

Holy Trinity
Headington Quarry



Christ the King
26th November 2023

Words of welcome.

During the opening hymn, children are welcome to join the forest Sunday school taking place

Hymn 199

Please stand

Rejoice! The Lord is King,
your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:

He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:

Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:

*We soon shall hear the archangels voice;
the trump of God shall sound: rejoice!*

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

The president says

In the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit
Amen

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

Prayers of Penitence

A minister says

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

The president says

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,

forgive you your sins,
 open your eyes to God's truth,
 strengthen you to do God's will
 and give you the joy of God's kingdom,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Gloria

Firmly (♩ = 108) *f*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on
 6 earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-might-y God and
 10 Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
 14 glo-ry. *mf* Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the
 20 Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
 25 world: *p* have mer-cy on us; *cresc.* you are sea-ted at the
 29 right hand of the Fa-ther: *f* re-ceive our prayer. For
 33 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 37 you a-lone are the most high, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly
 41 *ff* Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - - men.

The Collect

Eternal Father,
 whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
 that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
 keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
 and in the bond of peace,
 and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;

who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Ephesians 1. 15-end

Read by Dr Deborah Higgins, Director of C.S. Lewis Study Centre

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

CELTIC ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for a Celtic Alleluia. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a common time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with similar notation and lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Gospel reading: Matthew 23.31-end

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right

hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

The Ven. Jonathan Chaffey

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand

Let us declare our faith in God:

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel. The following response may be used:

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who are sick or in particular need:

*Natalia Stoneman, Naomi Lawrence, Tim, Kate Samuel,
Grace, Josie, Kitty Datta, Bob Southgate, Benji,
Astrid Brooke, Caroline Winwood, Penny Champion, Doreen Jarvis.*

Those who have died recently:

Polly Friedhoff, David Prince, Iris Kemp.

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Robert Harvey, Kym Grey, Sheila Dunsmuir, Gemma Richardson

And at the end

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand

To crown all things there must be love
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

A minister says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Hymn 223

All hail the power of Jesu's name;
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
to crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
Praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue
to him their hearts enthral,
lift high the universal song
and crown him Lord of all.

Edward Perronet (1726-1792) and others

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Blessed be God,
who enthrones us with Christ in the heavenly realms.
May we feed upon the bread of God
and drink the royal wine of heaven.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please sit or stand as you are most comfortable

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For with the oil of gladness
you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,
to be our great high priest and king of all creation.
As priest, he offered himself once for all
upon the altar of the cross
and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace.

As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,
 that he may bring before your infinite majesty
 a kingdom of truth and life,
 a kingdom of holiness and grace,
 a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

And so with angels and archangels
 and all the heavenly host,
 we proclaim your glory
 and join their unending hymn of praise:

Easily (♩ = 100) *mp* UPPER VOICES ONLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

mf ALL *cresc.*

God of power and might, God of power and might,

f

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

ff

san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Quiet and reflective (♩ = 100) *p*

Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the

mp warmly

Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the

p hushed

high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
 and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
 that broken bread and wine outpoured
 may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died
he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

Bells are rung

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Bells are rung

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life
and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Bells are rung

Great is the mystery of faith
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel

As our saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread

to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

Gently flowing ($\text{♩} = 63$)

mf CONGREGATION

Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world: have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us.
p Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world:
a little slower
Grant us, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

This is God's table and all are welcome. Please follow the directions of the steward.

With the North aisle inaccessible, you will be directed down and back up the central aisle. To make this as smooth as possible, please allow everyone in your pew to come out before queueing. Those sitting towards the back on each side will be invited to come forwards first.

If you are wearing a mask, it is most practical if you remove it before receiving communion. If you wish to receive the chalice, please hold the base of the chalice and guide it towards your lips – the person administering the chalice will not let go of it in the process. Please do not dip your wafer into the chalice. Please note that there is no obligation to take the chalice and it is fine still to receive communion in one kind only (the bread).

If you do not wish to receive communion and would prefer a blessing instead, please do come forwards as well.

Choir Anthem: *Lead me Lord – Wesley*

Please join in with the Hymn

Hymn 794ii

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)

Prayer after Communion

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Sending Out

Hymn 612

Please stand

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:

Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:

Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:

So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:

Michael Saward (b. 1932)

The Blessing

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,
that you may reign with him in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

A minister says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please do join us for refreshments in the Coach House via the Quarry Road path.

Please take this booklet away with you, and recycle it when you have finished with it. We no longer pass the collection plate around during the service, but you are welcome to use the collection plate at the back of church, or the contactless machine, if you would like to make a donation to support the work of our church. If you would like to sign up to regular monthly giving, please visit www.hthq.uk/giving-to-the-church for more information.

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Notices: November 26th

Sunday November 26th: Christ the King

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School

We are delighted to welcome the Archdeacon of Oxford, the Ven. Jonathan Chaffey, as our preacher, as we mark the end of this church year - our 'year to build' - and look forward to the year ahead which will see the completion of our building project and our church's 175th birthday on November 22nd 2024.

Midweek Services

Morning Prayer: Monday and Tuesdays at 9am in the Coach House until further notice.

Eucharist Service: Wednesdays at 10am. We intend to continue meeting in the church building, but there will be no post-service refreshments.

