

Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

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



St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

21st September 2025

Words of welcome.

Please stand

Hymn 641ii

Glorious things of you are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage:
grace which, like the Lord the giver,
never fails from age to age?

Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure,
none but Zion's children know.

John Newton (1725-1807)

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.

Liturgy of Welcome

Representatives of many facets of church life gather around Martin.

Let us welcome Martin, our vicar, in this beginning of his
ministry amongst us.

Martin, we welcome you!

For your presence amongst us, thanks be to God.

Let us pray for him as he guides, supports, and encourages us.

**May the Lord bless you in your ministry,
and bless us through your ministry.**

For God's spirit working in you, thanks be to God.

Let us commit ourselves to working with Martin
in the service of Christ.

May we work together as the many members of one body.

For all that we will do together, thanks be to God.

Together, as the body of Christ in this place, may we dedicate
ourselves afresh to our common vision.

**Lord, by your spirit, make us an open door between
heaven and earth, showing God's love to all.**

*All return to their seats. Any children are welcome to join the forest
Sunday school taking place outside.*

Prayers of Penitence

A minister says

Jesus said to his apostles,
'You are my friends if you obey my commands.'
Let us now confess our disobedience to him.

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

O Almighty God,
whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector
to be an apostle and evangelist:
give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the
possessive love of riches
that we may follow in the way of your Son 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: Proverbs 3.13-18

Happy are those who find wisdom,
and those who get understanding,
for her income is better than silver,
and her revenue better than gold.
She is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare with her.
Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honour.
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.
She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called happy.

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: Matthew 9.9-13

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

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

Sermon

Revd Martin Little

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, 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, David Blackman.*

Those who have died recently:

*John Kirby, Judy Lindley, Barbara Fruin, Geraldine Nicholls,
Shelagh Borden, Lea Clarke.*

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Harold Luckett, Jack Spriggs, William Kimber.

And at the end

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace
to those who were far off and those who were near.

Ephesians 2.19,17

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 563

Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets:
no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too;
make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too;
in the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;
curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too;
let my care be active, healing, just like you.

Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,
where each sign of hatred he, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too;
where good conquers evil, let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
'Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.'
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few:
walk one step before me, I will follow you.

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

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.

It is indeed right and good
that we should give you thanks, praise and glory,
almighty and everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For after his resurrection
he sent out his apostles and evangelists
to preach the gospel to all nations
and lead us in the way of truth.
Himself the chief cornerstone,
he founded his Church upon the apostles
firmly to stand for ever
as a sign of your holiness upon earth
and a living witness to all
of the way that leads to heaven.

And so with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
we lift our voices
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

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 high - 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. *(Bells are rung)*

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.
(Bells are rung)

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.

p, *cresc.*, *f*

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

5, *dim.*, *mf*

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

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 358

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found -- we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight -- our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place:
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

David J. Evans (b. 1957)

Prayer after Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in 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 619

Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem,
cleave the skies with shouts of praise;
sing to him who found the ransom,
Ancient of eternal Days,
God of God, the Word incarnate,
whom the heaven of heaven obeys.

Ere he raised the lofty mountains,
formed the seas, or built the sky,
love eternal, free, and boundless,
moved the Lord of life to die,
fore-ordained the Prince of princes
for the throne of Calvary.

There, for us and our redemption,
see him all his life-blood pour!
There he wins our full salvation,
dies that we may die no more;
then, arising, lives for ever,
reigning where he was before.

Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run.

Job Hupton (1762-1849) and John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

The Blessing

God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations,
bring you, with all the saints,
to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city;
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 21st

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.

21 September: St Matthew Apostle and Evangelist

8am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Revd Martin Little

Deacon: Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School

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Midweek Services

9am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday Morning Prayer

10am Wednesday Eucharist followed by refreshments.

28 September: Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School

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Preacher: Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

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The Parish Office is now closed and will reopen at 8.30am on Monday 22nd September. The new office opening times will be as follows: Monday 8.30-1pm, Wednesday 8.30-12.30pm, Thursdays 8.30-9.30- 11.30-12.30.

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.

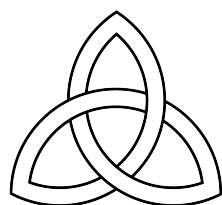
Shelagh Borden It's with sadness that we've been told by Iain, Shelagh's son that she has died at the care home where she has been living with her husband Tony. Shelagh was a much loved member of our congregation, giving her time and talents in so many ways. She always planted up the tubs of plants at the Coach house and Vicarage and was a great supporter of the Church fetes. Those of us lucky to know her will also remember the many times we bumped into her as she was out walking one of the many

retired Labrador Guide Dogs she gave a loving home to. Her funeral details to follow, but our thoughts and prayers are with Tony and all her family.

Eco Tips This week's Eco Tip Another week dedicated to a specific cause! 'Second-Hand September' and 'Recycle Week' are upon us. We are encouraged to buy only pre-loved items by shopping in charity shops and online market places. At the same time, why not donate/sell unwanted clothes and other items to reduce waste? An alternative that appeals to some people is to upcycle or re-style what they already have.

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 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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