

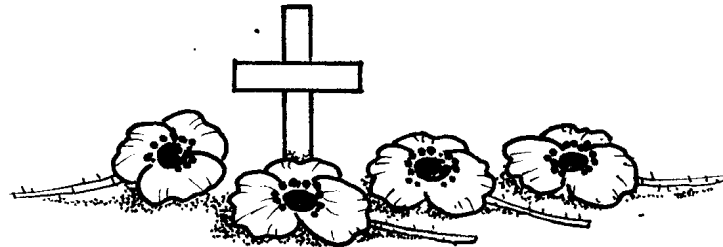
Ridgeway Broadsheet

November



2011

Remembrance Sunday 13th November



Details of Services

9.30 am All Saints' Chilton

10.45 am Harwell Village Memorial

11.00 am St. Matthew's Harwell

There will be an act of Remembrance during the morning service at All Saints', Chilton.

In Harwell there will be a short service at the War Memorial in the High Street.

Following this the service will continue in St. Matthew's Church
to which everyone is invited.

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St Matthew's 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 17th November.

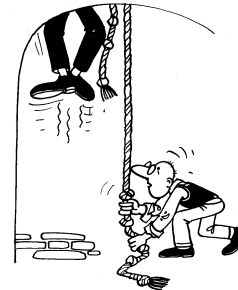
November is a quiet month with no weddings and no visitors. I am sorry for those of you who listened for the South Oxon ringers on Saturday 8th October, unfortunately they cancelled after the last Broadsheet went out. More next month.

Philip Roberts Harwell Tower Foreman

All Saints' Bell Ringing

Chilton ringers will attend the joint Practice in Harwell on the 17th November from 7.30 to 9pm.

Contact Philip Roberts for details of Harwell ringing Tel: 861409



A special Chilton practice is planned for 3rd November in memory of Jim Diserens whose memorial service is to be held the next day, 4th November in St Mary, Reading at 2.30pm.

Other Chilton practices may be held on the 10th and 24th November starting at 7.30pm, telephone in advance to confirm we shall practice. If you want to come you will be most welcome, but bring several friends with you if you want to ring methods.

Contact Alec Samler for details of Chilton ringing. Tel: 834589

Other Ringing:

Monday	7 th	Peal attempt starting 10am Stuart Gibson
Tuesday	8 th	Branch Practice in Brightwell 7.30 to 9.15pm
Saturday	12 th	Visitors from Oxford quarter peal attempt starting 10.30am
Saturday	19 th	Branch Training by prior application to Jill Garlick 10 - 12.30pm
Wednesday	23 rd	Branch Afternoon Training in Drayton 2 - 3.30pm

Kate Crennell Chilton Tower Secretary Tel: 834357 email: KMCrennell@dpmail.co.uk



Oxfordshire Historic Churches

Ride & Stride



A BIG **THANK YOU** to Andrew, Kate, Joan and Georgina who took part in the OHCT sponsored ride & Stride this year and raised:

Kate Ullmer - £149; Joan Impey and Georgina Greer - £80; Andrew Hayes - £320

Half of this money will go to the Trust and half to our Churches. Thank you to those who welcomed people to our Churches and those who sponsored them.

J onathan writes...

How is your memory? Probably not as good as that of the actress Marilu Henner who has the rare condition 'hyperthymesia'. Marilu is able to remember every day of her life as if it were yesterday. "When someone asks me about a particular day, it's like I'm looking for a scene on a DVD playing before me," she told the Sunday Times. "In a second I'm back there, looking at the scene as I saw it. I can focus in on details, like the title of a book."

Memory is an essential ingredient of our humanity – it is vital to be able to remember how to look after ourselves, to remember who our friends are, and, indeed, who we ourselves are. Much of what we remember is automatic, but some things we need intentionally to remember by, for example, setting alarms, leaving notes on the fridge, and holding special events.

November is a month of remembrance. The 5th is when we remember Guy Fawkes and the plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament. That key time in our national history has been formative for our sense of national identity. The 11th is another day when we remember those involved in events whose importance is not just national but global. We remember with gratitude those in the armed forces who have made the ultimate sacrifice to secure our freedom. And for us as a family, the 16th is a day when we remember and celebrate the birth of one of our four children – a rather dramatic delivery as it turned out – and the blessing and wonder of that new life.

