

Holy Trinity
Headington Quarry



Harvest Festival
Sunday 5th October 2025

The Gathering

Music Group Introit: The Lord of the earth (John L. Bell)

The Vicar says

In the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit
Amen

Words of welcome

Hymn 532

Please stand

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice;
ye lights of evening, find a voice: *O praise him...*

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire, so masterful and bright,
that givest us both warmth and light: *O praise him...*

Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
let them his glory also show: *O praise him...*

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness;
O praise Him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

William Henry Draper (1855-1933), based on St Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

Opening Responses

From the rising of the Sun to its going down
the name of the Lord be praised.

Lord of the heavens, for the wonder of Creation
we praise you

Lord of all nations, for the richness and variety of our harvest
we praise you

Lord of all our lives, for the power and promise of your love
we praise you.

**Lord of this place, we give you thanks
for creating, sustaining and enriching all life. Amen.**

Please be seated

Prayers of Penitence

We gather in thanksgiving for the many blessings of this life:
for food, shelter, family, friends and all that we are grateful for.

And we gather in sorrow for the ways in which we have failed to
share God's abundant harvest with others.

God has blessed us,
but still God's children go hungry.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

God has blessed us,
but still the poor cry out for justice.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

God has blessed us,
but still we see inequality and oppression in the earth.
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

Alleluia Amen

Alleluia Amen

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

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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
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Peruvian Liturgical Text, ed. John Ballantine (1945)

The Prayer for the Day

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

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 6.25-35

The crowd found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

Jesus replied, "I assure you that you are looking for me not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate all the food you wanted. Don't work for the food that doesn't last but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. God the Father has confirmed him as his agent to give life."

They asked, "What must we do in order to accomplish what God requires?"

Jesus replied, "This is what God requires, that you believe in him whom God sent."

They asked, "What miraculous sign will you do, that we can see and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, just as it is written, *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*"

Jesus told them, "I assure you, it wasn't Moses who gave the bread from heaven to you, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. The bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

They said, "Sir, give us this bread all the time!"

Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Talk

Revd Martin Little

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 of the harvest
Hear our prayer

Please 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:

Geraldine Nicholls, Shelagh Borden, Lea Clarke.

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Kathleen Baker, Alan Jeffcote, Agnes Day.

The Peace

Please stand

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
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 282

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home:
all be safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest-home!

All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
grant, O harvest Lord, that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall purge away
all that doth offend, that day;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

Then, thou Church Triumphant, come,
raise the song of harvest-home;
all be safely gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there for ever purified
in God's garner to abide:
come, ten thousand angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home!

Henry Alford (1810-1871)

The Bringing Forward of Symbols of the Harvest

Let us bring forward symbols of the harvest,
gifts that God has created and his sun and rain have nurtured.
Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of the cornfields,
the oats and the wheat, the rye and the barley.
Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of roots,
the swedes and mangolds, turnips and sugar beet.
Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of seeds for next year's crops,
for clover, for hay and for corn.
Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of vegetables,
peas, potatoes, beans and hops.
Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of pears and apples, berries and herbs.
Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of flowers,
the finest blooms from our gardens and our fields.
Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the grain and the grape,
for our Saviour took bread and wine
to feed us with his body and his blood,
given and shed for the life of the world.
Let us feed on him by faith with thanksgiving.
Thanks be to God.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below,
praise him above, ye heavenly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

Children are invited to gather round the altar.

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.

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

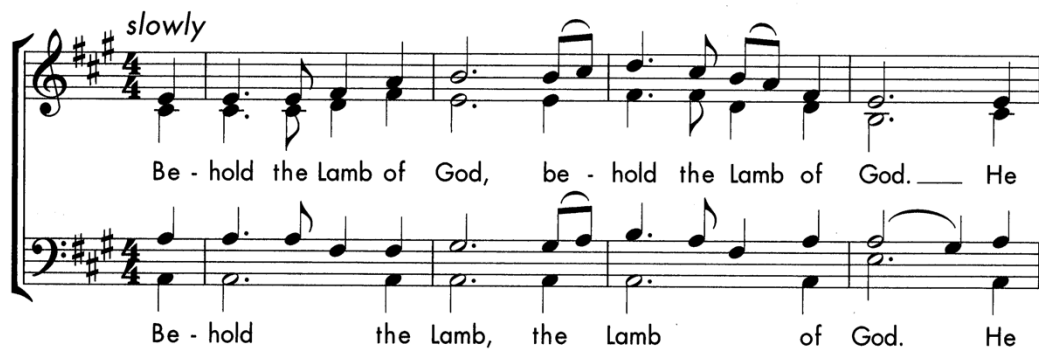
As our saviour taught us, so we pray.

