

Notices: 21 April 2024

Sunday April 21st: Fourth Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School.

Sunday April 28th: Fifth Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist

Midweek Services

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

Eucharist Service: Wednesdays at 10am

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.

The Church Electoral Roll: do you need to update?

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is coming upon us again. This APCM for our parish gives us the chance to review the past year, look ahead to the year to come, and elect the people who will take part in the making of decisions on parish matters. Everyone is welcome to attend, but if you wish to vote or to stand for office you need to be on the parish electoral roll, our list of voting members. The electoral roll also lets us know how many members we have, which is useful in all kinds of ways. So please consider joining if you consider yourself part of our community but are not yet on the roll. If you are already on the roll, have you moved house in the last year? If so, please let me know.

Is there anyone who needs to be removed from the roll, because they have died or moved away? If so, please let me know.

Are you not on the roll, but you would like to be? Please pick up an application from the church, or download it from the church website, fill it in and return it, either to church or direct to me, either physically or by email – you can fill in and return the form electronically, it doesn't need a physical signature if you return it by email.

I'm also pleased to answer any questions you may have – I can even tell you whether you live inside or outside the parish boundaries!

The roll has to be closed for some weeks before the annual meeting, so please ensure that any applications or other changes are notified to **me BY TODAY** Thank you.

Joan Jones – Electoral Roll Officer

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The Parish Office is now closed and will reopen on Tuesday 30th April.

Save the date: We are delighted that the Bishop of Oxford will be joining us for our 10am Parish Eucharist on Sunday 15 September to bless our church building following completion of the building works. His visit will be part of a weekend-long celebration: details to follow.

The Bishop will also be confirming several members of our congregation during this service. **If you are interested in exploring confirmation**, please get in touch with any of our clergy.

Julian Group. The May meeting will be on **Friday 3rd May at 2.30 pm at 3 Barton Road, Headington.** We meditate for half an hour on a passage provided by one of us and then discuss it before having a social time with tea/coffee and biscuits. New members are very welcome. Please contact me for further details: **Sheila Allcock 01865-769630**

Calling all gardeners! As before we are going to have a **plant stall** at the **Christian Aid Spring Tea.** This year this will be held on **11th May** in the Village Hall. Now is the time to save some extra seedlings and pot up those plants that you were going to throw away. There will be a toy stall and book stall too and we shall be looking for offers of cakes nearer the time. Thank you!

Quarry talk and social An event run by the Friends of Quarry on **Friday 10 May** at the Quarry Village Hall at 7.30pm. A talk will be given on a historic painting of a Quarry House in 1800 by Dr William Crotch. All are welcome.

Hearing Loop Update: our loop system had to be disconnected during the work on the west end of church, we are really pleased that the contractors have found a way to reinstate it and it is now functioning. Please have a chat with a welcomer or one of the sound team if you are having problems.

APCM The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is coming up on **Wednesday 22 May at 7.30pm in church.** This APCM for our parish gives us the chance to review the past year, look ahead to the year to come, and elect the people who will take part in the making of decisions on parish matters. Everyone is welcome to attend so please put this date in your diary.

Celebrating thirty years of women priests: Sunday June 9th
Please save the date for this special service! We are delighted to welcome the Revd Christina Rees, CBE, former chair of WATCH, as our preacher at the 10am Eucharist.

New group for young women: Holy Trinity and Collinwood Road

URC are joining together to run a series of meetings for girls aged 11-16 in our church community who wish to explore their faith in the context of their lives and experiences. We will meet on Friday evenings 6.30-7.30pm beginning 26 April for food and discussion. If you would like more details, contact Emily (curate@hthq.uk), and please pray for our time together.

Save **the Date** – Back by popular demand the coach has been booked for the **annual parish day out at Alum Chine Bournemouth on 22nd June** seats will be £20 each to book your seat or for more information about this All Age wonderful day please email frances.farrar23@gmail.com

This week's Eco Tips: Plant Foods Part 3- Final tip on this topic! The 30 Plant Foods per Week Challenge! 'Impossible!', you say. It's nothing like as hard as it sounds. You can count all vegetables, fruits, legumes (fresh, frozen, canned, dried); whole grains (quinoa, rolled oats, sourdough bread etc.); herbs (mint, parsley, coriander, basil etc.); spices (cinnamon, cumin, paprika etc.); nuts (walnuts, pistachios, pecans, peanuts- not salted- etc.); seeds (pumpkin, sesame, chia etc.). Give it a go! *Hilary Rollin, Eco Group.*

Eco Resources Spring 2024

For suggestions about ECO Resources, including links to Zoom sessions (live and recorded), discussion groups, talks etc., go to: <https://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources/>. Hilary Rollin, Eco Group

Energy Recovery Facility Tour:

The Ardley Energy Recovery Facility (ERF), offers a fascinating tour on what happens to our general waste, and how it is turned into a resource. For more information, and to book your free visit, go to: <https://www.viridor.co.uk/energy/visiting-our-facilities/ardley-visitor-centre/> or email enquiries@viridor.co.uk 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 on back page) 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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