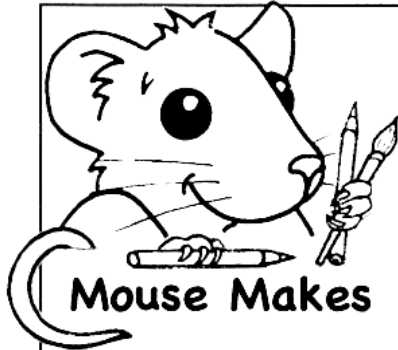


Each of these events is marked symbolically and regularly and strengthens our sense of identity and unity. The Christian faith similarly celebrates symbolically and regularly an event which determines our identity and unites us. In the Lord's Supper, also known as Holy Communion or the Eucharist, we look to three key events.

Firstly we look back to its precursor – the Jewish Passover meal. This key event marked the beginnings of the Jewish nation when they were rescued from slavery in Egypt, and defined the nation as God's chosen people. Secondly, we remember the Last Supper before the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus' sacrificial death and resurrection secured for us freedom from sin and death. Thirdly, we look forward to the future time of celebration, likened in the Bible to a feast in God's glorious presence. This wonderful prospect inspires and motivates us in our Christian lives.

Identity, sacrifice and celebration. To remember is an essential part of life and that which roots, orientates and sustains us. To remember is part of what it is to be human. This November let's take time to remember, and be thankful.

Revd Dr Jonathan Mobey is the Rector of Harwell with Chilton



REMEMBERING

How do you remember things?

In bible times God's people sometimes built a large pile of stones as a monument to remember what God had done for them and held festivals and celebrations to give thanks to God.

