

Was this the beginning of Wheatley Area Churches?

On Friday 31st March 1961, Good Friday, the Vicar of St Mary's, the Revd. Hugh Robinson, led the procession with the Minister of the United Reformed Church, John Sturney, before 'the Open Air Service'.

This photograph (taken by an Oxford Mail and Times photographer) shows John Walford carrying the processional cross from St Mary's, followed by four choir boys in black cassocks (no surplices) possibly sons of the Vicar.

Three year's later, there is a photograph from the Oxford Mail and Times showing the Revd. Hugh Robinson, and the Revd. Charles Brock (carrying the new ten-foot cross). Behind them can be seen about ten children and half a dozen adults.