



Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

**An open door between heaven and earth,
showing God's love to all**



Eighth Sunday After Trinity

10th August 2025

Words of welcome.

Please stand

Hymn 754

O worship the King, all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless Might, ineffable love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

Robert Grant (1779-1838) based on Psalm 104

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

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

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 be to God in heaven,
peace to those who love him well;
on the earth let all his people
speak his grace, his wonders tell:**

**Lord, we praise you for your glory,
mighty Father, heaven's king;
hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring.**

**Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sin away,
now with God in triumph seated
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Saviour, you are God alone
in the glory of the Father
with the Spirit: Three-in-One!**

Tune: Ode to Joy.

The Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
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: Hebrews 11. 1-3,8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs

with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Please stand. We repeat the refrain.



'Pilgrim's Alleluia': Hymn 377

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel reading: Luke 12. 32-40

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and

serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

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

Sermon

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, Pam, Madeline Tarrant, Hunter Merritt, Elizabeth Knight,
Maureen, Christine, Janet Lever, Len Farrar, Barbara Farrar, Art
Boylston, Gillian Winman.*

Those who have died recently:

Joan Brady, John Kirby, Judy Lindley.

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

*Jim Weston, Bill Whelan, Thomas Miles, Jacquie Cherry, Delia Foster,
William Hancock.*

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.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

All may exchange a sign of Peace

Hymn 775

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you;
Allelu-, alleluia:

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;
Allelu-, alleluia:

We shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord;
Allelu-, alleluia:

Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom. **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.

Father, you made the world and love your creation.

You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.

His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And so we gladly thank you,

with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, _

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heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in _ the high - est.

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Bless - ed _ is he who comes in the name of the Lord. _ Ho -

13
san - na in _ the high - est. _ Ho - san - na in _ the hig - est.

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.**

Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

5 Je - sus Christ, Ri - sen Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

The musical score is written for two staves (treble and bass clef) in 4/4 time. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The first system starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic, followed by a crescendo (*cresc.*) and then a forte (*f*) dynamic. The second system starts with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic, followed by a decrescendo (*dim.*). The lyrics are written below the notes.

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. Regular communicants of their own tradition are invited to receive communion. The bread is distributed from the chancel step and the wine from that of the Lady Chapel, to the left. You may receive the bread only. Please do not dip your wafer in the chalice. Please inform a steward if you wish to receive communion in your seat.

Hymn 321

Thou art the Christ, O Lord,
the Son of God, most high:
for ever be adored

that name in earth and sky,
in which, though mortal strength may fail,
the saints of God at last prevail.

O surely he was blest
with blessedness unpriced,
who, taught of God, confessed
the Godhead in the Christ;
for of thy Church, Lord, thou didst own
thy saint a true foundation-stone.

Thrice fallen, thrice restored,
the bitter lesson learnt,
that heart for thee, O Lord,
with triple ardour burnt.
The cross he took he laid not down
until he grasped the martyr's crown.

O bright triumphant faith,
O courage void of fears,
O love most strong in death,
O penitential tears!
By these, Lord, keep us lest we fall,
and make us go where thou shalt call.

William Walsham How (1823-1867)

Prayer after Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise
be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

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 498

Lord, thy church on earth is seeking
thy renewal from above;
teach us all the art of speaking
with the accent of thy love.
We would heed thy great commission:
'Go now into every place ---
preach, baptize, fulfil my mission,
serve with love and share my grace'.

Freedom give to those in bondage,
lift the burdens caused by sin.
Give new hope, new strength and courage,
grant release from fears within.
Light for darkness; joy for sorrow;
love for hatred; peace for strife:
these and countless blessings follow
as the Spirit gives new life.

In the streets of every city
where the bruised and lonely dwell,
let us show the Saviour's pity,
let us of his mercy tell;

to all lands and peoples bringing
all the richness of thy word,
till the world, thy praises singing,
hails thee Christ, Redeemer, Lord.

Hugh Sherlock (1905-1998)

The Blessing

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
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: Fanfare Fugue in C Major - *Johann Kirnberger*

Please do join us for refreshments at the back of church or in the meeting room after the Service. Please take this booklet away with you and recycle it when you have finished with it.

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Notices: August 10th

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.

10 August: The Eighth Sunday of Trinity

8am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

10am Parish Eucharist *NB Forest Sunday School on a break*

President: Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

Preacher: Revd Professor Rob Gilbert

Organist: Andrew Patterson

12.30 Baptism of Lilia Horwood

17 August: The Ninth Sunday of Trinity

8am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

10am Parish Eucharist *NB Forest Sunday School on a break*

President: Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

Preacher: Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

Organist: Andrew Patterson

Midweek Services

10am Wednesday Eucharist followed by refreshments.

