

# RIDGEWAY BROADSHEET

*February*  
2012



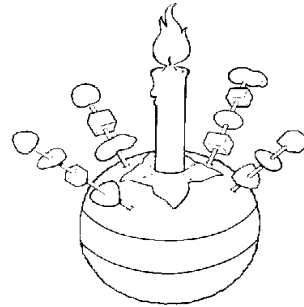
St. Matthew's, Harwell  
Jesus  
Christ  
is Lord  
With All Saints', Chilton

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**Come and join with us at our  
Christingle Services**



**The  
Children's  
Society**



**Sunday 22nd January**  
**9.30am All Saints' Chilton**  
**11.00am St. Matthew's Harwell**

Christingles provided—just turn up!  
Collections in aid of The Children's Society.  
Collection containers are available in church.

**Rector of Harwell with Chilton**

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### Bell Ringing in St. Matthew's tower

Our weekly Thursday practice starts at 7.30pm and finishes at 9pm, with the first half hour 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday)

We will be ringing after Gary and Donna's wedding which is at 1pm on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

Work has also started on the sound control system. More on that next month.

Philip Roberts  
Harwell Tower Forman



### Bell Ringing in All Saints' tower

Chilton practices may be held by arrangement on Thursday evenings in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weeks, 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> February, starting at 7.30pm. Contact Alec Samler for details of Chilton ringing. Tel: 834589

A Peal Attempt will be made on 27<sup>th</sup> February in All Saints lasting about 3 hours.

Chilton ringers will attend the joint Practice in Harwell on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February starting at 7.30pm. Contact Philip Roberts for details of Harwell ringing Tel: 861409

Branch Activities:

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February Branch practice Wantage 7.30 - 9pm

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February Branch afternoon training 2 - 3.30pm at Marcham

Kate Crennell

Chilton Tower Secretary Tel: 834357 email: [KMCrennell@dpmail.co.uk](mailto:KMCrennell@dpmail.co.uk)



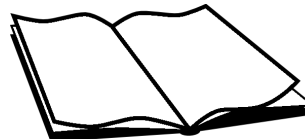
Jonathan writes...  
**New Beginnings**

**A**s a child at school I used to love getting a new exercise book. With every new school year came a new set of books and a new opportunity—the possibly of a flawless book without any mistakes! I am by nature an optimist. It is said that a pessimist can never be disappointed but whether expected or not, every one of us is inevitably and regularly brought face to face with the reality of imperfection, the disappointment of falling short, the shame of missing the mark. However hard we try, it is a sad certainty that we cannot keep our exercise books free of mistakes, our relationships free of selfishness, or our world free of suffering. New Year's Resolutions, however sincere, are simply not enough. There are forces at work stronger than our good intentions.

But the Christian message is one of hope and good news, of good overcoming evil, and of the perfect vanquishing imperfection. It is a message of fresh starts, forgiveness for past failure, and new beginnings. Jesus spoke of those who put their faith in him even of being 'born again', of being a new creation, even.

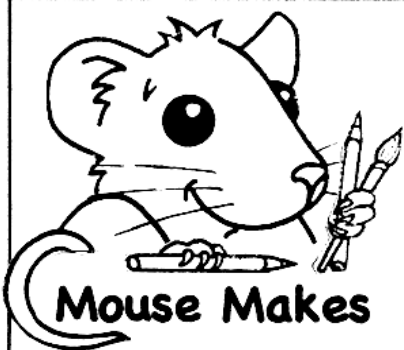
As we reach a new year and a new school term, accompanied no doubt by hopes of self-improvement and of doing better than before, we have before us a genuine opportunity to start afresh. With Christmas behind us, we look forward to Easter when Jesus was raised from the dead to new life, defeating the dark powers that work against all of us, thwarting our best efforts. 2012 gives us the opportunity to meet the Lord of life, the giver of opportunities. If you have not already done so, why not make a resolution this year to investigate his claims, perhaps by coming to church on a Sunday or by joining the Alpha Course\* running on Wednesday evenings, and discover whether a new beginning really is possible?

