower Foreman.



Jonathan writes...

Journalists sometimes complain that there is little of interest to report in August. Not so this year when, around the time that my family were moving into Harwell Rectory, our screens were inundated with distressing scenes in English cities of violence, looting and arson and its awful aftermath.

Why has this happened? The post-mortem is still ongoing and much ink has been spilt in the struggle to make sense of these shocking events. Many people accept that whilst the perpetrators were a relatively small minority, this 'Lord of the Flies' nightmare represents the terrifying tip of the iceberg of a generation that has grown up in a society that has drifted a long way from its Christian moorings.

What is to be done? Justice must be done, the debris cleared up, and the victims cared for. But if we are going to heed this wake-up call, we also need to engage in 'preventative medicine'. We have done it before and can do it again. The 1820's was a time in which, like today, many young people in the cities were out of control. A series of movements for social reform resulted, including the creation of Sunday Schools and YMCA buildings along with the teaching of morality and self-control. Within a generation, the rot was reversed and social order restored.

We all have a moral duty to invest in our young people and support families in what is arguably the most difficult and important job of all, raising the next generation. As father of four young children, I know it is not an easy task! The Church, in particular, is charged with passing on to the next generation the life-transforming Christian story. Psalm 78 speaks of this imperative:

We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done... he commanded our forefathers to teach their children, so the next generation would know them... and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

The Church has its work cut out. Ageing congregations around the country support the notion that there has been a failure in transmission, rather like a radio that has lost its tuning. The challenge to connect with and nurture the next generation is great, but the need, as evidenced by the scenes in early August, is inescapable.

It is sometimes said that 'it takes a village to raise a child.' We in the villages of Harwell and Chilton, and the churches at their heart, face a great challenge. But if we are prepared to make the necessary sacrifices to invest in the future and make young people and families a priority, they and the society they will come to lead will benefit immeasurably.

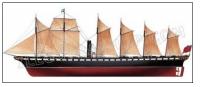
Jonathan

Revd Dr Jonathan Mobey is to be the new Rector of Harwell with Chilton from 6 September 2011



Thursday15th September meeting of the Evergreens is an outing to Bristol to see S.S. Great Britain. Pick-up points usual places. If you are not an Evergreen but might be interested

in joining us on our outing please ring Gill on 831592 as there may be space on the coach .



CRYPTIC QUIZ NO. 19

As Autumn approaches, Chilton Wives' Group has set the next Cryptic Quiz Sheet on a sports theme. Monies raised will go to the Parkinson's Society. Quiz Sheets will be available at £1 each (still the same great value since 2006 !) from the 10th September from :-Judy Goodall 43 Crafts End Chilton Tel 834503 Audrey Slater 9 Latton Close Chilton Tel 834558 Daphne Boddy Sans Souci Reading Rd Harwell Tel 221047 Gurmit at the Post Office on site Shea at the Rose & Crown Chilton

Harwell Gardeners' Club

Monday 5th September 7.30pm Harwell Village hall 'Wildlife in your pond' - Waterside Nursery Competition: Photo - Wildlife in your garden



Saturday 10th September—Produce Show



Cream Teas We had a very successful afternoon serving cream teas at All Saints on Sunday 14th August. Around 70 people came, and everyone enjoyed home made scones and cakes. Donations amounted to £168.09 and this will be sent to ROSY, the Respite for Oxfordshire Sick Youngsters charity. Thank you to everyone who came along. Hazel King



Crown Singers

A local choir performing Madrigals and Part Songs

Conductor: Richard Goodall

with

The Cherry Tree Players

A local Wind Ensemble



CROWNS and CHERRIES

Saturday 24th September 7.30pm

St Matthew's Church HARWELL

Tickets £6 available from Bill Jackson 01235 835698 or Derek Witts 01235 831115 or on the Door

> Interval refreshments will be available www.crownsingers.co.uk

Oxfordshire Historic Ride and Stride



Saturday 10th September

It is a county-wide bike ride or walk where people are sponsored to check in at as many churches as they can, enjoying refreshments and some of Oxfordshire's most stunning scenery as they go.

Rumour has it that the Rt Revd John Pritchard, Bishop of Oxford, will be participating this year.

Fancy a spin?

