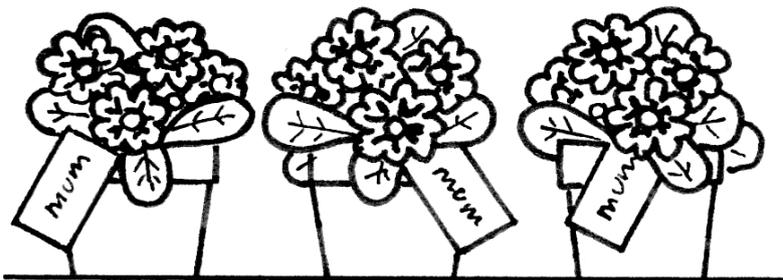


Ridgeway Broadsheet

March

2012



Mothering Sunday

Why not come and join us on March 18th ?

9.30am Holy Communion at All Saints' Chilton
11am Morning Worship at St. Matthew's Harwell

*All mothers will be presented with
posies of flowers at the services*



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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 1st and 15th March (1st & 3rd Thursday)

The Sound Control installation is progressing well.

Philip Roberts

Harwell Tower Forman



Bell Ringing in All Saints' tower

Chilton practices may be held by arrangement on Thursday evenings in the 2nd and 4th weeks, 8th and 22nd March starting at 7.30pm.

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

Chilton ringers will attend the joint Practice in Harwell on the other Thursday evenings starting at 7.30pm.

Contact Philip Roberts for details of Harwell ringing. Tel: 861409

Branch Activities:

Wednesday 28th March Branch afternoon training 2-3.30 pm at St Helen's, Abingdon

Kate Crennell

Chilton Tower Secretary

Tel: 834357 email: KMCrennell@dpmail.co.uk

Christian Aid Week 2012 13th - 19th May

If you are already a Christian Aid Collector, I will be in touch with you during March, to see if you are willing to help again this year. If you know you are not going to be free it would be helpful if you would let me know. Contact: mary.hanley@tiscali.co.uk or 206764. Many thanks.

**The United Service for Christian Aid Week
will be held at Didcot Methodist Church
on Sunday 13th May at 6.30pm**



Jonathan writes...

March the 18th this year provides an opportunity for celebration. And I don't just mean for hard-pressed florists and chocolatiers hoping for a boost in their cash-flow. Mother's Day has become an international phenomenon, in part because of commercial interests, but also, I believe, because we recognise that it is a good thing to appreciate and celebrate those who gave us life.

In Britain, mothers are traditionally celebrated on Mothering Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent, a welcome half-way break in a season of austerity. But what of the fathers? Hard as the men might try to be supportive and 'hands-on' with their families, much of the burden, especially in those exhausting early years, falls on the mother. Much of mothering is hard grind, a 24-7 commitment to putting the needs of a small, dependent human being before your own, and bearing the toll, physically and emotionally.

Of course, there are rewards to be had along the way, and the joy of witnessing landmark achievements such as your baby's first words. It was not very diplomatic of my children that the first word each of them uttered was not the deserved and deeply rewarding 'ma-ma' but the rather galling 'da-da'! Of course, it was probably nothing to do with expressing a preference for one parent, but simply making an easier sound.

Whatever the significance of our first words, it is universally true that we are not very good at appreciating those who have given so much to us, in particular our parents. Mothering Sunday and the fathers' counterpart in June are an opportunity, in a small way, to address this oversight.

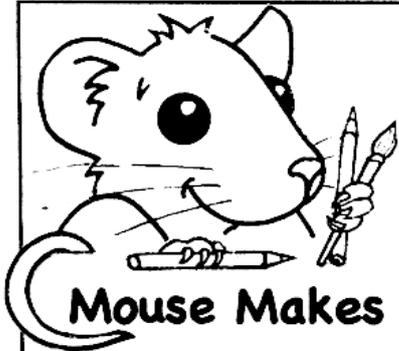
But there is a greater oversight that needs to be addressed. The love and sacrifice of our human parents directs us to an even greater, even more loving Parent, the one 'from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named' (according to Ephesians 3:15). And like our earthly parents, we often take the heavenly Father for granted and neglect to express our gratitude to Him for His goodness to us.

Whilst our mothers give birth to us, feed, clothe, educate, and comfort us, God is the ultimate source of all those things. Whilst our mothers have made and make great sacrifices out of their love for us, all that is a pointer towards the much greater love of the God who became one of us in his Son, and the unimaginable sacrifice made so that the beloved children of the heavenly Father might have life.



