

Surprises can be great if they're good but no one wants unexpected crises for which they're unprepared. What happened with Jesus at the first Easter (originally the Jewish Passover) was the biggest surprise ever.

As in His birth as an ordinary vulnerable baby, so also in His gruesome and bloody death on a cross, Jesus shows us a side to God that takes us completely by surprise: humility. (How very 'un-god like', we may presume!) Jesus, by dying on the cross, played the part of a Passover Lamb who was sacrificed to shelter people from death by taking our place. Such is God's rescue plan for humanity: merciful, gracious & totally surprising!

But more was to come. After three days, to the amazement of His friends, Jesus rose from the dead. Humanity's biggest fear: death – defeated by the God-Man, King Jesus! We believe that it is through forgiveness & reconciliation to God by Jesus' death & resurrection, the death of *our* physical body becomes merely a veil to the greater reality of heaven.

What a hope! So, consider asking Jesus to forgive, and give *you* a heart to follow Him. Life will continue to have its surprises, but with Jesus you'll be able to face them.

With love,
Pastor Phil Herklots, Cornerstone Church.

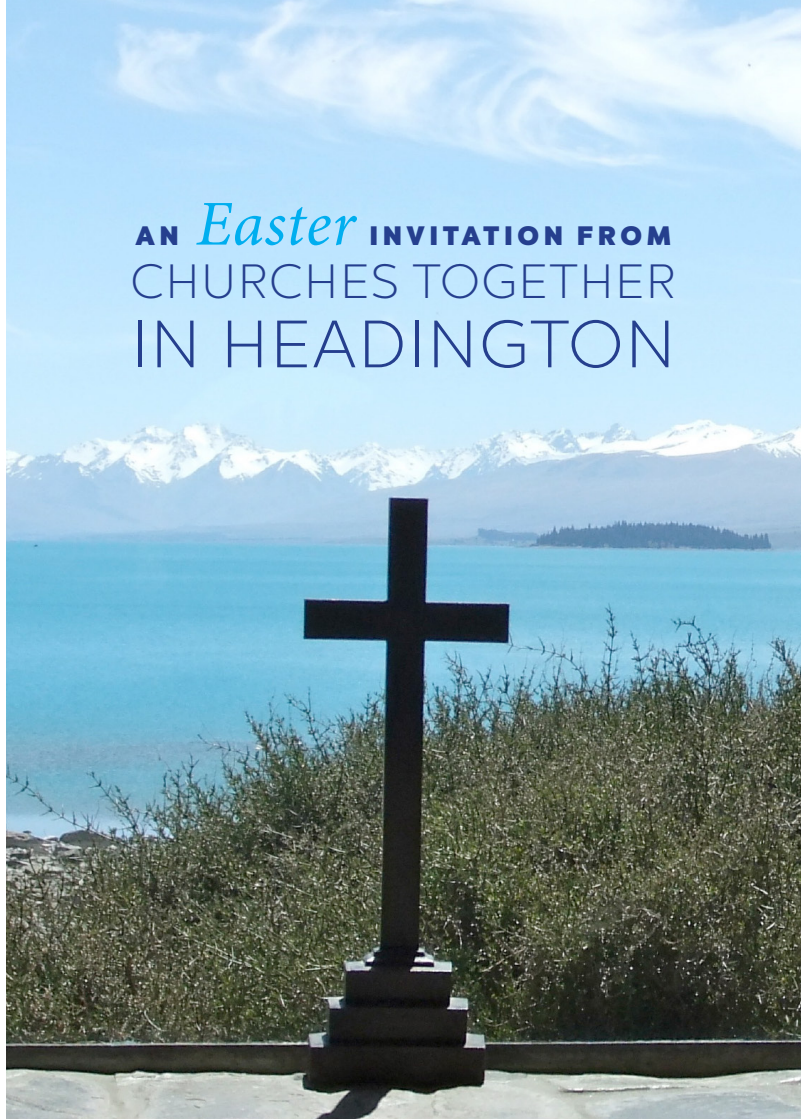
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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HEADINGTON

For full details of services in our churches during Holy Week and Eastertide please visit our website:
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We welcome people to our churches at any time of year.

AN *Easter* INVITATION FROM CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HEADINGTON



Join your local churches this Easter Day, Sunday 27 March, as we celebrate the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ.

ALL SAINTS' HIGHFIELD (Church of England), Lime Walk

www.allsaintsheadington.org.uk

8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10.00am Sung Eucharist (Common Worship)
12noon Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
6.00pm Easter Carol Service

CORNERSTONE CHURCH (AoG) Quarry High Street.

www.cornerstoneoxford.com

10.30am Resurrection Day Celebration!
Please see the church website for more details.

CORPUS CHRISTI (Roman Catholic), Margaret Road

9.00am Easter Mass
11.00am Easter Mass
6.30pm Easter Mass

HEADINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH 78 Old High Street

www.hbc-oxford.org.uk

10.30am Easter Day All Age Celebration

HOLY TRINITY (Church of England), Headington Quarry

www.hthq.org.uk

8.00am Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
10.00am Easter Eucharist for all ages
6.00pm Evensong

LIME WALK METHODIST CHURCH, Lime Walk

www.limewalk.org.uk

10.30am All age Service of Holy Communion including the decoration of the Easter Cross.
There will be an Easter egg hunt after the service.
6.30pm Service of reflection

OXFORD BIBLE CHURCH, meets in Cheney School Hall, OX3 7QH

www.oxfordbiblechurch.co.uk

11.00am Resurrection Sunday Family Service
Please see the church website for more details.

OXFORD CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH,

www.oxccc.org

(meets **today only** in Botley Baptist Church, Westminster Way, OX2 0LW)
2.00pm Easter Day Service with Baptisms
Please see the church website for more details.

OXFORD VINEYARD CHURCH

www.ovc.uk.com

9.30am Muffins, coffee and a walk at Shotover.
Please see the church website for more details.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS), The Priory, Old High Street

10-11am Meeting for Worship, Followed by refreshments

ST ANDREW'S (Church of England), Old Headington

8.00am Eucharist
10.00am Parish Eucharist with blessing of the Easter Garden and Easter Egg Hunt.

ST EBBE'S IN HEADINGTON (Church of England), 30-34 Lime Walk

9.00am Holy Communion
10.30am & 3.30pm All-age services: Jesus the risen one (Matthew 28:1-20) Speaker: Al Horn

ST MARY'S (Church of England), Barton and Sandhills

10.00am Sunday Eucharist

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, Collinwood Road

9.30am Communion, led by the Rev. Colin Thompson.