'He who was seated on the throne said,  
"I am making everything new!"' Revelation 21:5



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\* If you would like to know more about the Alpha Course,  
please visit [alpha.org](http://alpha.org) and/or phone Jonathan on 799376.



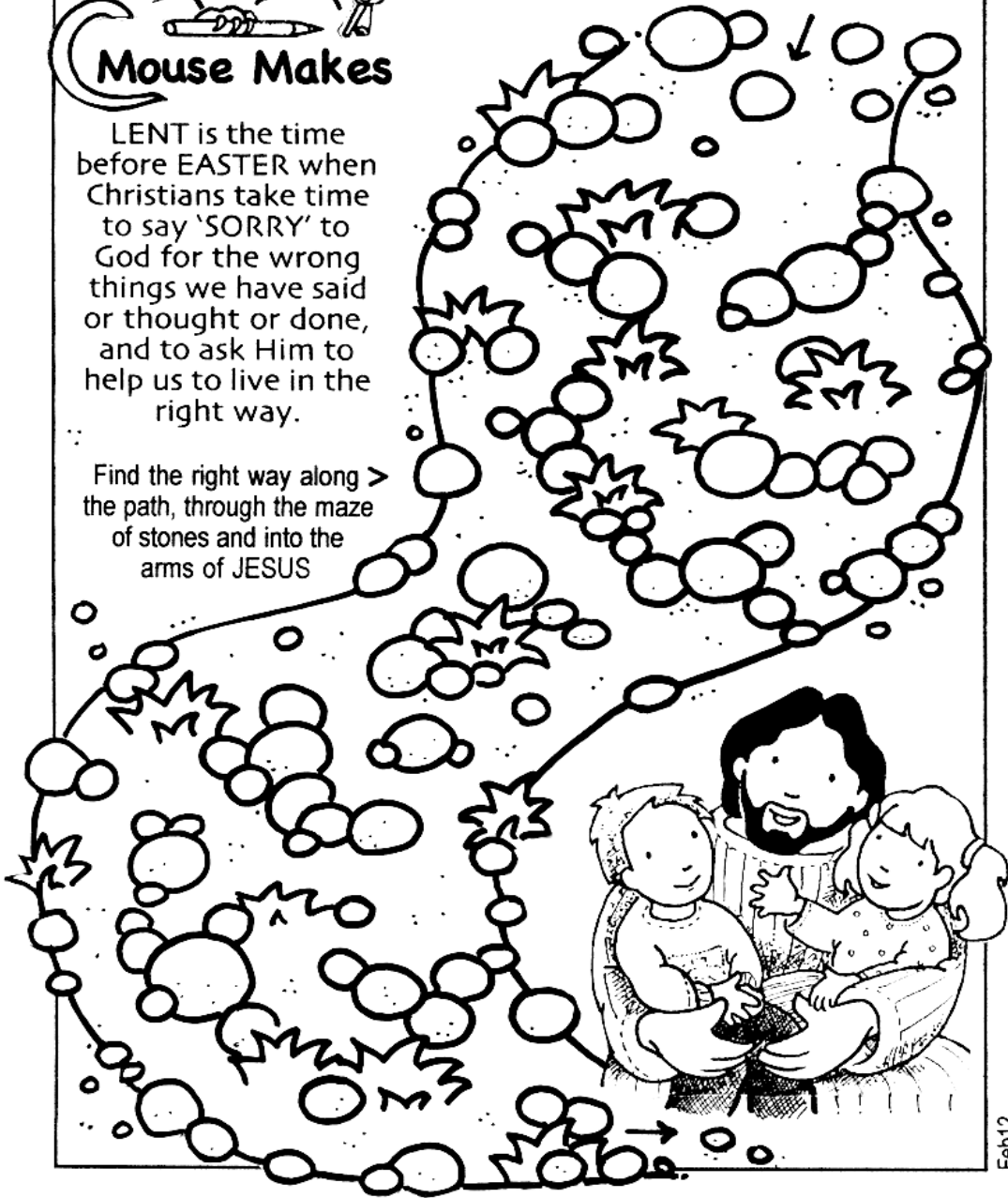
### Mouse Makes

LENT is the time before EASTER when Christians take time to say 'SORRY' to God for the wrong things we have said or thought or done, and to ask Him to help us to live in the right way.

