

## Notices 14 January 2024

### **Sunday Jan 14<sup>th</sup>: Baptism of Christ**

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School

### **Midweek Services**

Morning Prayer: 9am Monday and Tuesdays in the Coach House.

Midweek Communion: Wednesdays at 10am

### **Sunday Jan 21<sup>st</sup>: Third Sunday of Epiphany**

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School

**Housekeeping matters during the building work:** Please kindly note that toilet facilities are available at the Coach House, and the vestry is now strictly out of use. Seating is more restricted inside the church - please be considerate when choosing a pew, and allow space for latecomers if possible (**please consider filling up from the front!**). The back pews are reserved for children and families attending Sunday school. In the event of an emergency, fire exits are at the main church door and the chancel door. As the colder months approach please remember to wrap up warm when you come to church. With the north aisle boxing we don't have the full benefit of the church heating. Fleece blankets are available from the welcomers if needed!

We are so grateful that the building work is progressing smoothly and to plan! Although the church will look and feel quite different over the coming months of building work, we remember that we have laboured for a very long time to bring these plans to fruition, and we all look forward in faith and hope to the completion of the works in 2024. Please continue to hold the project in your prayers. 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.

**Tots morning:** our next tots morning takes place in the Coach House on **Tuesday 23 January**. Children below school age are welcome to join for stay & play 10am-11.15am with the option to stay for a Bible story and prayers 11.15am-11.30am. Contact Emily for more information.

**New Newsletter** The deadline for the next online newsletter is Thursday **25 January**. If you have any items and photos to contribute, please email them to Yue-Yi Hwa at [newsletter@hthq.uk](mailto:newsletter@hthq.uk). Thank you very much.

**Christingles** the three services on Christmas Eve raised £500 for the Childrens Society. Our thanks to all those who helped make the Christingles and supported the services, and to Waitrose Headington for their generous donation of 170 oranges.

**Gatehouse appeal:** The Gatehouse supports adults aged 25+ who are homeless, vulnerably housed, on low income and/or looking for company and community. Holy Trinity will again be providing soup for the Gatehouse - if you are able to make one or more batches of 2 litres of vegetarian soup by Sunday 15 January, please let Monika Blackwell know ([mdblackwell@hotmail.com](mailto:mdblackwell@hotmail.com) or 07880 797009).

On Sunday 7 January I will leave some freezer bags, labels and instructions outside my house at 1 York Road, Headington, OX3 8NW. If you are unable to collect them please let me know and I will drop them off. Thank you - this nourishing and warming soup is very welcomed.

**Eco Resources List:** To view the Autumn recommended resources go to: <https://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources/>

**This week's Eco Tip:** 'No-cost tweaks', aka keeping warm while keeping the cost down. Try any or all of the following: Reduce boiler flow to 60°; set hot water at 42° on a combi boiler; turn down radiator valves just enough to use less fuel. Tackle draughty

windows by using weatherstrips, and gaps at the bottom of doors with brush draught excluders. If screwdrivers are not your thing, make a sausage draught excluder from a piece of fabric. If that is too much, decide always to keep curtains and blinds shut at night. Even that will pay off! *Hilary Rollin, Eco 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.