Sunday December 3rd: Advent Sunday

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School

6pm Taize Service of music and readings for Advent

Upcoming Special Services

Sunday December 17th:

10am All-Age Nativity Service Bring friends and family to celebrate altogether the birth of Jesus.

6pm Joint Carol Service at All Saints Headington Our choirs and congregations will join together for this special service of lessons and carols for Christmas, at All Saints Church, Lime Walk, Headington. There will be refreshments after the service.

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. 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.

Church heating 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!

2023: A time to build: Exciting Updates! We are so thankful that our building work has started! Please note that the church path will not be in use between 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday, and the Coach House car park will not be in use during the project. Toilet facilities and post-church coffee will be at the Coach House. If access to the vestry toilet becomes possible at any stage of the project, and likewise with post-church coffee, we will let people know, but we are preparing for the maximum possible disruption at this stage. 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.

Finance We are able to forwards with our project thanks to the generous support of individual donors, grant bodies, and a loan from Methodist Chapel Aid. Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed to our fundraising campaign, and to everyone who has supported the process with their prayers. We still need to raise money to repay our loan, and so our fundraising will continue for as long as needed. If you haven't yet been able to send in a pledge form, we would love to hear from you! We hope that everyone who has sent in a pledge has now been contacted. Please do contact David Knight in the first instance (contact details from the parish office) if you have not heard about this.

If you would like to make a donation directly into our building fund account, the details are:

Account name: HTHQ

Sort Code: 20-65-20.

Account no: 83117634 (Please include your name as a reference)

Prayer requests 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 Event *Our thanks as always, go to the hard working Fete Committee,* and to all those who supported this important fundraising event. So far the total raised has been £1200.

Derek and Margaret Taylor (765051), Mike and Lisa Hill (768077), Janet Foot (762450) and Linda & Howard Pearce (765003).

Posada 2023. *There are still slots to fill!* Despite our church building being a little disrupted at the moment, why not sign up for our Posada to make Advent even more special? What is Posada all about? During the evenings leading up to Christmas Day, a nativity set of Mary and Joseph travel around the parish, visiting a different member of our church family every night. This provides a great opportunity to meet new church members, or get to know others a little better as you transport Mary and Joseph to the next home on the rota. There is a prayer to say as you welcome them into your home and as you set them off on their journey to the next one. If you would like to offer Mary and Joseph a home for the night this Advent, please contact Helen Dancer at helen@nsolve.com or phone: 07854173016 (text probably best), giving me suitable dates and I add you to the rota. I have also given Helen Day access to the rota, so you can contact her in the office to take part. I will have the rota with me in church, so catch me after the service to sign up. I hope there will be room in your inn this year!

Julian Group. The December meeting will be on **Friday 1st December at 2.30 pm at 3 Barton Road, Headington.** We meditate for half an hour on a passage provided by one of us and then discuss it before having a social time with tea/coffee and biscuits. New members are very welcome. Please contact me for further details: **Sheila Allcock 01865-769630**

Come have a festive fun, we are hosting a **Gingerbread House building events** on **Sunday 3rd December at 3pm** at the Coach House, build a gingerbread house as a family/ group or a mini individual house is also available please RSVP by 24 November with the number of people and preferred house type to Frances at frances.farrar@tiscali.co.uk donations will go towards the building fund

Take a pew? Four pews have been removed from church to make room for the hospitality space in the West end. They are all in very good condition: would you or someone you know be keen to give them a home, in exchange for a donation to the building fund? Please let the churchwardens know (wardens@hthq.uk) if you are interested.

Oxford Big Sing for Christian Aid needs volunteers

This popular annual event is being held this year at the Oxfordshire County Music Centre, Bayswater Road, Barton every evening from **Monday 27th November to Friday 1st December.** Five school choirs perform each evening and there are about 500 parents and teachers in the audience. A large sum of money is raised for Christian Aid. **Volunteers are needed** to help with car parking, stewarding, selling raffle tickets and holding a collecting bucket. If you are able to help even just one evening, please contact **Phil Evans** at pevans@christian-aid.org or ring him on 01865 246988 or 07814 141 812.

Advent Quiet Day: finding rest and refreshment with the icon of the Woman at the Well. **Saturday 2nd December 10am-3pm**, St Andrew's Headington. Please let Fr Darren, Fr Luke, or Ginny Thomas (ginnytea@gmail.com) if you would like to attend.

New Bible Study Group Do you find studying the Bible on your own difficult? I know I do, I feel God is leading me to start a Bible Study group in my home in Headington. If you are interested and want to know more please contact me: margaretatbodsey@gmail.com or 01865 761718. It will be a help to know what days and times folk are available, and I will try and fit around the majority. There will be six Bible Studies to start with in January to March 2024 and then we can see how it goes. I look forward to hearing from you, Margaret Jackson.

Eco Resources List: To view the Autumn recommended resources go to: <https://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources/>
Hilary Rollin (Eco Church Group)

Eco Tips Eco Tip of the Week: With Christmas on the horizon think about food waste. In the UK, each person wastes around 100 kg of food on average every year. Throwing away uneaten food is bad for both pocket and planet. Some food waste is due to confusion about Best before dates and Use by dates. Use by dates mean one should not exceed that date, or if it can be frozen, do so before that deadline.

Follow storage instructions - use air-tight containers and take note if the packaging advises using the item within a particular time frame once it's been opened.

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 overleaf) 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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