**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

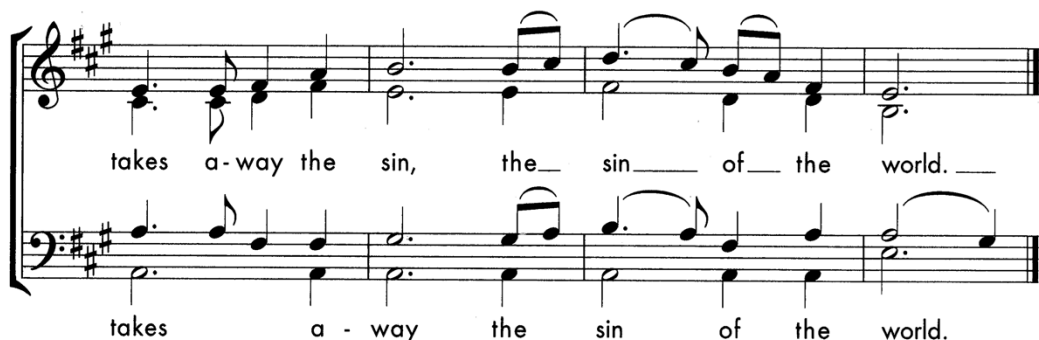
We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

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 Anthem: All the wonder that surrounds us
(John L. Bell and Graham Maule based on St Francis of Assisi)

Hymn 284

For the fruits of all creation,
thanks be to God;
for the gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;

for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Prayer after Communion

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards of those good things
which we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our 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

Hymn 290

Please stand

We plough the fields, and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand:
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes, and the sunshine,
and soft, refreshing rain.
*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.*

He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.
All good gifts...

We thank thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts.
All good gifts...

Matthias Claudius (1740-1815) tr. Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878)

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace,
be of good courage; hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak; help the afflicted;
honour everyone; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
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: Nun Danket Alle Gott - S. Karg-Elert

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: 5th October

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.

5 October: All Age Harvest Festival

8am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Revd Martin Little

10am All-Age Eucharist

President: Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

Deacon: Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

Preacher: Revd Martin Little

Organist: Andrew Patterson

6pm **Harvest Choral Evensong**

Readings: Deuteronomy 8.6-17; Matthew 4.23-5.20

Hymns: 283, 541 (t.231)

Canticles: Noble in B Minor

Anthem: Thou visitest the Earth – Greene

Responses: Byrd

Voluntary: Fugue in D Major - BWV532 J.S. Bach

Organist and Music Director: Andrew Patterson

Midweek Services

9am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday Morning Prayer.

Revd Martin Little will be attending in the Lady Chapel when available.

10am Wednesday Eucharist followed by refreshments.

12 October: Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Revd Martin Little

10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School

President & Preacher: Revd Martin Little

Deacon: Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

Harvest Thanksgiving Service we encourage everyone to make a donation to a local foodbank, in particular we're supporting the Barton food bank via the card machine or collection plate. On this occasion when

we remember to give thanks for the blessings we have and the need to share them more justly.

The Parish Office new opening times will be as follows: Monday 8.30- 1pm, Wednesday 8.30-12.30pm, Thursdays 8.30-9.30- 11.30-12.30.

Shelagh Borden As many of you will have already heard, Shelagh, a much loved member of our congregation died on Saturday 30th August 2025, aged 85. Iain her son has let us know the following details for her service. All are welcome who knew Shelagh.

Service

12 noon, Friday 17th October 2025

North Oxfordshire Crematorium & Memorial Park, Tackley, Kidlington, Oxfordshire OX5 3ER

Reception

1.30-3.30, Friday 17th October 2025

The Trout Inn, 195 Godstow Park, Wolvercote, Oxford OX2 8PN

Family flowers only please

Please make charitable donations to Guide Dogs

Emily's leaving Don't forget to sign one of the two cards available in the meeting room after the service and to donate towards Emily's leaving present (see A5 sheet with BACS information or give cash to Wardens).

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. **For the next 4 weeks** would you like to learn how to weave a beret? on a piece of card! It is quite doable with a little help. Come to a morning in October Margaret Jackson.

Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care. I'm pleased to report that we raised £250 at the coffee morning. Many thanks to those who came and contributed, and also to those who didn't come but still contributed! Sheila Allcock.

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday November 6th sees the start of the Eco Autumn Talks Series. Tom Bedford, local ornithologist and wildlife photographer will speak about his two hobbies, with reference to bird life in Lye Valley and beyond. He will also discuss ways of encouraging birds to visit our gardens during the winter months and give tips on how to create good photographs. His talk will be heavily based on his

photographs. Venue: Coach House, 7.15 p.m. for refreshments; 7.30 for the start of the talk. All are welcome. *Hilary Rollin, for Eco Church Group*

This week's Eco Tip: The change in the seasons means retrieving winter clothes and packing away summer ones. Do you need to keep all of them? Remember the charity shops. NB Oxfam Superstore also welcomes books, furniture, homewares, and music at 6500 Alec Issigonis Way, OX4 2JZ. Donations Bookings Sun-Thurs 10.30-16.00, closed 1.00-2.00. Tel. 01865 396322. <https://www.oxfam.org.uk/shops/oxfam-superstore-oxford/>

You can now donate clothes by post - for free! Order your mailbag and return it for free to Oxfam to help raise money to fight poverty and reduce landfill. Click here to [Order a free donation bag](#)

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.



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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