Find the right way along > the path, through the maze of stones and into the arms of JESUS

"Teach me how to live,  
O LORD.  
Lead me along  
the right path..."

Psalm 27:11





**Thank you** to all the Children's Society Home Box holders once again for their support in 2011. The total contributed was £361.57.

If anyone would like a home box to collect any loose change, please contact Betty McNiven 835335. Many Thanks.

Date for your Diary

**Chilton Wives' Group Annual Quiz Night will be held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March**  
(Further Details in March Broadsheet)

#### **Results of Charity Quiz Sheets**

£220 was raised for Parkinson's UK in the September Quiz on ball sports.  
The winner was Gill Riches from West Hagbourne with 49.5 out of 50.

The Quiz Sheets for Macmillan Cancer Support in memory of Rex Hastings have raised just over £230. The theme was Musical Productions and four people had perfect scores so the winner had to be decided by Tie-break. Molly Farmer from Chesham (Chris Druce's Mum) was found to have devised the best. Debbie Davies from Harwell, Judy and John Gold from Chilton and Julia Gilling from Plymouth were the others with perfect scores.

The results have been amazing. Thank you to everyone who supports these quizzes, especially Gurmit at the Post Office, Atomic Hair, Shea at the Rose and Crown and the Mobile Library for selling Quiz Sheets. If anyone is able to sell a few sheets or can identify an extra outlet I should be delighted to hear from them. Judy Goodall.

#### **The Didcot Foodbank**

The Didcot Foodbank gives heartfelt thanks for all the generous donations of food from the Harwell Community at this seasonal time. Without your support poor families in the Didcot area would not have the provisions they need at this time. Very many thanks, and do please continue to give donations of food in 2012!  
Happy New Year. Sarah Milrose



**Save the Children**  
UK

#### **Thank you...**

...to all who supported the carol singing in the Rose and Crown and around Chilton village in December. We raised a total of £105.88 for Save the Children Fund.  
With best wishes for the New Year. Pam Rolls.

**THE ASTON TIRROLD  
CENTRE FOR REFLECTION**

You are invited to two interesting and important forthcoming

**FRIDAY EVENING SPECIALS**

**“PALESTINE NOW”**

**Friday January 27th at 7.30pm**

(coffee/tea available from 7.15pm)

Are you concerned about the current situation in Palestine, the West Bank and Israel? Tony Davies goes to work in the area regularly - about every 12 to 18 months. His view is balanced and a previous talk in Wallingford was greatly appreciated. Tony has continued to work in the area regularly but now he visits with his friend Nick Dudley, a surgeon.

Both Tony Davies and Nick Dudley are coming to the Centre to give the presentation and there will be time for questions and hopefully for some discussion.

**“WAR AND PEACE” – the work of an army chaplain**

**Friday February 3rd at 7.30pm**

(coffee/tea available from 7.15pm)

The Revd. Dr. Paul Swinn has been an Army chaplain in Australia and Britain for over 16 years. Recently he has been posted from Didcot Barracks to Bulford Camp near Amesbury. He has been a particular friend of Aston Tirrold URC during his stay in Didcot.

Both presentations are free and there will be an opportunity to make donations.

