

HOLY TRINITY
HEADINGTON QUARRY



Christingle Service
Christ the Light of the World

Welcome to Holy Trinity for our annual Christingle services, with collections which support the work of the Children's Society: a national charity that runs local projects, helping children and young people when they are at their most vulnerable, and have nowhere left to turn. Please help us support this charity by donating with cash or via the contactless machine. Thank you.

During the service: children will have received a ready-made Christingle which we will light during the service. **Please be aware of the fire risk with excited children and candles and supervise your children closely!**

Holy Trinity welcomes all ages to our services. Please see the Church website for up-to-date details of all Church events: www.hthq.org.uk

Forest Sunday School meets during the 10am Sunday service each week if you would like to join us. We leave church during the first hymn and gather in the woodland area just up the church path. There is a lovely log circle where we can gather for our service and also paths and a little hill with a rope swing where we can do activities and play games. We rejoin the main church service for communion after about 40 minutes. All ages are very welcome but it's particularly suited to children aged 4 to 10, with or without parents/carers. For further information, please contact Felicity: felicity.hthq@gmail.com

Welcome

Lighting the Advent wreath

Leader: Jesus, Light of the World,

All: Shine in this place.

Leader: Jesus, Light of the World,

All: Shine in our hearts.

Leader: Jesus, Light of the World,

All: Shine in our lives.

Leader: Jesus, Light of the World,

All: Shine in all the earth.

Amen.

Carol

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant

O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem;

come and behold him born the King of angels;

O come let us adore him

O come let us adore him

O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing choirs of angels sing in exultation

Sing all ye citizens of heaven above;

Glory to God in the highest:

O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born on Christmas morning;
Jesu, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2. Christ is born in Bethlehem

Reading: Luke 2.1-7

From the International Children's Bible

At that time, Augustus Caesar sent an order to all people in the countries that were under Roman rule. The order said that they must list their names in a register. And everyone went to their own towns to be registered. So Joseph left Nazareth, a town in Galilee. He went to the town of Bethlehem in Judea. This town was known as the town of David. Joseph went there because he was from the family of David.

Joseph registered with Mary because she was engaged to marry him. (Mary was now pregnant.) While Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have the baby. She gave birth to her first son. There were no rooms left in the inn. So she wrapped the baby with cloths and laid him in manger — a box where animals are fed.

Carol

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.
For Christ is born of Mary;
And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
Their great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

3. We pray in the light of Christ

The Christingle speaks of the world in which we
live and we pray today;
For all Christians that we may be mirrors of
the light of Christ in the world.

Lord of light

All: Shine through our lives

For the leaders of every community and nation
that they may reflect the values of caring,
compassion and integrity.

Lord of light

All: Shine through our lives

For all children and for young people who lack
the basic necessities of food,
shelter and clothing.

Lord of light

All: **Shine through our lives**

For those who are in special need, the sick and
anxious, the lonely and fearful and for those
who are bereaved.

Lord of light

All: **Shine through our lives**

Loving God, we are sorry for the things we do
and say and think which make you sad, and for
not thinking of others before ourselves. Please
forgive us, and help us to love you and other
people more and more. **Amen.**

As we offer our prayers to God let us say
together as Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name;

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen

Carol

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the Saviour is born!
Christ the Saviour is born

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

4. Christ the Light of the World

*We now light our Christingles: the **orange** represents the world; the **red ribbon** represents God's love; the **sweets** remind us of God's blessings; the **candle** represents Christ who is the light of the world.*

Carol

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky
Looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me Lord Jesus I ask thee to stay
Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

Blessing

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary
and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this
Christmas; and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please blow out your candles carefully!

Carol

Hark! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled:
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,

With th' angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.

Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ
Thanks be to God.

**We wish you and all your loved ones a very
merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful
New Year!**

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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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