

Notices: 24 March 2024

Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday: March 24th

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist with Procession of Palms and Forest Church.

Monday of Holy Week: 25th March

9am Morning Prayer

Tuesday of Holy Week: 26th March

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Wednesday of Holy Week: 27th March

10am Midweek Communion

8pm Compline: A meditative service of plainchant, scripture and prayers

Maundy Thursday: 28th March

8pm Choral Eucharist with foot-washing and Vigil until midnight. ***Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church for vigil times.***

Good Friday: 29th March

10am – 11.30am Family Event in the Coach House *with arts and crafts, making Easter nests, Easter garden making and an Easter trail*

2pm Service of the Cross (*silent meditation in church from 12noon*)

Easter Vigil: Saturday 30th March

9pm Vigil of readings and First Eucharist of Easter

Easter Day: Sunday 31st March

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist with Forest Easter Egg Hunt and children's 'flowering the cross' activity.

Please note at the end of the service we'll be singing the Handel Hallelujah Chorus once again as our outgoing Voluntary. Please bring your copies - but don't worry if you forget! Anyone can join in.

Easter Day Carol Service at All Saints Highfield at 6pm All are welcome.

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.

Morning Prayer will break during the Easter holidays, resuming on Mon 15 April.

Holy Saturday Church cleaning: the clergy, flower arrangers, and other volunteers will be preparing the church for our Easter celebrations during the morning of Saturday 30 March. If you are able to lend a hand, please do come along any time from 9am.

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 before **21st April 2024**. Thank you.

Joan Jones – Electoral Roll Officer

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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.

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. Thank you very much.

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: Simplicity and Sustainability. Are we managing to reduce what we have, live more simply, in solidarity with people living in poverty, saving money, saving the planet? Many small actions make for change. *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 below) 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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