The money raised will be shared with the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust which gives grants to churches needing a little help with restoration or renovation work and a church of your choice.

Feeling hospitable?

We're also looking for people to sit in church for an hour on Sept 10th and welcome riders. Bring the newspaper, book, i-pod, come alone or bring the family. The main thing is that the churches offer a warm welcome and refreshments (supplied).

If you would be interested in participating please contact : Nicholas Milrose on 831562, for Harwell Naomi Gibson 820491 for Chilton.





FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS



Funerals

"He who believes in Me will live"

Geoffrey George Jenkinson (88) Rex William Hastings (81)





Contacting the Churches

Any enquiries about church business for St. Matthew's Harwell or All Saints' Chilton should be directed to the Church Office, tel: 834256,

email: <u>office@harwellchurchandchiltonchurches.org.uk</u>, <u>not to The Rectory</u>. Carolyn Vickers, the Church Administrator, is normally in the Office Wednesday and Thursday 9.30am - 15.30pm. If she is unavailable, the telephone will have a message giving the caller the options of :

(i) leaving a message,

(ii) sending Carolyn an email that she will access even if not in the Office or
(iii) telephoning a mobile number that will reach Naomi Gibson or one of the Church Wardens. Whoever receives the message will pass the caller on to the person most appropriate to deal with their enquiry.

In an emergency contact the mobile phone directly: 07583 765 825

We ask that you bear with us while this system settles down during the 'Interregnum'. The website **www.harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk** can also of course be used to seek information about both churches.

Allan Macarthur & Tony Hughes, Churchwardens Harwell; Liz Morris and Andrew Hayes, Churchwardens Chilton.

Please give items for the **October Ridgeway Broadsheet** to the Administrator Carolyn Vickers by **Wednesday 14th September** preferably by email to

office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk. Weekly Notice sheet items should be received in the Church office by Wednesday morning of each week. Thank you

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			September 2011
11 th Sunday after Trinity	4 th	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 6.15pm	Holy Communion at Harwell Worship for all ages at Chilton Worship for all ages at Harwell Evening Prayer at Harwell
Monday	5 th	9.30am 10.00am	Fledgelings in St. Matthew's Church Missions Meeting - 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton.
Tuesday	6 th	2.30pm 7.30pm	Chilton Evergreens - Talk by Rev Michael Swindlehurst meeting in Chilton Village hall. Institution & Induction of Revd. Dr. Jonathan Mobey at St. Matthew's.
Wednesday	7^{th}	8.30pm	Night Prayer meeting in All Saints' Church.
Saturday	10 th	9.00am	All Saints' Church—churchyard cleaning day. Oxfordshire Historic Ride & Stride.
12 th Sunday after Trinity	11 th	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 5.00pm	Holy Communion at Chilton Morning Worship (Book of Common Prayer) at Chilton Holy Communion at Harwell 'Hands Free' at Harwell
Monday	12^{th}	9.30am	Fledgelings in St. Matthew's Church Hall.
Tuesday	13 th	7.45pm	Chilton Wives' Group -'The Historian looks at Art' Speaker Jane Card—in All Saints' Church.
Wednesday	14^{th}	10.15am	'Home Group' meets in St. Matthew's Church Extension.
Thursday	15^{th}	2.30pm	Harwell Evergreens—visiting 'SS Great Britain', Bristol.
13 th Sunday after Trinity	18 th	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 6.15pm	Holy Communion at Harwell Holy Communion at Chilton Morning Worship at Harwell Evening Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) at Harwell
Monday	19^{th}	10.30am	'Under His wings' in St. Matthew's Church.
Tuesday	20 th	10.00am 11.15am 7.30pm 7.45pm	Holy Communion at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell. Holy Communion at The Crown nursing home, Harwell. Ladies Group—Talk by Mike Pepper—Outreach to prisons In St. Matthew's Church hall. Combined PCC at St. Matthew's Church.
14 th Sunday after Trinity	25 th	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 6.15pm	Holy Communion at Chilton Morning Worship at Chilton Morning Worship at Harwell Holy Communion at Harwell
Monday	26 th	9.30am	Fledgelings in St. Matthew's Church Hall.
Wednesdays		7.30pm	Choir Practice in All Saints' Church.
Saturdays		8.30am	Prayer meeting in both Churches.