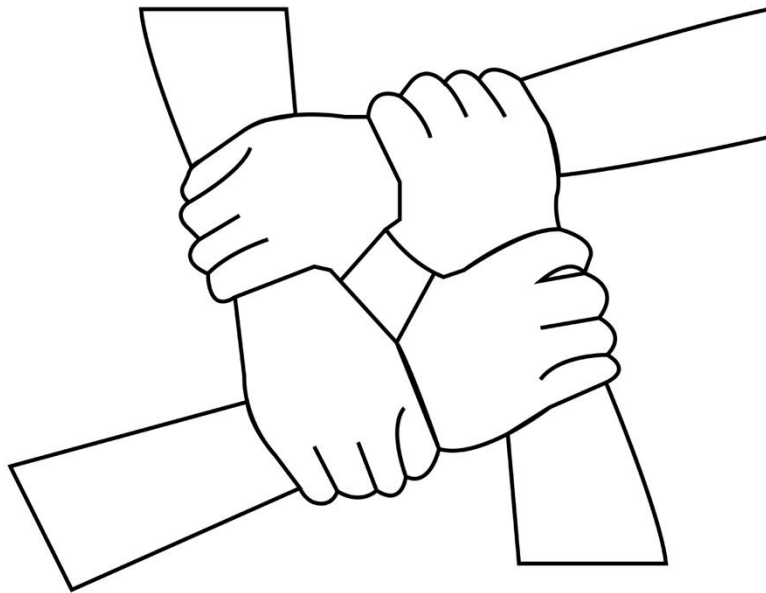


Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

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



Celebration of
Intergenerational Community
Sunday 7th September 2025

The Gathering

Introit Somebody prayed for me (African American arr. John Bell)
led by the Music Group

Words of welcome

Hymn 569

Please stand

The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened instead of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.

Bryn Rees (1911-1983)

Gathering Prayer

Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

**Lord Jesus, as we gather in your name
to sing your praise,
to hear your story,
and to receive your gifts,
fill us with your love,
your peace and your joy.
Amen.**

Receiving God's Forgiveness

Sisters and brothers, God calls us to work together as one body on earth, bringing in the kingdom, yet we have let down ourselves and one another.

Let us come now before the God of love, to confess our shortcomings.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
fill us with your Spirit.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The God of all mercies forgive you your sins,
and pour upon you the healing spirit of love, peace and gentleness. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father.

To God be glory forever

To God be glory forever

Alleluia Amen

Alleluia Amen x3

Glory to God, Glory to God, Son of the Father.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Son of the Father.

To God be glory forever

To God be glory forever

Alleluia Amen

Alleluia Amen x3

Glory to God, Glory to God, glory to the Spirit.
Glory to God, Glory to God, glory to the Spirit.
To God be glory forever
To God be glory forever
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen x3

Peruvian Liturgical Text, ed. John Ballantine (1945)

The Prayer for the Day

God of constant mercy,
who sent your son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading Ruth 1.7-8, 16-19a

Naomi left the place where she had been, and her two daughters-in-law went with her. They went along the road to return to the land of Judah.

Naomi said to her daughters-in-law, "Go, turn back, each of you to the household of your mother. May the Lord deal faithfully with you, just as you have done with the dead and with me.

But Ruth replied,
"Don't urge me to abandon you,
to turn back from following after you.
Wherever you go, I will go;
and wherever you stay, I will stay.
Your people will be my people,
and your God will be my God.
Wherever you die, I will die,
and there I will be buried.
May the Lord do this to me and more so
if even death separates me from you."

When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped speaking to her about it. So both of them went along until they arrived at Bethlehem.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading

Please stand. We join our voices together and sing:

The musical score is written for two voices, Soprano and Bass, in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "May we be one, as God is one." The score consists of two systems. The first system has four measures. The second system starts with a measure number '5' and also has four measures, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are repeated in the second system.

