

Notices: 3 September 2023

Sunday September 3rd: Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist: Blessing and Dedication of Church Building Project with the Bishop of Oxford.

6pm Choral Evensong

Introit: Lead, kindly light

Hymn: 676 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Preces & Responses: Byrd

Canticles: Brewer in D

Anthem: Martin How - Day by Day

Hymn 821 When in our music God is glorified

Voluntary: Carillon – Louis Vierne (1870 – 1937)

The flowers in church today have been given (by her family) in loving memory of Rosemary Herklots, whose funeral was here in church on Friday.

Sunday September 10th: Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School

Midweek Services

Morning Prayer: Monday to Thursday at 9am

Eucharist Service: Wednesdays at 10am

2023: A time to build: Exciting Updates!

Finance We are delighted to announce that our loan application from Methodist Chapel Aid has been approved! This means that we now have the finance in place to complete our project.

The application process was helped considerably by the incredible generosity shown by those who have contributed towards our latest and final fundraising appeal to finance the loan. Thank you so much to all who have been able to contribute, and to everyone who has supported the process with their prayers. The total amount pledged so far is £116,000, towards a loan of £250,00. If you haven't yet been able to send in a pledge form, we would still love to hear from you! Those who have sent in pledge forms will be contacted in due course about the next steps.

If you would like to make a donation directly into our building fund account, the details are:

Account name: HTHQ

Sort Code: 20-65-20.

Account no: 83117634 (Please include your name as a reference)

Graves and memorials The vicar and churchwardens are keen to ensure that all those who tend graves or memorials in the churchyard are able to have any questions or concerns they have with regards to the building works answered where possible and kept in touch with the development's progress. If this applies to you or anyone else you know please let Helen in the Parish Office have the contact details so that you can be kept in touch with any relevant information. office@hthq.uk or 01865 762931 Tues - Thurs 8.30 – 12 noon only.

Prayer requests Please continue to hold the project in your prayers as we look to finalise the start date. As the psalmist writes: 'unless the Lord builds the house, those who labour build it in vain' (Psalm 127.1). We ask you all to pray especially for wisdom for our architect and contractors, and for peaceful relations with our neighbours and local residents affected by the work.

God of vision and hope,
we thank you for our church building;
a place of prayer and pilgrimage,
witnessing to your love and presence in our midst.
We pray for our plans to develop the building
to further the work of your kingdom in this and future
generations.
We pray for the guidance, resources and skills we need
to bring the project to completion,
and that we would be united in vision and focus
as we work towards this goal,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Cornerstone. Amen.

Welcome Tea: Sunday 17th September 3pm-4.30pm.

The vicar and churchwardens warmly invite you to a welcome tea on Sunday 17th September in the Vicarage garden (weather depending). This is an opportunity for new members of the church to find out more about church life in a friendly and informal setting (over tea and cake!). We are casting a wide net this time because we haven't been able to hold the event for the past few years: please contact Helen Day (office@hthq.uk) if you are able to come.

The Eco Group would like to share some great news. Holy Trinity has been awarded A Rocha's Eco Church Silver Award. Congratulations and thanks are due to the many church members

whose efforts have brought about this wonderful result. (Hilary Rollin for Eco Group).

Save the Date: Autumn Talks Series - Environment Matters.

Weds 13 September: Brown Ground to Green House: Fulfilling a Life Dream David and Jenny Bird relate their experience of building an eco house.

Weds 11 October: Extraordinary Shotover: History, Flora, Fauna and Climate Change. Jim Woods of Shotover Preservation Society entertains us with a wealth of fascinating information.

Venue for both talks: 7.30 in the Coach House, Quarry Road, Headington, OX3 8NU. Do please come, and bring friends. Details of subsequent talks will follow. Hilary Rollin (for Holy Trinity Eco Group)

Philosophy Club After the success of the Philosophy Club and the enjoyment of those who attended the Philosophy Club is looking to start again in September. Aiming to meet once a fortnight to take a dive through various philosophers and their ideas from Anaximander and Parmenides right through to contemporary figures such as Nozick and Rawls. The course is aimed for those who have no prior knowledge of philosophy and is kept at a relaxed, informal pacing. Newcomers are more than welcome to attend, as are those who attended the first run-through of the course (there will be a few differences this time round) and there is no pressure to attend every session, if you would prefer to only dip in for the session which grab your interest you are more than welcome to do so. Sessions typically last for 1 hour consisting of a short talk introducing the topic followed by questions and discussion from the group. Exact day and time to be confirmed. If you are interested in joining us or have any questions, please contact Richard Churchill at richardc8@msn.com

Church Flowers The flower team hope you are enjoying the flowers this summer. We come in every Friday to clear out the old ones and make new arrangements. As you may be aware we do not receive any money from the church for flowers and rely solely on donations from the congregation, and we are running very low on funds as some of our older donors are no longer with us. We are very aware of increases in the cost of living but would welcome any donations from you. Remember that you can donate in memory of loved ones, for birthdays anniversaries etc. Please contact Margaret Woodcock on Ox. 761588 or Helen Nowicki on Ox. 434644 if you are able to donate towards the flower fund. Thank you.

Light Lunch @ The Coach House, Friday 15th September (11.30PM- 1.30PM). Soup and Bacon Roll. Free - but donations welcome. Sponsored by Quarry WI, Holy Trinity Church. All welcome!

Asylum Welcome *Please do not leave any fresh produce or fruit and vegetables but donate eg cooking oil, tinned tomatoes, milk (UHT) and tinned fish. Please put items in the crate at the back of church. You can find a list of all the items that are needed on this page: <https://www.asylum-welcome.org/food/>. Thank you for your support.*

Eco Resources List: To view the August/September recommended resources go to: <https://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources/> (Hilary Rollin, Eco Church Group)

Eco Tips Eco Tip of the Week: Make your own cleaning products, but if you have to buy, go for the largest container to save on plastics, or preferably, buy refillables. (Hilary Rollin for Eco Church Group)

Pastoral care team Are you in need of support or would you like to talk to someone? We rely on you to let us know of anyone who is ill, or in hospital or who might welcome a visit. Please contact any of the clergy (numbers below) or Helen Day, Janet Masters, or Anne Tarassenko.

Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

*An open door between heaven and earth,
showing God's love to all.*

As the Anglican parish in Headington Quarry, Risinghurst and Wood Farm, we are here for every local resident. Our church is open every day. We hope that you will find God's peace as you come to pray or just sit and rest awhile. If you have questions about the Christian faith or would like to find out more about church life, please get in touch:

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