

## Notices

### NHS Covid-19 App

If you have the NHS Covid-19 App, please 'check in' to the church building using the QR code at the door when you come on Sundays or in the week.

### Reflections on Mission in Covid Times

Over the next few weeks, we will be seeking God's wisdom as we reflect on what we have been learning about mission during this time of pandemic. Rob draws this series of reflections to a close today with a sermon linked to the third mark of mission: to respond to human need in loving service. We hope to continue this process of reflection by canvassing our own views on mission through a questionnaire.

### Abseil for Christian Aid

Our Lay Minister Joan Walding took up the challenge! Joan successfully abseiled off the tower at St Mary Magdalen on Saturday and has raised over £1,200. Congratulations to Joan and thank you to everyone who sponsored her for Christian Aid.

### All Soul Service

The All Souls Service will be at 6pm on Sunday November 1st, and Helen will be coordinating the bookings for this service, giving priority to those who have lost loved ones recently. Please contact Helen if you would like to attend the service, and we will confirm your place nearer the time. If you would like us to remember any departed loved ones by name at the service, please fill out the online form or contact Helen if not online: <https://www.hthq.uk/all-souls-day-2020/>

If you are not attending the service but would like to come earlier in the day to light a candle to remember someone, please come any time between 2pm-5pm on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November, when candles will be available to light and will stay lit for the service.

### Forest Church

Our November forest church services will be on **Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup>** and **Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup>**, at 3pm. The two services will have the same content, but we are holding two as a way of managing the demand, so we ask families please to sign up for one of those dates.

### Morning Prayer

Please note there will be no morning prayer service on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – the services will resume again on Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Remembrance Sunday and Poppy Appeal

We will be marking Remembrance Sunday on Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup>, with two services at the usual times of 9.30am and 10.45am. Please sign up in the usual way. We will hold the act of remembrance inside the church this year. The wreath will be laid at the memorial shortly after each service.

Owing to the pandemic, it is not feasible to sell poppies at the back of church this year. However you should still find poppies for sale in some shops and supermarkets, or by searching online for "British Legion Poppies in the post". You need to order these before 31 October. White poppies can also be bought online from the Peace Pledge Union website.

### **Oxford's Christmas Light Festival**

Please see <https://www.oxlightfest.com/> for more information about the Christmas Light Festival taking place throughout the city on **November 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>**. Please do get creative by making something illuminated to share online, or making a local light trail, or writing a message of hope and inspiration. We are hoping to install an outdoor Christmas tree in the churchyard as part of the festival. 'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it' (John 1.5).

### **Zoom Book Club: Compassion**

Magdalene Sacranie from the UK Task Force on Compassion will be running a Zoom book club discussing Karen Armstrong's *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*. This will meet monthly on the first Wednesday of the month, beginning Wednesday November 4<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. Please let Laura know (vicar@hthq.uk) if you would like to sign up.

### **Soul Space on C.S. Lewis.**

Two Soul Space episodes exploring C.S. Lewis - his life, ideas and connection to our church—are available to listen to online. You can listen on the church website, or Radio Cherwell (broadcast times are 7.30am on Sundays, 8pm on Tuesdays, 1pm on Fridays). Thank you to Mike and Ruth Wooldridge for this initiative, and to Mike for offering his time and expert broadcasting skills in the production of these programmes.

### **Prayers for Hope and Healing**

Our fortnightly contemplative prayer gathering will continue on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 8.30pm on Zoom.

### **Spiritual Care Groups**

As we approach what looks like set to be a difficult winter, we are forming a network of 'spiritual care' groups within the church community. Group members will be asked to pray for one another, and also to provide any practical support to one another if necessary. You should hear about your group in the coming weeks, and if you don't wish to be part of this scheme, please just let Laura know.

## **Welcome to Placement Students**

We are delighted to welcome Ninus Khako and Ash David, from Ripon College Cuddesdon, as placement students this year. We look forward to getting to know them and supporting them on their journey towards ordination.

## **Readings and Intercessions for Sunday worship**

Please let Helen know ([office@hthq.uk](mailto:office@hthq.uk)) if you would like to volunteer to read or lead intercessions on a Sunday morning or to do just the first reading on a particular Sunday. The same person or members of the same household will need to do the first reading and lead the intercessions.

## **Holy Trinity Headington Quarry**

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### **Contact us**

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### **Pastoral Care**

Please contact Laura or any member of the team if you or someone you know is in need of pastoral support:

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