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**Harwell Gardeners Club**

**Harwell Village Hall**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm**

**‘Dales & Downs’ talk by Adrian Thornton**

**Competition: Hellebores (floating in a bowl)**



**FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS**



**Thanksgivings**

*"Welcome into the Lord's Family"*

Ethan Jack Constable  
 Samuel Joseph Fredrick Walker  
 George Peter Marvin Walker  
 Jasper Morgan



**Marriages**

*"Those that God has joined together"*

Emma Lay & Graham Taylor



**Funerals**

*"He who believes in Me will live"*

Roy Froud (89)  
 Bessie Collett (92)  
 Diana Tryphene Day (103)  
 David Paul Lennox (77)  
 Harry Edward Wells (85)

**Wordsearch**

February brings us the beginning of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, Valentine's Day, and Lent. All three are about celebrating commitment and love and giving. What relationships in your life need your commitment, love, and generosity? Lent is a good time to reflect on the love in our lives: God's love for us, our love for him, and our love for each other. Our wordsearch this month reflects these themes.

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 T L T E E T O O F I F R E N E  
 K I N D N E S S W A S S I E M  
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**Marriage Preparation Course**



**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February**  
**9.30am - 4.30pm**  
**St. Matthew's Church Hall**

King	love	temptation
country	romance	stones
coronation	flowers	bread
Diamond	hearts	kingdom
jubilee	commitment	devil
queen	wilderness	angels
princess	prayer	foot
death	fasting	kindness
mourning	Jesus	

Please give items for the March Ridgeway Broadsheet to the Administrator, Carolyn Vickers, by Wednesday 15th February preferably by email to [office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk](mailto:office@harwellandchiltonchurches.org.uk). Weekly noticesheet items should be received in the Church office by Wednesday morning of each week. Thank you.

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Wednesday	1	8.30pm	Night Prayer at All Saints' Church
<b>3rd Sunday before Lent (Education Sunday)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.00am</b> <b>6.15pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion at Harwell</b> <b>All Age Worship at Chilton</b> <b>All Age Worship at Harwell</b> <b>Evening Prayer at Harwell</b>
Monday	6	10.00am	Missions Meeting at 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton
Tuesday	7	2.30pm	Chilton Evergreens AGM + talk by Revd. Dr. J. Mobey at Chilton Village Hall
Saturday	11	9.30am- 4.30pm	Marriage Preparation Course at St. Matthew's Church Hall
<b>2nd Sunday before Lent</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.00am</b> <b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion at Chilton</b> <b>Morning Worship at Chilton</b> <b>Holy Communion at Harwell</b> <b>'Hands Free' Worship at Harwell</b>
Tuesday	14	7.45pm	Chilton Wives' Group 'Heavens above' talk by Chris Pickford at All Saints' Church
Thursday	16	2.30pm	Harwell Evergreens: talk on Beekeeping by Mel Gibson. + bring and buy stall at St. Matthew's Church Hall
<b>Sunday before Lent</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.00am</b> <b>6.15pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion at Harwell</b> <b>Holy Communion at Chilton</b> <b>Morning Worship at Harwell</b> <b>Evening Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) at Harwell</b>
Tuesday	21	10.00am 11.15am 7.30pm	Holy Communion at Cherry Tree Court. All Welcome. Holy Communion at The Crown Care Home Harwell Ladies' Group: talk by Revd. Dr. J. Mobey at St. Matthew's Church Hall
Ash Wednesday	22	7.45pm	Holy Communion at All Saints' Chilton
<b>1st Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.00am</b> <b>6.15pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion at Chilton</b> <b>Morning Worship at Chilton</b> <b>Morning Worship at Harwell</b> <b>Holy Communion at Harwell</b>
<b>Every Monday</b>		9.30am- 11.30am	Fledgelings at St. Matthew's Church Hall
<b>Every Wednesday</b>		7.30pm 7.30pm	Choir Practice in All Saints' Church. All Welcome. Alpha Course at St. Matthew's Church Hall
<b>Every Saturday</b>		8.30am	Prayer Meeting in both Churches