

## Notices: 10 March 2024

### **Sunday March 10th Mothering Sunday**

8am – Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer

10am – All Age Parish Eucharist with distribution of daffodil posies.

### **Midweek Services**

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

Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup> at 10am Tots Service in the Coach House.

Midweek Communion: Wednesdays at 10am

### **Sunday March 17th Passion Sunday**

8am – Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer

10am – Parish Eucharist with Forest Church

**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.

**Fair Trade Sale** is in the Coach House, **today** after the 10am service. There will be chocolate, of course, and eggs big and small as well as many FT products. Come and give your support.

**Tots Morning** – Our next tots morning will be held next Tuesday **12<sup>th</sup> March at 10am in the Coach House.**

**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 before 21st April 2024.

Thank you.

Joan Jones – Electoral Roll Officer

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07710611250

**Calling all singers** Would you like to sing in any of the following services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and or join in with the All Saints Easter Day Carol Service? Please contact Helen in the office by next Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>.

On **Easter Day** we will again sing the Handel chorus so bring your copy with you and we will be accompanied by Andrew Patterson on the organ.

**Picturing the Passion:** Holy Week through our Church Building  
This year during Holy Week we will use features of our church building as a visual focus for prayer and devotion. The clergy will offer talks on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Day, which will focus on three of our beautiful stained glass windows. Other images of the building will complement the services on Palm Sunday, Wednesday Compline, and the Easter Vigil. Our hope is that, during this time of change and transition, we can be reminded of the story of our church building, and find renewed hope and courage as we look to the future.

**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.

**Newsletter** The deadline for the next online newsletter is **Thursday 28 March**. 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.

**Can you help?** Following our recent PCC meeting, we are looking for some extra congregational support to enable our new working groups to flourish and succeed. **Would you be interested in joining one of our newly formed groups?**

1. Finance and strategy. Led by Richard Stoneman, this group will explore the recommendations of our recent financial review, helping our church to become more financially sustainable in both the short and long term.

2. 175th anniversary celebrations

Led by Margaret Taylor and Frances Farrar, this group will oversee the celebrations for our church's 175th birthday, which will coincide with the end of our building project.

Please contact any of the group leaders if you are interested in joining or finding out more - we would love you to join us! You can also email or phone Helen in the Parish Office who would be happy to pass your contact details on to the group leaders.

### **New Churchyard Working Party Next Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>**

**March 10 – 12 noon** The churchwardens have asked me to try and restart regular churchyard work parties. I hope some of the previous work party members will be able to help again but we should very much welcome new volunteers. The work involved is mainly weeding, edging, general tidying, some pruning which will be supervised and shared out depending on who comes along on the day.

Perhaps some people might take over the maintenance of particular neglected graves, which could be done in their own time. Volunteers need to bring their own secateurs and weeding implements, with gloves if required if at all possible. We have a supply of digging and cutting tools for any heavier jobs. Please contact Susan Houlton or Helen Day in the Parish Office

**The Oxford Community Passion Play 2024** will be performed in Hinksey Park on Holy Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, at 12noon and 2.30pm. **Everyone is welcome** to join us in exploring the dramatic events leading up to the joy of that first Easter Sunday, more than 2,000 years ago. No need to book as this is a free event.

More than 48 actors, musicians, singers and backstage crew are involved, coming from all walks of life in Oxford. We have the support of seven churches and although the production team are all professional theatre makers, everyone involved is an unpaid volunteer.

Please bring family, friends and neighbours to witness the emotional events of that first Easter week-end, and enjoy the good news it brings!

**Directions:** Only a short 15 minute walk from the city centre, or by buses: 35, 46, ST1, X1, X2, X32

### **Lent Resources**

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.

**Stitching the Cross** - a series of four embroidery retreats at Christ Church Cathedral: 28th Feb, 6th March, 13th March, 20th March (10am-4pm). Reflections on four different cross designs will be given by Cathedral clergy during the day, with instruction given on stitching (suitable for all levels). The cost is £60 per person per day. Booking is essential (you can book for the series or just one date). Further enquiries and to book: [sally.welch@chch.ox.ac.uk](mailto:sally.welch@chch.ox.ac.uk)

**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](mailto:frances.farrar23@gmail.com)

**Annual Friendship Walk of Faiths 6-8.00pm, Thursday 27 June** The Walk begins at 6pm from the Jewish Centre, Richmond Road, stops at St Giles and the University Church, and ends at about 8pm at a mosque in East Oxford. At each place the Walkers are greeted and there are reflections from members of different faith traditions. The synagogue will be open to visitors from 5.30pm. The Walk is organised by the Oxford Council of Faiths (OxCoF) It provides an opportunity to meet and walk with people from Oxford's many different faith communities. People of all faiths and none are welcome to join in the Walk.

**This week's Eco Tips: Take part in The Big Plastic Count (11-17 March)**. Households, schools, community groups, and businesses will count their plastic packaging waste and share their results to help form a national picture of plastic waste in the UK. The findings will be critical for the Global Plastics Treaty, where nations will come together to set new global rules for the production of plastic. Why not do your own survey? *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](mailto: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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