

Ridgeway Broadsheet

September 2012



RIDE + STRIDES

This year the Oxfordshire Historic Ride and Stride is on

Saturday 8th 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.

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 at a church of your choice.

If you would be interested in participating please contact:

Nicholas Milrose on 831562, for Harwell or

Naomi Gibson 820491 for Chilton.

Rector of Harwell with Chilton Church Administrator

Revd Dr Jonathan Mobey Mrs Carolyn Vickers

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YOUR NEWS HERE?

If you have news or a short item that you would like to have in the Broadsheet, weekly noticesheet or on the website, please contact Carolyn. All items will be considered, but space may not always permit inclusion.
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FAIRTRADE STALL

Fairtrade stall
in St. Matthew's Church
After the 11am service
on Sunday 2nd September

CHILTON EVERGREENS

Tuesday 4th September 2.30pm
Chilton Village Hall
Talk by Betty Collins
'Travels in Old China'

LADIES GROUP—HARWELL

Tuesday 18th September 7.30pm
in St. Matthew's Church Hall
Talk by Revd. Josie Midwinter
'Return to Africa'

HARWELL EVERGREENS

Thursday 20th September
Coach trip to Friars Court, Clanfield
Pick-up usual places—time to be
arranged. Includes Ploughman's
lunch, tour of gardens & talk.
Price £13 + coach cost.
More information: Gill Gay 831592

CHURCH BELL RINGING

Are you interested in learning?

For All Saints', Chilton contact:
Alec Samler tel: 834589 or
Kate Crennell tel: 834357

For St. Matthew's, Harwell contact:
Philip Roberts tel: 861409 or
Debbie Greenfield tel: 820760

FLEDGELINGS

A drop-in place for parents/carers
with children from new-born to
school age.

Every Monday Morning
(during school term time)
9.30am—11.30am

St. Matthew's Church Hall, Harwell

Tea and chat for adults,
activities and crafts for children.

Contact: Anne Gill
for more information
telephone 833575 or
hchurches.org/fledgelings

ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH HALL FOR HIRE

St. Matthew's Church Hall, Harwell
is now available for private
bookings such as birthday parties
or for weekly activities.

The cost of hire is £7 per hour.
For more information contact:
Wendy Sinclair 221008 or
Anne Gill 833575

The way I see it: Ordinary blessings

'The captains and the kings depart .. .' They've gone: the Jubilee, the European Nations Cup, the Olympics. As a lady said to me at church last Sunday, perhaps one day the television will get back to normal. Well, this is 'normal'. It's also, funnily enough, what the modern Prayer Book calls 'Ordinary Time' - that means the bits in between all the great feast days and penitential seasons and so on. At the moment it's the seemingly endless 'Sundays after Trinity'.

'Ordinary' is such a lovely word, I think. It's root is that reassuring word 'order', and it encompasses ideas like orderliness, well-ordered, in order. It's opposite is strange, unusual, distinctive: extraordinary.

One of the odd things about human behaviour is that most of us most of the time don't want to look strange, unusual or even distinctive. Just look at the way we dress, following fashion, deliberately trying to look like those around us. Think of the teenage uniform, male or female. Their whole ambition is to look exactly like their peers. Or think of guests at a wedding, especially the males, all looking exactly alike in bow ties and tails. Mind you, at times - perhaps at a party - we shall go to the other extreme and try to be as different and distinctive as possible - outrageous colours, pink hair, funny glasses.

Where the Gospels are concerned, our tendency is to remember the extraordinary bits - water turned into wine, storms stilled, lame people dancing and blind people seeing. Yet they are only extraordinary because their context is so utterly ordinary - women preparing meals, men sowing crops, feet being washed and food being eaten. The whole setting is so ordinary that the amazing acts of power that Jesus did stand out like beacons. But they happened - and this is important - in the ordinary world, to ordinary people, in the ordinary circumstances of life.