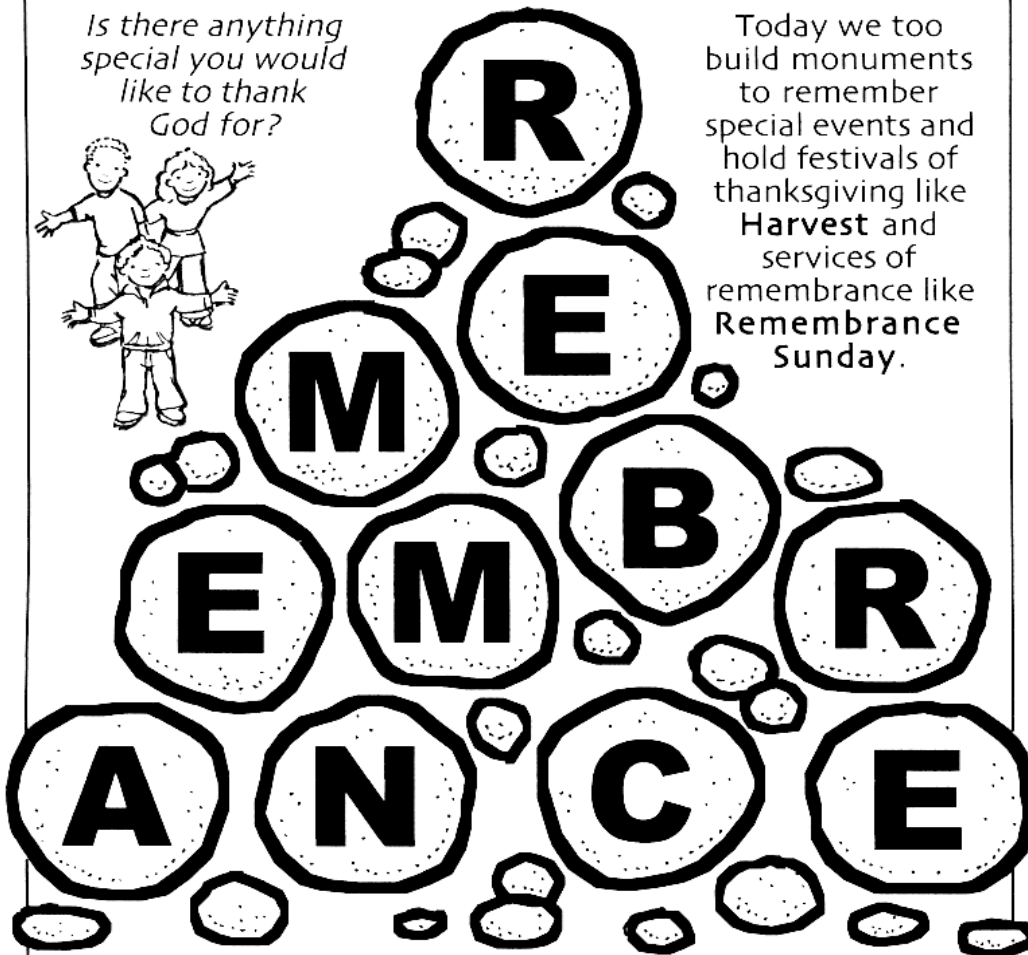


Read Joshua 4:1-9 and Exodus 12:1-14

Is there anything special you would like to thank God for?



Today we too build monuments to remember special events and hold festivals of thanksgiving like **Harvest** and services of remembrance like **Remembrance Sunday**.



Cut out each letter stone and move around to spell the word **REMEMBRANCE** then see how many other words you can make...

...here's one to start you off:



Please donate a toy for the children at the Oxford Women's Refuge



This Christmas, St Matthew's and All Saints' are once more supporting the Women's Refuge in Oxford by providing toys for the children there.

These toys will be given to women to give to their children on Christmas day. As you might imagine, women (and the children they bring with them) tend to flee to the refuge with very few belongings. So toys are scarce and spare cash is tight for these families. Unfortunately, domestic violence is particularly prevalent over the Christmas period, so the refuge often experiences an influx then. Having a decent toy to give at Christmas can make an enormous difference to these mothers and children.

In addition, the toys will be used at the Refuge residents' children's Christmas party, and also throughout the year, as the Refuge likes to give each child a present of a toy on arrival if at all possible.

We will be holding our special advent **"Toy Services" on Sunday 4th December** at 9.30am at All Saints' Chilton and at 11am at St Matthew's Harwell at which we would be really grateful if you could donate a toy for the refuge. This is a service particularly appropriate for children, whom we find really connect with the idea of giving a toy to less fortunate children at Christmas time.

The toy should be brand new please, not second hand, and unwrapped (NB no wrapping paper donations required).

The age range of toys required is for children aged 0-15. The refuge would particularly like toys for small babies (NB cuddly toys are acceptable, again provided they are new) and for 11+s as these tend to be the least well catered for. For the older children, anything that they can "do" e.g. a science or craft kit or game, as boredom is a real fact of life in a refuge. Toys with violent connotations (e.g. swords, guns, etc) would not be a good idea, for obvious reasons.

Anyone unable to make the service is welcome to hand their toy in to the Church Office by Thursday 1st December.

The office is open Wednesdays & Thursdays 9.30-3.30 and is up the spiral staircase near the back of St. Matthew's church, Harwell.

If you would like advice about what toy to buy, feel free to contact Jane Woolley on Tel 22 10 30.



Chilton PCC would like any monetary gifts to be donated to the SeeSaw Charity that provides grief support for the children of Oxfordshire. Thank you.

All Saints' Harvest

A big thank you to all those from Chilton and Harwell who came along to the Chilton Harvest Tea on Sunday 2nd October. Thank you to those who baked cakes, set up, cleared away, transported goods to the hall, washed up, welcomed, auctioned and generally helped in numerous ways.

I am also very grateful for your kind generosity in donating the goods at the morning Harvest Festival Service and buying them at the Tea.

A magnificent **£290** was raised for **Tearfund**.

Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

Naomi Gibson



"Thank you all for the Harvest Festival gifts. We really appreciate your support and generosity". Centre Manager Sian **The Porch Steppin' Stone Centre**, Oxford.

St. Matthew's Harvest

Thank you to all those who helped/contributed to make the 'Harvest Lunch ' in Harwell Village Hall such a success on Monday 3rd October.

£555.70 was split between **Tearfund** and **Didcot Food Bank**.

Well done everyone.

Monika Buxton



CHRISTIANS AGAINST WORLD POVERTY

A message from Christine Perkins.

I have recently received information about my financial support and was very grateful to notice a most generous gift from St Matthew's Church. Thank you very much.

