

Notices: 28 April 2024

Sunday April 28th: Fifth Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist

Sunday May 5th: Sixth 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

Thursday May 9th: Ascension Day service at 7.30pm

Sunday May 12th: 10am Service at the start of Christian Aid week 12-19th May Revd Dr Laura Biron- Scott will be preaching.

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 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.

Fr Christopher Hewetson it is with great sadness that we have learned that Fr Chris died in North Devon on Tuesday 2 April. Fr Chris succeeded Fr Head as Vicar of Holy Trinity in 1990. The Ministry of Fr Chris and his wife Alison is remembered with much fondness and gratitude. An example of this being the Coach House which came into being during his time here. Our love and prayers go with Alison, his wife, and all the family.

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 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: : Detergent! Given that we are in a biodiversity emergency, with 79% of global wildlife populations now lost, should we be using the detergent that gives the best 'bright white' or an eco detergent? Can we reserve the 'bright white' detergent for rare occasions when stubborn stains refuse all else?
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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