

Holy Trinity
Headington Quarry



Michael and all Angels

29th September 2024

Words of welcome.

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

Hymn 753

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens adore him by whom ye were made,
and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth;
praise him who hath brought you his grace from above,
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone,
and, sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured all ages along:
for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!
Amen, amen.

Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877) based on Psalm 150

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

We have come to Mount Zion,
the city of the living God,
the heavenly Jerusalem,
to myriads of angels,
to God, the judge of all,
and to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant.

Hebrews 12.22-24

Let us confess 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

**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

Everlasting God,
you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and
mortals in a wonderful order:
grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven,
so, at your command,
they may help and defend us on earth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please be seated

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Revelation 12:7-12

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,
'Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Messiah,
for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,

who accuses them day and night before our God.
But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony,
for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.
Rejoice then, you heavens
and those who dwell in them!
But woe to the earth and the sea,
for the devil has come down to you
with great wrath,
because he knows that his time is short!'

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Please stand. 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 1.47-end

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

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

Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

Nicene Creed

Please stand

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
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:

*Grace, Josie, Kitty Datta, Atmadeep Novo Datta, Bob Southgate,
Benjie, Caroline Winwood, Enid Owens, Pam, Madeline Tarrant,
Veronika, Kenneth Sanders, Robert Twycross.*

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

*Lynette Cherrill, Charles Burrows, Henry Norton, Francis Wells,
Margaret Miles, Olive Bailey, Anthony Sims, Elizabeth Wells,
Edith Nicholls.*

And at the end

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

Please stand

Hear again the song of the angels:

'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace.'

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 362

Come, let us join our cheerful songs
with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
but all their joys are one.

'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry,
'to be exalted thus';
'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips reply,
'for he was slain for us.'

Jesus is worthy to receive
honour and power divine;
and blessings, more than we can give,
be, Lord, for ever thine.

Let all that dwell above the sky,
and air, and earth, and seas,
conspire to lift thy glories high,
and speak thine endless praise.

The whole creation joins in one
to bless the sacred name
of him that sits upon the throne,
and to adore the Lamb.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748) based on Revelation 5.11-13

Taking of the Bread and Wine

God of glory,
as you appointed angels to minister in your presence,
so may all our worship bring you worthy praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 and good,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

You reveal your wise purpose
for the salvation of the human race
by assigning to the angels and archangels
the ministry of your steadfast love and protection.

While they contemplate your glory,
standing before you and singing your praise,
they keep a faithful vigil for us,
guarding us along the way that leads to life,
and guiding us towards the kingdom of your light.
In joyful gladness we unite our voices with theirs
and sing the ageless hymn of your praise:

**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.
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.**

The musical score is written for two voices, Soprano and Alto, in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked 'slowly'. The lyrics are: 'Be - hold the Lamb of God, be - hold the Lamb of God. He takes a-way the sin, the sin of the world.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of half and quarter notes. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding notes on both staves.

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

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 stewards. We will form two lines to receive communion – the bread is distributed from the chancel step, and the wine is distributed from the lady chapel step. Please return to your pew via the north aisle. Stewards will be on hand to direct you!

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 787i

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine;

take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)

Prayer after Communion

Lord of heaven,
in this eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
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

Please stand

Hymn 666

I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,
should set his love upon the sons of men,

or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers,
to bring them back, they know not how or when.

But this I know, that he was born of Mary,
when Bethlehem's manger was his only home,
And that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
And so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently He suffered,
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
or how his heart upon the cross was broken,
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted,
and stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden;
for still the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
when at his bidding every storm is stilled,
or who can say how great the jubilation
when every heart with love and joy is filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
and myriad, myriad human voices sing,
and earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer,
'at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'

William Young Fullerton (1857-1932)

The Blessing

God keep you in the fellowship of his saints;
Christ protect you by the ministry of the angels;
the Spirit make you holy in God's service;
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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Voluntary: Prelude in G Major (BWV541) J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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Please join us for refreshments, served at the back of church. Please keep the flow moving by heading away from the serving hatch once you've got a drink, and feel free to use the space at the back of church or in our meeting room to mingle. This week the Fair Trade stall is in the meeting room.

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.

Notices: September 29th

Please read the weekly notices to find out about upcoming events and services. Clergy will highlight some of these notices in their brief welcome. If there is something you would particularly like highlighted at the start of the service, please notify the clergy (by email or phone) in good time before the service, or speak to them before the service starts if this is not possible.

Sunday September 29th: Michael and All Angels

8am Holy Communion
President: Revd Prof Rob Gilbert
10am Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School
President: Revd Dr Laura Biron-Scott
Preacher: Revd Prof Rob Gilbert
Deacon: Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex
Organist: Andrew Patterson
12.30 Baptism Aoife Burgess

Sunday October 6th: All Age Harvest Festival

8am Holy Communion
10am All Age Parish Eucharist
6pm Harvest Choral Evensong
Readings: Deuteronomy 8.6-17; Matthew 4.23-5.20
Psalm 65
Hymns: 541, 24
Canticles: Dyson in F
Anthem: Thou visitest the Earth – Greene
Responses: Ayleward

A prayer for the end of the building project:

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 thank you for guiding us through
to the completion of the building project.
Keep us united in vision and focus as we celebrate this milestone, and
grant us your peace.
in the name of Jesus Christ our Cornerstone.
Amen.