The gospel is announced:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel reading: John 17.20-22

Jesus said: "I'm not praying only for my disciples but also for those who believe in me because of their word. I pray they will be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. I pray that they also will be in us, so that the world will believe that you sent me. I've given them the glory that you gave me so that they can be one just as we are one.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

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

These responses may be used

Lord, hear us
Lord, graciously hear us

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

*Grace, Kitty Datta, Atmadeep Novo Datta, Bob Southgate, Benjie,
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, Barbara Fruin

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Doris Luckett, John O'Connor

Please stand

'Where two or three are gathered together in my name,'
says the Lord, 'there am I in the midst of them.'
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 604

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

Richard A.M. Gillard (b. 1953)

Taking of the Bread and Wine Prayer

Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

Please remain standing or sit or kneel, as you are most comfortable

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator,
loving and faithful,
holy and strong.
You made us
and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.
You send your Spirit
to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.
And so we join the angels
to celebrate and sing:

**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!**

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

Bells are rung

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Bells are rung

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

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.
For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

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. 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.

Music Group A house where you belong (Janne Mark)

Hymn 510

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

John L. Bell (b.1949) and Graham Maule (b. 1958)

Prayer after Communion

Father of all, you gathered us here
around the table of your Son;
we have shared this meal with the saints
and the whole fellowship of the household of God.
In that new world
where the fullness of your peace will be revealed,
gather people of every race, language and way of life
to share in the one eternal banquet of
Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

**God of power,
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,
may the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve and
worship you
now and always.
Amen.**

The Sending Out

Commission of Prayer Partners

All are invited to stand.

We are one body, one family, belonging to God and to one another.
God calls us to grow together in faith.

Sisters and brothers, will you support one another on the journey
of faith, walking together in solidarity?

With the help of God, we will.

Will you seek the good of others and of the community of which
we are part?

With the help of God, we will.

*The congregation are invited to sit, leaving those involved in the
prayer partners project standing.*

Friends, today you are committing yourselves into a partnership of
prayer and fellowship. We pray that God will bless you through one
another, and we ask you:

Will you look out for your partner, and be a good and caring friend
to them?

With the help of God, we will.

Will you pray for them throughout the year, and especially in times
of need?

With the help of God, we will.

Will you learn from one another, and remember God's love for all
people?

With the help of God, we will.

May God bless each of you and this whole community
through your commitment to one another,
that the fruits of love, friendship, and faithfulness may grow,
in the name of Jesus Christ our friend and saviour.

Amen.

*Prayer partners are called forward to receive certificates and a token of
our thanks.*

Hymn 484

Please stand

You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace,
and the mountains and the hills
shall break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy,
and the trees of the field
shall clap, shall clap their hands,
and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
and you'll go out with joy.

Stuart Dauermann (b. 1944) based on Isaiah 55.12

The Blessing

May God, who wove the world into creation,
knit us together into one tapestry,
that our diversity in unity may bear witness
to the gift of grace and the bond of love;
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.

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: September 7th

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.

7 September: The Twelfth Sunday of Trinity

8am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

10am All-Age service – Intergenerational Community

President: Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

Preacher: Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

Organist: Andrew Patterson

14 September: The Thirteenth Sunday of Trinity

8am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

10am Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School

President & Preacher: Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

Organist: David Knight

12.30 Baptism

Midweek Services

9am Tuesday Morning Prayer

10am Wednesday Eucharist followed by refreshments.

The Parish Office will be closed from Thursday September 11th and will reopen on Tuesday 23rd September. Thank you.

Donation to the flower fund we want to have a special display of flowers for Martin's induction service. If anyone would like to give a donation could they please contact Margaret woodcock.

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!

Date for your diary. Friday September 26th is the date for this year's Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale for **Macmillan Cancer Care**. It will be held at **3 Barton Road from 10am to 12pm**. Please contact me if you would like further details. **Sheila Allcock 01865-769630**.

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.

Eco Tips This week's Eco Tip: Are you baffled by the many different recycling symbols? If so, you are not alone! For an explanation, try the following link, and maybe share the main points with a friend who has no internet access. Hilary Rollin Eco Group

Go to: <https://www.recyclenow.com/how-to-recycle/recycling-symbols>

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 below) or Helen Day, Janet Masters, Anne Tarassenko, or Ruth Wooldridge.



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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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