

Notices: 4 February 2024

Sunday Feb 4th: The Second Sunday before Lent

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 Feb 11th: Racial Justice Sunday

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School

Wednesday Feb 14th: Ash Wednesday

10am Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes

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.

Christmas HTHQ Charity collections appeal Local: The Archway Foundation and The Oxfordshire Homeless Movement and International: Christians Against Poverty and WaterAid UK received in total £1,294.67 over all the services. In addition £500 was given directly to the Charities by people who wished to include Gift Aid and £250 was given to each charity by the PCC, giving a total of £2,794.67 to the appeal.

Flowers in church today have been kindly given by Neil and Carrie Barron who are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary, to celebrate this special day coming up on Tuesday, 6th February. 25 years ago Jean Berryman and team prepared the flowers for their wedding day, and today Margaret Woodcock and her team have prepared the flowers in keeping with Carrie's wedding bouquet. Carrie and Neil would like to thank all the well wishers for their kind words on getting to this Silver Anniversary.

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

open to everyone to come a 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 Thank you and see you there!

Tea at the Coach House on Saturday 17th February 2.30 – 4pm.

Do come and enjoy a get together over a cup of tea and cake and bring a friend as well, We are planning to have some local entertainment as well. Any offer of cake would be most welcome. Contact or speak to – Margaret or Janet (church wardens)

Tots Morning – Our next tots morning will be held on Tuesday 12th March at 10am in the Coach House.

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

Lent Resources

Lent begins on **Wed 14th 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.

This week's Eco Tips: Resist the temptation to chuck out the half-lemon left from a recipe; citrus fruit freezes well. Cut the remaining half into slices, freeze flat on a tray, then bag ready for use in the water jug or in drinks. *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.



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*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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