There is a **Fair Trade stall today** in the church meeting room. For sale there are delicious chocolates and biscuits and other good things to eat and as an added bonus you can feel virtuous buying them as you are supporting Fair Trade. We are also selling tea and coffee and health and beauty products. You can pay with cards or cash so come and be tempted and buy.

Next week we will celebrate our **All age Harvest Thanksgiving Service** on Sunday 6 October. We won't be collecting food this year, but encourage everyone to make a donation to a local foodbank on this occasion when we remember to give thanks for the blessings we have and the need to share them more justly. All are welcome.

Church Cleaning team members needed Now that the extension is complete, and we have more space to keep clean, we are looking for people to augment the cleaning teams. We currently have teams of 2, who clean every 5th week. Could you help in this role? If so please speak to Janet Masters or the wardens to find out more to see if you can help out.

Julian Group. The October meeting will be on **Friday 4th October 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**

Autumn Fete 12th October After the celebrations for our wonderful new extension, we will be looking forward to the Autumn Fete. It is going to be really important to try to raise as much money as we can to help with finalising the extension. We would ask you to donate only items which can be sold, so nothing half-used, in poor condition or out of date. We would be happy to receive good quality books, toiletries, toys, nearly new gifts, plants and cakes. Other donations of wine for the Water to Wine, an item for the Tombola or a £2 donation to buy a prize, would be welcomed. Last year's Gift Aid claim raised £225 so we would urge you to complete a Gift Aid form with your donations. It makes a real difference. Do come along with family, friends and neighbours to enjoy this happy fundraising event.

Fete committee: Derek and Margaret Taylor (765051), Mike and Lisa (768077), Linda & Howard (765003), Janet Foot (762450)

Frideswide Pilgrimage on Saturday 19 October: Emily will be leading a group from Holy Trinity Church, setting off at 11.45am, to our Cathedral where there will be activities and talks, an all-age pilgrim service, and tea in the Great Hall. To book a walking place and a spot at tea, email cathedral@chch.ox.ac.uk Spaces are limited and pre-booking is essential so we encourage you to sign up soon! All ages welcome to join!

Laura to leave Holy Trinity. All who attend worship at Holy Trinity, and all who listen to broadcasts of our services whether at home or from hospital, will welcome the good news that the building work has very nearly been completed. We, therefore, feel great gratitude to our Vicar, the Revd. Laura Biron-Scott, whose faith, prayerfulness, perseverance, dedication and capacity to get along with other people, have guided us safely to so happy a conclusion.

However, one of Laura's predecessors at Holy Trinity used to say that the reward for good work is more work, and that proves to be true in Laura's case as well. Laura will, in fact, be leaving the Parish at the end of November to take on a role of ministry in an academic environment as Chaplain of Balliol College, Oxford. So our joy is tinged with sadness at her departure, but a sadness relieved by the thought that she will remain close by and we still might hope to see her from time to time.

We ask for God's blessing upon Laura and we pray for her ministry in her new calling.

Tots Mornings open to all babies, toddlers, and preschoolers on Tuesdays in term time in the Coach House on **Tuesdays**. Stay & Play will be 10-11am and Story & prayers 11am – 11.15am. No need to book just come along. All are welcome.

Hearing Loop Update: we're very sorry that our loop system is not working at the moment. We expect to have it back in action by the end of the month. Our apologies for the inconvenience.

This week's Eco Tips: Just because Autumn and Winter are fast approaching, we don't have to stop engaging with land and Nature. On the contrary, we need to think of the practical differences we can make for Nature, such as, taking cuttings of favourite perennials, leaving seed pods on plants for the birds to enjoy, ensuring that there are log piles and other inviting places for hedgehogs to retreat to. *Hilary Rollin, Eco Group*

Save the Date: Continuing the watery theme initiated by Tom Crook, the Autumn Eco Talks Series begins on **Wednesday October 23rd** when water engineer David Ramsbottom will talk on 'Floods, causes, alleviation and complications', followed by Judy Webb of Friends of Lye Valley on **Thursday November 14th**. Both talks will be in the Coach House, starting at **7.30pm** with refreshments beforehand. Hilary Rollin, Eco Group.

Viridor's Energy Recovery Plant Tour

Curious about what happens to your rubbish after collection? Viridor's Energy Recovery Plant in Ardley offers free tours, giving you a firsthand look at how waste is transformed into energy for around 60,000 homes, diverting waste from landfill.

Visit www.viridor.co.uk to book in a tour and see how rubbish is turned into a valuable resource.

Eco Resources Autumn/Winter 2024

If you are looking for information on ECO matters, you might like to follow the link below for ideas on book titles, links to Zoom sessions (live and recorded), talks etc. Hilary Rollin, Eco Church Group

Go to: <https://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources/>

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.



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Get involved in worship...



READING & PRAYING

The first reading and the prayers of intercession are always led by a member of the congregation.

SERVING

Our serving team help to prepare the altar, carry the cross, and support the clergy in leading services.

BELLRINGING

Our bells connect us to the community and are an audible witness to our worship.

SOUND SYSTEM TEAM

Volunteers enable us to broadcast our services on Radio Cherwell as well as making people heard in church.



For more information, contact office@hthq.uk

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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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