Notices

Christmas Services

Online carol service today Sunday 20th December at 6pm. <u>Please see our website for the Zoom link</u>, which you can join from 5.45pm onwards. Don't forget to have mince pies and mulled wine ready for afterwards!

From 7pm, you can also watch the service via <u>YouTube</u>.

Forest Church Christingles on **20**th, **21**st, **22**nd, **23**rd, **24**th **December at 3pm** These are now fully booked, but there are spare Christingle kits in the porch for you to take home if you weren't able to book a place. Do watch the national online Christingle service, available on <u>YouTube</u>.

Blue Christmas Service—Tuesday 22nd at 6pm. A quiet service of readings, carols and prayers, allowing space for grief and pain to sit alongside the light and hope that is at the true heart of Christmas.

First Eucharist of Christmas—**6pm on Christmas Eve**, our usual midnight mass service moved to an earlier time now fully booked.

Christmas Day Communion at 9.30am and 10.45am and online via our website.

First Sunday of Christmas and feast of St John the Evangelist: Sunday 27th December at 9.30am only

<u>Please book to attend the services via our website hthq.uk.</u> Online services will continue to be broadcast via our website and Radio Cherwell.

Community Carols

Our outdoor community carol singing is set to take place tomorrow on **Monday 21st December at 5pm**. In collaboration with our sister churches, we are looking to sing at four different locations - Wood Farm shops, Quarry Hollow, the Crib at Corpus Christi Church and in Risinghurst - and to encourage anybody living nearby to listen and sing along from their front gardens. Laura has been in touch with those who have signed up – if you haven't heard anything, please contact her ASAP!

Advent Prayer Tree

Our churchyard tree will be lit every day from 3pm to 10pm. We invite you to hang a decoration on the tree, to pray and remember someone you love during this Advent season.

Advent Retreat

If you have space during this holy season of Advent, why not make time for a virtual retreat? Pray as you Go are offering a retreat led by Sister Gemma Simmonds, entitled 'God is with you'. <u>New</u> <u>sessions are broadcast weekly on Mondays in December.</u>

Donate to HTHQ while you shop

If you are carrying out any shopping via Amazon, please consider supporting Holy Trinity by <u>clicking this link to our Smile Amazon</u> <u>page</u> before you begin your shopping. Once you click the link, you can carry on with your Amazon shopping in the normal way, and our church will receive a donation at no cost to you.

Building Project News

The PCC have agreed to begin the first phase of our building project, which involves new church lighting, electrical rewiring, and related works. This is set to begin on Monday January 11th 2021 and take 8-10 weeks. The proposed new lighting design from Light Perceptions Ltd can be <u>viewed on the church website</u>. Please get in touch with Laura, Helen or the churchwardens if you have any questions about the works. Please continue to pray for our fundraising efforts and for the building project as we move forwards on this journey of faith.

Amnesty International

Although we cannot gather this year to write Amnesty greetings cards, we invite you to visit the Amnesty website to participate in the campaigns online: <u>https://www.amnesty.org.uk/write-for-rights</u>

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.