

## Notices: 21 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 next **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.

**Pancake Party on Sunday 11 February at 3pm** in the coach house

open to everyone to come and build a pancake donations will go towards the building fund RSVP would be helpful just so we know for numbers and any allergens [frances.farrar@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:frances.farrar@tiscali.co.uk) Thank you and see you there!

**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.farrar@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:frances.farrar@tiscali.co.uk)

**Christingles** the three services on Christmas Eve raised £500 for the Childrens Society. Our thanks to all those who helped make the Christingles and for those who supported the services, and finally 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).

From 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.

### **Lent Resources**

Lent begins on **Wed 14<sup>th</sup> February** (Ash Wednesday). We will mark this with a Eucharist at 10am (with imposition of ashes). We will not hold a choral service this year, but you are warmly invited to attend the service at Christ Church Cathedral (at 6pm).

This year's Diocesan 'Come and See' course is entitled: The Way of Love. Everyone who registers will receive a daily short email to reflect on, and a weekly short video from Bishop Steven exploring the themes in a bit more detail. The materials are suitable both for those who are exploring faith for the first time and those with an established faith. There are also special materials for family groups and schools. You can sign up here:

<https://oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see>

If you would like a book to help deepen your life of prayer during Lent, Revd Laura recommends: *The Way of Ignatius: A Prayer Journey through Lent*, by Gemma Simmonds. If you are interested in meeting to discuss the book, please get in touch with Laura: we may set up a group meeting midway through Lent to share our reflections together.

**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.