

HOLY TRINITY  
HEADINGTON QUARRY



*The 4th Sunday of Easter*

*Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024, 10am*

*Words of welcome*

*During the first hymn children are welcome to join the Forest Church taking place outside.*

## **Hymn 608**

Christ is our corner-stone,  
on him alone we build;  
with his true saints alone  
the courts of heaven are filled:  
on his great love  
our hopes we place  
of present grace  
and joys above.

O then with hymns of praise  
these hallowed courts shall ring;  
our voices we will raise  
the Three in One to sing;  
and thus proclaim  
in joyful song,  
both loud and long,  
that glorious name.

Here, gracious God, do thou  
for evermore draw nigh;  
accept each faithful vow,  
and mark each suppliant sigh;  
in copious shower  
on all who pray  
each holy day  
thy blessings pour.

Here may we gain from heaven  
the grace which we implore;  
and may that grace, once given,  
be with us evermore,  
until that day  
when all the blest  
to endless rest  
are called away.

*John Chandler (1806-1876)*

*based on Angularis fundamentum lapis Christus missus est (Latin pre-9<sup>th</sup>c)*

*The president says*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **The Greeting**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

The grace of God has dawned upon the world  
with healing for all.  
Let us turn to the Lord, in sorrow for our sins,  
seeking healing and salvation.

*Silence is kept.*

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*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 his kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

**Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise  
Of heavenly joy and earthly peace we sing.  
We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,  
Lord God, Almighty Father, heavenly King.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
O Lamb of God, your glorious victory won,  
Receive our prayer, grant us your peace within.**

**Alone, O Christ, you are the only Lord,  
At God's right hand, in majesty most high.  
Who with the Spirit, worshipped and adored  
With all the heavenly host, we glorify.**

Tune: 'Woodlands'

### **The Collect**

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## ***The Liturgy of the Word***

*Please sit*

### **New Testament Reading: Acts 4. 5-12**

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading**

*We repeat the refrain:*

CELTIC ALLELUIA



Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Gospel reading: John 10. 11-18**

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and

runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

## **Sermon**

Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

## **Affirmation of Faith**

*Please stand*

Let us declare our faith  
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe.  
Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*Please sit or kneel.*

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

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

*Natalia Stoneman, Naomi Lawrence, Kate Samuel,  
Grace, Josie, Kitty Datta, Atmadeep Novo Datta, Bob Southgate,  
Benji, Astrid Brooke, Caroline Winwood, Enid Owens, Pam.*

*Those who have died recently:*

*Fr Christopher Hewetson, Margaret Baker, Baby Jaxson*

*Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:*

*Edith Clift, Zara Edwards, Alice Francombe, John Lowe,  
Liz Berryman, Stephen Cooper, John Sheringham.*

*And at the end*

**Merciful father  
accept these prayers,  
for the sake of your Son,  
our saviour Jesus Christ  
Amen**

## **The Peace**

*Please stand*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,  
'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you  
**and also with you. Alleluia.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## **Hymn 800**

*Please stand*

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
his goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in you alone,  
and I will trust in you alone,  
for your endless mercy follows me,  
your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
and he anoints my head with oil,  
and my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on his pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
for you are with me, and your rod and staff  
are the comfort I need to know.

*Stuart Townend (b. 1963) based on Psalm 23*

## **Taking of the Bread and Wine**

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,  
we believe you, and all we have heard is true.  
When you break bread  
may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us, that we  
may bring light to your world.  
**Amen.**

## **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,  
almighty and eternal Father,

and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.  
For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.  
And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord;  
holy is the Lord God almighty.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord;  
holy is the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and is and is to come.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord!**

**Blessed, blessed, blest the one who comes;  
Blest the one who comes in the Lord's name.  
Blessed, blessed, blest the one who comes;  
Blest the one who comes in the Lord's name.  
who was, and is and is to come.  
Holy, holy, holy is 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.

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.

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:  
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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 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

*slowly*

Be - hold the Lamb of God, be - hold the Lamb of God. — He  
Be - hold the Lamb, the Lamb of God. He

takes a - way the sin, the sin of the world. —  
takes a - way the sin of the world.

## Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*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. 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.*

### Hymn 217

*Please remain seated*

The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
now is the Victor's triumph won;  
O let the song of praise be sung:  
*Alleluia.*

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,  
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;  
let shouts of holy joy outburst:  
*Alleluia.*

On the third morn he rose again  
glorious in majesty to reign;  
O let us swell the joyful strain:  
*Alleluia.*

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee  
from death's dread sting thy servants free,  
that we may live, and sing to thee  
*Alleluia.*

*Finita iam sunt praelia tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909)*

## Prayer after Communion

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
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 204**

*Please stand*

If Christ had not been raised from death  
our faith would be in vain,  
our preaching but a waste of breath,  
our sin and guilt remain.  
But now the Lord is risen indeed;  
he rules in earth and heaven:  
his gospel meets a world of need —  
in Christ we are forgiven.

If Christ still lay within the tomb  
then death would be the end,

and we should face our final doom  
with neither guide nor friend.  
But now the Saviour is raised up,  
so when a Christian dies  
we mourn, yet look to God in hope —  
in Christ the saints arise!

If Christ had not been truly raised  
his Church would live a lie;  
his name should nevermore be praised,  
his words deserve to die.  
But now our great Redeemer lives;  
through him we are restored:  
his word endures, his Church revives  
in Christ, our risen Lord.

*Christopher Idle (b. 1938)  
based on 1 Corinthians 15.12-20*

## **The Blessing**

God the Father,  
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen**

## **The Dismissal**

With the risen life of Christ within you,  
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*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](http://www.hthq.uk/giving-to-the-church) for more information.*

## **Notices: April 21<sup>st</sup>**

### **Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>: Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School.

### **Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist

### **Midweek Services**

Morning Prayer: 9am Monday and Tuesdays in the Coach House.

Eucharist Service: Wednesdays at 10am

**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 BY TODAY** Thank you.

Joan Jones – Electoral Roll Officer

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07710611250

**The Parish Office** is now closed and will reopen on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

**Save the date:** We are delighted that the Bishop of Oxford will be joining us for our 10am Parish Eucharist on Sunday 15 September to bless our church building following completion of the building works. His visit will be part of a weekend-long celebration: details to follow.

The Bishop will also be confirming several members of our congregation during this service. **If you are interested in exploring confirmation**, please get in touch with any of our clergy.

**Julian Group.** The May meeting will be on **Friday 3rd May 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**

**Calling all gardeners!** As before we are going to have a **plant stall** at the **Christian Aid Spring Tea.** This year this will be held on **11th May** in the Village Hall. Now is the time to save some extra seedlings and pot up those plants that you were going to throw away. There will be a toy stall and book stall too and we shall be looking for offers of cakes nearer the time. Thank you!

**Quarry talk and social** An event run by the Friends of Quarry on **Friday 10 May** at the Quarry Village Hall at 7.30pm. A talk will be given on a historic painting of a Quarry House in 1800 by Dr William Crotch. All are welcome.

**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 the Revd Christina Rees, CBE, former chair of WATCH, as our preacher at the 10am Eucharist.

**New group for young women:** Holy Trinity and Collinwood Road URC are joining together to run a series of meetings for girls aged 11-16 in our church community who wish to explore their faith in the context of their lives and experiences. We will meet on Friday evenings 6.30-7.30pm beginning 26 April for food and discussion. If you would like more details, contact Emily ([curate@hthq.uk](mailto:curate@hthq.uk)), and please pray for our time together.

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](mailto:frances.farrar23@gmail.com)

**This week's Eco Tips: Plant Foods Part 3- Final tip on this topic! The 30 Plant Foods per Week Challenge! 'Impossible!', you say.** It's nothing like as hard as it sounds. You can count all vegetables, fruits, legumes (fresh, frozen, canned, dried); whole grains (quinoa, rolled oats, sourdough bread etc.); herbs (mint, parsley, coriander, basil etc.); spices (cinnamon, cumin, paprika etc.); nuts (walnuts, pistachios, pecans, peanuts- not salted- etc.); seeds (pumpkin, sesame, chia etc.). Give it a go! *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](mailto: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 on back page) 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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