In 'Ordinary Time', when nothing special is happening, we have space and time to reflect on some of the wonderfully 'ordinary' events that have taken place in our lives - touches, I reckon, of the love and grace of God. I'm thinking of ordinary acts of kindness, generous words, quietly spoken prayers, memories too precious ever to fade away. I'm thinking of the 'ordinary' love of one human being for another, the 'ordinary' hand on the shoulder in time of need, the 'ordinary' serenity of a life well lived.

Or, perhaps, they're all extraordinary, really.

Canon David Winter
(*a former Head of Religious Broadcasting at the BBC*)

September Calendar

Saturday	1st	8:30am 1:00pm	Prayer Meeting at St Matthew's & All Saints' Churches Clothing cycle at St Matthew's Church Hall
Sunday	2nd	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:15pm	Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church All Age Worship at All Saints' Church All Age Worship at St Matthew's Church Fairtrade stall in St. Matthew's after service Evening Prayer at St Matthew's Church
Monday	3rd	9:30am 10:00am 7:30pm 8:00pm	Fledgelings at St Matthew's Church Hall Missions Meeting at 15, Elderfield Crescent, Chilton Bell Ringing Practice at All Saints' Church Home Group at 10 Jennings Lane, Harwell
Tuesday	4th	2:30pm	Chilton Evergreens at Chilton Village Hall
Wednesday	5th	10:15am 1:45pm 7:30pm 8:30pm	Home Group at St Matthew's Church meeting room Home Group at 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton Chilton Choir Practice at All Saints' Church Night Prayer at All Saints' Church
Thursday	6th	7:30pm	Bell Ringing Practice at St Matthew's Church
Friday	7th	2:00pm	Home Group at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell
Saturday	8th	8:30am	Prayer Meeting at All Saints' & St Matthew's Churches
Sunday	9th	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 4:30pm	Holy Communion at All Saints' Church Morning Worship at All Saints' Church Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church Hands Free Worship at St Matthew's Church
Monday	10th	9:30am 7:30pm 8:00pm	Fledgelings at St Matthew's Church Hall Bell Ringing Practice at All Saints' Church Home Group at 10 Jennings Lane, Harwell
Tuesday	11th	7:45pm	Chilton Wives at All Saints' Church
Wednesday	12th	10:15am 1:45pm 7:30pm 8:00pm	Home Group at St Matthew's Church meeting room Home Group at 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton Chilton Choir Practice at All Saints' Church Men's Group at Rose & Crown Pub, Chilton
Thursday	13th	7:30pm	Bell Ringing Practice at St Matthew's Church
Friday	14th	2:00pm	Home Group at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell
Saturday	15th	8:30am	Prayer Meeting at St Matthew's & All Saints' Churches
Sunday	16th	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:15pm	Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church Holy Communion at All Saints' Church Morning Worship at St Matthew's Church Evening Prayer (BCP) at St Matthew's Church

Monday	17th	9:30am 7:30pm 8:00pm	Fledgelings at St Matthew's Church Hall Bell Ringing Practice at All Saints' Church Home Group at 10 Jennings Lane, Harwell
Tuesday	18th	10:00am 7:30pm 7:45pm 9:00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell Ladies' Group at St Matthew's Church Hall Combined PCC meeting at St Matthew's Church St Matthew's PCC meeting at St Matthew's Church
Wednesday	19th	10:15am 1:45pm 7:30pm	Home Group at St Matthew's Church meeting room Home Group at 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton Chilton Choir Practice at All Saints' Church
Thursday	20th	11:00am 7:30pm	Harwell Evergreens outing to Friars Court, Clanfield Bell Ringing Practice at St Matthew's Church
Friday	21st	2:00pm	Home Group at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell
Saturday	22nd	8:30am 10:00am	Prayer Meeting at All Saints' & St Matthew's Churches Bell-ringing Peal at St Matthew's Church, Harwell
Sunday	23rd	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:15pm	Holy Communion at All Saints' Church Morning Worship at All Saints' Church Morning Worship at St Matthew's Church Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church
Monday	24th	9:30am 7:30pm 8:00pm	Fledgelings at St Matthew's Church Hall Bell Ringing Practice at All Saints' Church Home Group at 10 Jennings Lane, Harwell
Wednesday	26th	10:15am 1:45pm 7:30pm	Home Group at St Matthew's Church meeting room Home Group at 15 Elderfield Crescent, Chilton Chilton Choir Practice at All Saints' Church
Thursday	27th	7:30pm	Bell Ringing Practice at St Matthew's Church
Friday	28th	2:00pm	Home Group at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell
Saturday	29th	8:30am 10:00am	Prayer Meeting at St Matthew's & All Saints' Churches Combined PCC Away Day at The Court Hill Centre, Court Hill, Wantage
Sunday	30th	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:15pm	Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church Holy Communion at All Saints' Church Morning Worship at St Matthew's Church Evening Prayer at All Saints' Church