Please note: Morning Prayer will be taking a break during August, resuming on Tuesday 2 September.



Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

The Church Wardens and the PCC invite you
to the Collation by the Bishop of Oxford
and the Induction and Installation by the Archdeacon of Oxford
of The Revd Martin Little as Vicar of Holy Trinity Headington Quarry
on Monday 15 September 2025 at 7pm in Holy Trinity Church

Refreshments afterwards in the Coach House
Please RSVP by 31 August via email: felicity.hthq@gmail.com
Clergy and LLMs are asked to indicate if they will robe (Choir Dress)

Address: Holy Trinity Church, Headington Quarry, Oxford, OX3 8NX
Parking: Coach House, 46 Quarry Rd, Oxford OX3 8NU (limited spaces)
Free street parking available Quarry Rd, Weyland Road and Mark Road (OX3)

A prayer for the vacancy:

God of vision and hope,
we thank you for all who have ministered here
throughout the history of this church.

In this time of vacancy,
may we continue to grow in love,
share in responsibility,
and seek your vision for our future,
in the name of Jesus Christ,
our shepherd and our guide.
Amen.

News from Emily: I am delighted to share that (subject to legalities) I have been appointed as the new vicar of St John the Baptist Church in Bodicote. My final service at Holy Trinity will be **Sunday 19 October**, and I will be installed at Bodicote on **Wednesday 12 November**. Further details to follow but I hope to celebrate with you on either or both occasions!

Holiday Club: Superheroes of the Bible takes place at Collinwood Road URC on **12 & 13 August from 10am to 1.30pm** for children aged 5 to 11 years. £20 for four days (family discounts available). Get to learn more about the heroes in our bible whilst making new friends and enjoying lots of activities including arts & crafts, music, sports and lots more! Places are limited so booking in advance is essential! To book your place please email: georgina.fenson@gmail.com

Thank you to all who contributed and came along to the Wood Farm fete. It was a wonderful celebration of community and an opportunity to meet with a wider group of people from the parish. The donated cakes and the Holy Trinity face painting skills were both met with great appreciation! Community projects in Wood Farm are ongoing. If you are interested in getting involved, Emily can put you in touch with Becky Howard.

Visit from SLU pilgrims our profound thanks to Adrian for once again organising this successful annual visit of C.S. Lewis pilgrims, and to all who volunteered their time to ensure it ran smoothly. Through a combination of donations and purchases, their two hour visit raised a total of **£1,489.00** (plus of course the 20 US Dollars and the 4 Euros!!)

Prayer Partners project: this September, we want to celebrate the intergenerational community of our church and strengthen those links by matching prayer partners across the generations to look out for one another at church and to pray for them. We're seeking sign ups from parents on behalf of their children/young people and from adults who would be interested in supporting a younger generation in prayer. To sign up for this scheme, go to

<https://forms.gle/29ptt6Qy9x3EiYri6> by **August 17th** or email Emily for more information. *Please note: to keep numbers balanced we may not take up every offer this time, but appreciate every one.*

All-Age service – Intergenerational Community – Sunday 7 Sept

We will celebrate our church community and the launch of the prayer partners scheme with an all-age service at the beginning of September.

Community Café every Tuesday 9.30 – 11.30am in the meeting room in church. An intergenerational space for parents/carers to spend time with their younger ones, meet up with people of all ages over a cup of tea/coffee etc Toys available for preschool age children and toddlers.

Forest Sunday School will be having a break during the summer. See you in September!

Churchyard working party The next one will be held next **Saturday 16th August** from 10am -12 noon. Please come along and help Susan and the other volunteers. No experience needed just a willingness to join in.

Eco Tips This week's Eco Tip: Shop Less, Shop Natural. Fast fashion is disastrous for the planet due to the massive pollution caused by an industry using synthetic plastic-containing materials such as polyester and nylon. Clothes made of natural fibres such as wool and cotton tend to be kept for longer and are easier to recycle. Hilary Rollin, Eco Church 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, Anne Tarassenko, or Ruth Wooldridge.



COMMUNITY CAFÉ



Tuesdays

9:30am - 11:30am

at

Holy Trinity Church, Headington,
Quarry

Everyone Welcome for tea, coffee, biscuits and cake

An intergenerational space for parents/carers to spend time with their younger ones, meet up with people of all ages and enjoy a tea or coffee at the side.

Toys for pre-school age children and toddlers available in the meeting room.



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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



Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

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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:

Contact us

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