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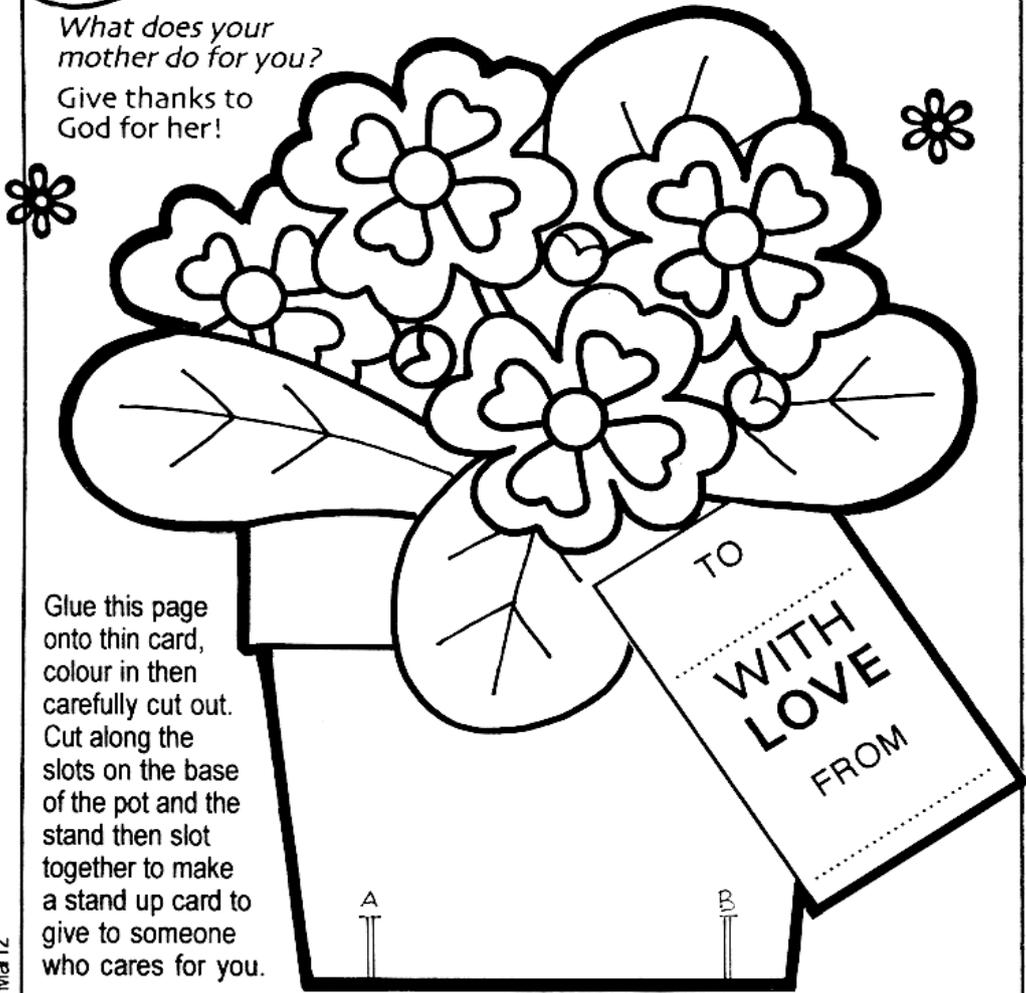




Jesus was **loved** by his mother Mary...
 ...she **cared** for him, **worried**
 about him and **prayed** for him,
 she washed his clothes,
 cooked his food and
hugged him when he cried.
 Mary cuddled Jesus when he was
 born, cried when he died and rejoiced
 when he rose from the dead.

What does your
 mother do for you?

Give thanks to
 God for her!



Glue this page
 onto thin card,
 colour in then
 carefully cut out.
 Cut along the
 slots on the base
 of the pot and the
 stand then slot
 together to make
 a stand up card to
 give to someone
 who cares for you.

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Chilton Wives' Group Annual Charity Quiz Night Saturday March 17th in Chilton Village Hall

Tickets are now on sale at £8 each which includes a hot supper and a delicious pud (teams of up to 6 players).

This year the money raised will be divided equally between:
ROSY (Respite Nursing for Oxfordshire Sick Youngsters) who are currently looking after 57 families in Oxfordshire with terminally ill children at home and a further 150 families with chronically sick children at home and **HAMLIN FISTULA UK**. This should be a fun evening.

Please bring your drink and glasses with you and let us know prior to the evening if you have any dietary requirements so that we can try to cater for them.

Tickets are available from:
Judy Goodall 43 Crafts End Chilton Tel 834503 &
Audrey Slater 9 Latton Close Tel 834558



Didcot Emergency Foodbank

February 7th 2012

Thank you so much for your recent contributions to the Foodbank. January has been our busiest month yet and I thought it would be helpful for you to know the quantity of food that has been used to support our clients.

We have supported 90 people with 3 days' worth of food, this adds up to 2610 individual items of food. The total number of items donated in January to the foodbank was 600. I have made two large purchases using the Nectar card and one cash purchase.

We feel so privileged that we have been able to help so many needy people but are very aware that if this level of need continues then we will need to do some serious thinking and praying as to how we are able to satisfy the demand. I would be so grateful if you would continue to pray for the foodbank that God would really use us in His service and that we might stand like a beacon in the town showing his love to those in need. (One very recent client sat in the foodbank sobbing as the hamper was put together for her, she couldn't believe that others had given so selflessly enabling her to feed her children).

If you would like to know more about the Nectar card scheme or would like to hold a card then please do speak to me and I can let you have one.

Thank you so much for your support.