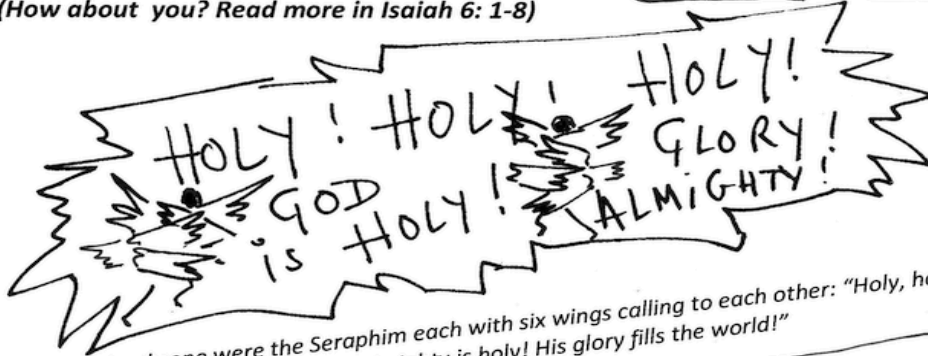


Bible Sketchbook

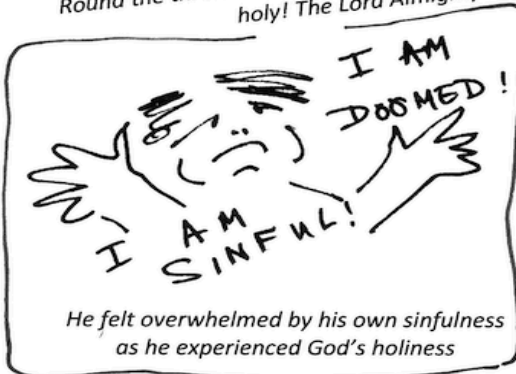
Changed To Serve

Our lives are gloriously changed as we experience the presence, power and holiness of the God of Jesus. Isaiah is a great example. He experienced God and as a result became acutely aware of his own sinful life. He wanted to change. One of God's Seraphim flew to him with a burning coal in a pair of tongs. He touched his lips with the coal and assured him of God's forgiveness. Isaiah was changed and now he could really serve God!

(How about you? Read more in Isaiah 6: 1-8)



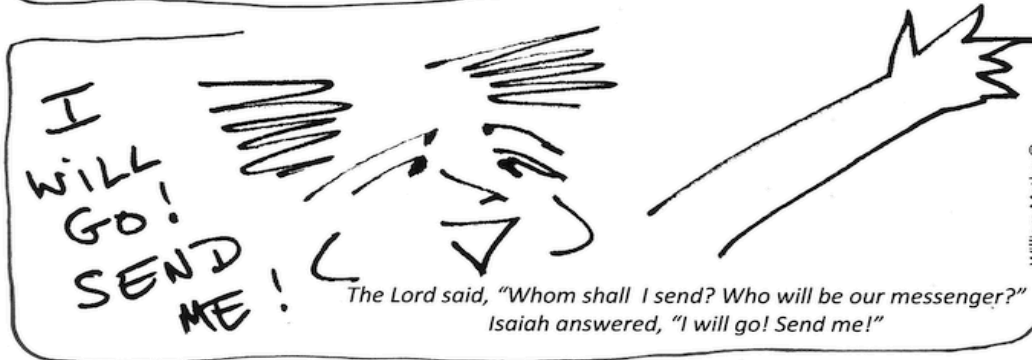
Round the throne were the Seraphim each with six wings calling to each other: "Holy, holy, holy! The Lord Almighty is holy! His glory fills the world!"