Christine Perkins.

Christine used to be a teacher at Didcot Girls' School and helped lead Pathfinders in Harwell. For over 20 years she has worked in Khartoum, Sudan as a teacher and Educational Adviser. She is now Area Leader for East Africa with Pioneers.

Please continue to prayer for Christine and her work.

Following the warm welcome they received in Harwell, the Crown Singers have now given us details of their next concert: **Songs and stories for a Winter's Night** - Hanney Church, **Saturday 3rd December**, 7.30 pm An atmospheric evening of music and seasonal stories from the Crown Singers and local storyteller Peter Hearn in the church of St James the Great in West Hanney . Tickets £6, available in Harwell and Chilton from Bill Jackson - 01235 835698

REX W HASTINGS

Audrey , Jane , Kay and Brad wish to warmly thank friends and neighbours who attended Rex's funeral and for their kindness and support at our sad loss and also for many cards of sympathy containing such kind words in memory of Rex. Thank you to Rev. Pam Rolls and Rev. Bruce Keeble for conducting the service and for tributes made. God Bless You All.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS



Funerals

"He who believes in Me will live"

Hilda Brown

ALL SAINTS' CHILTON EVERGREENS' BAZAAR

Saturday 5th November
in Chilton Village Hall at 2pm

Home-made cakes, gifts, plants,
bric a brac, Refreshments
Everyone very welcome - Free Entry



ST. MATTHEW'S HARWELL EVERGREENS' ANNUAL AUTUMN SALE

Saturday 12th November
in Harwell Village Hall at 2pm.

If anyone has any contributions
nearer the time I will be willing to
collect items.
Ring Gill on Abingdon 831592.

REFLECTION

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide:
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see:
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil
the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord,
abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting?
Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom,
and point me to the skies;
heaven's morning breaks,
and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

Contacting the Churches

Any enquiries about church business for St. Matthew's Harwell or All Saints' Chilton should be directed to:

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Please give items for the **December Ridgeway Broadsheet** to the Administrator Mrs. Carolyn Vickers by **Wednesday 16th November** 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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Tuesday	1 st	2.30pm	Chilton Evergreens - Talk on RAF Benson in Chilton Village Hall.
Wednesday	2 nd	8.30pm	Night Prayer at All Saints' Church.
Saturday	5 th	2.00pm	Chilton Evergreens' Bazaar in Chilton Village Hall.
3rd Sunday Before Advent	6th	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 4.00pm 6.15pm	Holy Communion at Harwell Worship for all ages at Chilton Worship for all ages at Harwell Confirmation Service, All Saints' North Moreton Evening Prayer at Harwell
Monday	7 th	10.00am	Missions Meeting - 'Dromore', Townsend, Harwell.
Tuesday	8 th	7.45pm	Chilton Wives' Group meeting in All Saints' Church.
Saturday	12 th	2.00pm	Harwell Evergreens' Annual Autumn Sale in Harwell Village Hall.
Remembrance Sunday 2nd before Advent	13th	8.00am 9.30am 10.45am 11.00am 4.30pm	Holy Communion at Chilton Morning Worship (Book of Common Prayer) at Chilton Service at Harwell War Memorial Morning Worship at Harwell 'Hands Free' Worship at Harwell
Monday	14 th	10-noon	Fledgelings - St. Matthew's Church Hall.
Tuesday	15 th	10.00am 11.15am 7.30pm 7.45pm	Holy Communion at Cherry Tree Court. All Welcome. Holy Communion at The Crown Care home Harwell. Ladies' Group - Travels with David Marsh at St. Matthew's Hall. Combined PCC meeting - All Saints' Church.
Thursday	17 th	2.30pm	Harwell Evergreens- Outing to Evesham Grdn. Centre.
Christ the King Sunday Next before Advent	20th	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 6.15pm	Holy Communion at Harwell Holy Communion at Chilton Holy Communion at Harwell Evening Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) at Harwell
1st Sunday Of Advent	27th	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	28 th	10-noon	Fledgelings - St. Matthew's Church Hall.
Every Wednesday		7.30pm	Choir Practice in All Saints' Church. All Welcome.
Every Saturday		8.30am	Prayer Meeting in both Churches.

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