The Foodbank phone number during opening hours:

Tuesday & Fridays, 11-1pm is 0755 1984 465

Miriam Loukes: 01235 817517

Didcot Emergency Foodbank is a project of

Didcot Baptist Church



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christingle collection in January. The final amount came to £139.25 for Harwell and £99.34 for Chilton. All the monies have been sent to 'The Children's Society'.

Baby & Toddler Nearly New Sale and Scout Car Wash



Saturday 10th March
10am—noon

Chilton Village Hall
Entrance 50p per adult,
children free

Plus cakes and refreshments

For more information please contact: chilontoddlers@googlemail.com



Putting Jesus back into Easter

It's hard to believe that, out of the whopping 80 million chocolate Easter Eggs sold each year, not one of them mentions Jesus on the box. Until now that is.

The Real Easter Egg is the first and only **Fairtrade** chocolate Easter Egg to explain the Christian understanding of Easter on the box. Inside the lid there is a Bible quote and with every egg a **FREE** 8 page Story of Easter booklet. Buy from the official shop at: www.realeasteregg.co.uk or visit Facebook



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Harwell Young
Singers present

**Spish,
Splash,
Splosh!**

Saturday 24th March 2012,

6.45pm at

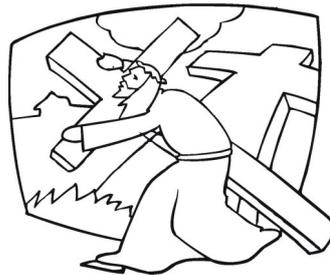
St Matthew's Church, Harwell

*Children aged 7 to 17 years
perform a repertoire of songs
with a water theme.*

WaterAid

All children are invited to an

**Easter Activity Morning
"The Stations of the Cross"
Friday 6th April (Good Friday)
10.30am-12.30pm**



St. Matthew's Church Hall

No need to book—nothing to pay!

All children aged 5-11 will be welcome and we'd love those under five to join us too, provided an adult stays with them.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS



Thanksgivings

"Welcome into the Lord's Family"

Matthew Ray



Funerals

"He who believes in Me will live"

Ib Holm Sorensen (62)
Eileen Mary Roberts(85)

**Harwell Gardeners' Club
Harwell Village Hall**

Monday 5th March at 7.30pm



**Climbers & Wall Shrubs
Talk by Janet Copley
Competition: Spring Bulbs**

Mother and Son

Luke 1:26-38

She was to carry the Son of God
To the world,
For the world,
To not be afraid,
Though ridiculed and rejected
To choose to trust and accept,
To serve and obey,
To step into the possibilities
Of God's power and purposes,
To believe.

He was to carry the sins
Of the world,
To forgive the world,
To not be afraid, but
Through love to cast out fear,
Though ridiculed and rejected
To choose to trust and accept,
To serve and obey,
To make possible
God's power and purposes
For those who believe.

The angel announced
The son to the mother,
Knowing she would be
Mother to the son.

By Daphne Kitching

**FAIRTRADE
Stall in
St. Matthew's
Sunday 4th
March after the
11 am service**



Please give items for the April Ridgeway Broadsheet to the Administrator, Carolyn Vickers, by Wednesday 16th March 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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March

2nd Sunday of Lent	4	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 6.15pm	Holy Communion at Harwell Worship for all ages at Chilton Worship for all ages at Harwell - Fairtrade stall Evening Prayer at Harwell	
Monday	5	10.00am	Missions Meeting at 'Dromore' Townsend, Harwell	
Tuesday	6	2.30pm	Chilton Evergreens - Talk - Rosemary & Tony Hadland	
		7.45pm	'Islay - Queen of the Hebrides' Both Churches PCC meeting - St. Matthew's church	
Wednesday	7	8.30pm	Night Prayer in All Saints' church	
3rd Sunday of Lent	11	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' Service at Harwell	
Tuesday	13	7.45pm	Chilton Wives - Talk by George Hedges on 'ROSY' respite nursing for sick youngsters - All Saints' church	
Thursday	15	2.30pm	Harwell Evergreens - short A.G.M. followed by 'Living with the Homeless' - talk by Mrs Jane Hornsby at St. Matthew's Church Hall	
Saturday	17	7.15pm	Chilton Wives Group - Quiz Night - Chilton Village Hall	
Mothering Sunday 4th Sunday of Lent	18	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	
Tuesday	20	10.00am	Holy Communion at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell	
		11.15am 7.30pm	Holy Communion at The Crown Care Home, Harwell Ladies' Group - AGM + Auction and Bring & Buy at St. Matthew's Church Hall	
Saturday	24	6.45pm	Harwell Young Singers Concert in St. Matthew's church	
5th Sunday of Lent	25	8.00am 9.15am 11.00am 6.15pm	Holy Communion at Chilton Morning Worship at Chilton Morning Worship at Harwell Holy Communion at Harwell	
Every Monday		9.30am	Fledgelings in St. Matthew's church hall	
Every Wednesday		7.30pm	Choir Practice in All Saints' church	
		7.30pm	Alpha Course in St. Matthew's Church Hall (last one 21st)	
Every Saturday		8.30am	Prayer meeting in both churches	