He felt overwhelmed by his own sinfulness as he experienced God's holiness



But one of the Seraphim flew to him with a burning coal from heaven and assured him of God's forgiveness



FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms/Thanksgivings

"Welcome to the Lord's family"

Albie Bo Lewis

Funerals

"He who believes in Me will live"

James Fredrick Rolls (81)

Ruth Alison Ewen (63)



"After the summer we've had, I'm expecting a lot of people to bring fish!"

HARVEST SUNDAY

Sunday 7th October

Worship for All Ages

9.30am at All Saints', Chilton

11.00am at St. Matthew's, Harwell

*All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above,
Then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord,
For all His love.*

WHAT IS PRAYER LIKE?

Effective prayer seems to require a heart that desires to please God, even when there's no commandment involved. A child who loves a parent or grandparent will occasionally do something totally un-required, just in order to please them. Any parent or grandparent is delighted when a small child gives them something – be it only a crayon drawing, and totally undecipherable. What matters to parents is that the young child gave it spontaneously, from their heart, without any prompting. Perhaps this is the kind of communication with us that pleases God—when we simply learn to enjoy his presence, and find our rest in him, and not ask him for anything. Our love and delight in him allows him to bless us fully.

TOWER FLOODLIGHTING

Since 2000 St. Matthew's has been floodlit at Christmas, with money provided by the parish. We hope that again the inhabitants of Harwell will want to see their church providing light amid the gloom! It costs about £184 pounds to pay for the electricity, at about £5 a day. Contributions will be very welcome, in £2 coins in the wall safe just inside the door, any time from September 1st onwards. All £2 coins put here will be used only for the floodlighting.

CLOTHING CYCLE

Everyone likes a bargain and increasing numbers of our village communities need one in these difficult economic times. To help, we are holding a 'Clothing Cycle' on the afternoon of Saturday 1st September in Harwell Church Hall, on the corner of The Park and Wellshead. We're looking for donations of second-hand Autumn/Winter clothes (men's, women's and children's) which have been well looked after, coat hangers, home-made cakes (so that we can offer refreshments) and TIME: time to sort, display and sell clothes, time to serve a cuppa, time to stop for a chat with our customers. If it seems this kind of service makes a difference in our community, the sale on 1st September could be the first of a series of seasonal sales. Just to reiterate, we envisage the sale will be 'anything but' a jumble sale - it's meant to be a friendly act of 'coming alongside' our communities, recycling good quality clothing. Please think how you could help with any of the above tasks and speak to Liz Roberts or look out for sign-up sheets at the back of both churches. Liz can be contacted on 834295 or lizroberts.wordpower@btinternet.com. Thank you in advance for anything you can do or give.

Please submit items for inclusion the Ridgeway Broadsheet to Carolyn by the second Wednesday of the month, either via the website, by email, by phone, or by leaving a note in St. Matthew's vestry. Thank you.

INTERESTED IN KEEP FIT?

A new class with a gentle approach to keeping fit, suitable for all ages.

Starting at 1pm on
Thursday 6th September
St. Matthew's Church Hall, Harwell
Class time 45 minutes
Cost £3.80 per session
For more information contact:
Roz Shipp 863342 or
Anne Gill 833575

SIGNS 2 RHYMES

The baby signing class for children 3 months to 2 years and their parents/carers.
Thursday mornings 10-11am in St. Matthew's Church Hall, Harwell. 1st class free, £4 per class thereafter
More information contact Katy:
katy@signs2rhymes.co.uk
Telephone: 07791026323

HARWELL GARDENERS' CLUB

Monday 3rd September 7.30pm
Harwell Village Hall
Late Summer Colour—Julie Ritchie
Competition: Longest Runner Bean
(from bean provided in March)
Produce Show:
Saturday 15th September 3pm
in Harwell School
More information:
David Drummond 821615