

Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

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

The Feast of the Presentation
(Candlemas) All-age service
1st February 2025



Welcome to Holy Trinity! If you are new to the church or visiting, please make yourself known to one of the welcomers, and let us know any additional needs you may have. An accessible toilet and baby change facilities are located in the meeting room on the north side of the church (across from the door you came in.)

Children are a beloved and integral part of Holy Trinity, and most Sundays we run a Forest Sunday School in our small woodland area of the churchyard (resumes today). The welcomers will point you in the direction of the Sunday School leaders. Children and babies are very welcome to stay in the service, or to use the meeting room if a break-out space would be helpful. We are not bothered by noise or children being children: we're just glad you're here.

Please sit, or stand as you feel comfortable during the service, and join in with the words in bold type. Tea, coffee and refreshments are served after the service: please stay for a friendly chat if you would like to.

Holy Trinity is funded almost entirely by donations. If you are able to contribute today as part of your worship, you can do so using the card reader or plate by the door on your way in or out. Regular supporters of Holy Trinity are encouraged to do so via the Parish Giving Scheme: a secure, tax-efficient way of contributing to our ministry here.

(i) You can access the Scheme's website through the QR code below and click on "Regular Giving," or visit

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/headdington-quarry-holy-trinity-oxford/>

(ii) call the Scheme on 0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm.



Welcome and Introduction

The president says

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

Words of welcome and any notices are given.

Hymn 357

Please stand

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel-host
be praise and glory evermore.

*William Kethe (d. 1594)
Psalm 100 in Anglo-Genevan Psalter, 1560*

Opening Prayers

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lord Jesus, at Christmas we celebrated your birth:

We welcome you again today.

Lord Jesus, you were presented in the Temple:

Be close to us today.

Lord Jesus, you came to save both young and old:

Warm our hearts with love and open our lips with praise.

Amen.

Receiving God's Forgiveness

A minister says

Jesus said:

'I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness
but shall have the light of life.'

Let us therefore bring our sins into his light
and ask God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

**God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said
and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The president says

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord **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

Alleluia Amen

Alleluia Amen

Alleluia Amen

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

Alleluia Amen

Alleluia Amen

Peruvian Liturgical Text, ed. John Ballantine (1945)

The Prayer for the Day

Lord Jesus Christ,

light of the nations and glory of Israel:

make your home among us,

and present us pure and holy

to your heavenly Father,

your God, and our God.

Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Psalm 24 (International Children's Bible)

The earth and everything in it belong to the Lord.

The world and all its people belong to him.

He built it on the waters.

He set it on the rivers.

Who may go up on the mountain of the Lord?

Who may stand in his holy Temple?

Only those with clean hands and pure hearts.

They must not have worshiped idols.

They must not have made promises in the name of a false god.

It is they who will receive a blessing from the Lord.

The God who saves them will declare them right.

They try to follow God.

They look to the God of Jacob for help.

Open up, you gates.

Open wide, you aged doors.

Then the glorious king will come in.

Who is this glorious king?

The Lord, strong and mighty.

The Lord, the powerful warrior.

Open up, you gates.

Open wide, you aged doors.

Then the glorious king will come in.

Who is this glorious king?

The Lord of heaven's armies—

he is the glorious king.

Gospel Reading

Please stand. We repeat the refrain.



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

The gospel is announced:

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

Gospel reading: Luke 2. 22, 25-40 (*International Children's Bible*)

The time came for Mary and Joseph to do what the law of Moses taught about being made pure. They took Jesus to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. It is written in the law of the Lord: "Give every firstborn male to the Lord." Mary and Joseph also went to offer a sacrifice, as the law of the Lord says: "You must sacrifice two doves or two young pigeons."

A man named Simeon lived in Jerusalem. He was a good man and very religious. He was waiting for the time when God would help Israel. The Holy Spirit was in him. The Holy Spirit told Simeon that he would not die before he saw the Christ promised by the Lord. The Spirit led Simeon to the Temple. Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to the Temple to do what the law said they must do. Then Simeon took the baby in his arms and thanked God:

"Now, Lord, you can let me, your servant,
die in peace as you said.
I have seen your Salvation with my own eyes.
You prepared him before all people.
He is a light for the non-Jewish people to see.
He will bring honour to your people, the Israelites."

Jesus' father and mother were amazed at what Simeon had said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, "Many in Israel will fall and many will rise because of this child. He will be a sign from God that many people will not accept. The things they think in secret will be made known. And the things that will happen will make your heart sad, too."

Anna, a prophetess, was there at the Temple. She was from the family of Phanuel in the tribe of Asher. Anna was very old. She had once been married for seven years. Then her husband died and she lived alone. She was now 84 years old. Anna never left the Temple. She worshipped God by going without food and praying day and night. She was standing there at that time, thanking God. She talked about Jesus to all who were waiting for God to free Jerusalem.

Joseph and Mary finished doing everything that the law of the Lord commanded. Then they went home to Nazareth, their own town in Galilee. The little child began to grow up. He became stronger and wiser, and God's blessings were with him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Talk: Passing the Torch

The 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

God of love

Hear our prayer

Those in need of our prayers:

We pray for Julie, Malcolm Woodcock.

Those who have died recently:

*David Kiggell, Margaret Fordyce, Milton Brown, Rosie O'Toole,
Frank Priestley.*

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

*Enid Owens, Francis Beckett, Betty Evans-Smith, Colin Webster,
Tony Buttolph.*

These responses may be used

God of love

Hear our prayer

And at the end

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand

God will speak peace to his people,
to those who turn to him in their 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 656

He's got the whole world in his hand.
He's got the whole world in his hand.
He's got the whole wide world in his hand.
He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got you and me, brother, in his hand.
He's got you and me, brother, in his hand.
He's got you and me, brother, in his hand.
He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got you and me, sister, in his hand.
He's got you and me, sister, in his hand.
He's got you and me, sister, in his hand.
He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got everybody here in his hand.
He's got everybody here in his hand.
He's got everybody here in his hand.
He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got the whole world in his hand.
He's got the whole world in his hand.
He's got the whole wide world in his hand.
He's got the whole world in his hand.

African-American traditional song

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.
Amen.

*Children are welcome to come and gather round the altar.
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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name,
in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

Tune: 'Nicaea'

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.**

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. Please join in with the communion hymn.

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

We pray together:

**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.**

Blessing of candles

Each family with children is invited to receive a candle. These have been recycled from church candles used throughout the year.

God of light and love,
You give us all we need to follow you.
Bless these candles,
that they might bring joy to our homes
warmth to our hearts
and a daily reminder of your presence.
Amen.

Hymn 484

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

Blessing

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will.
And the blessing of God almighty
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ,
Amen.

Copyright: Common Worship & Times & Seasons © The Archbishops' Council 2000, 2006. New Patterns for Worship © The Archbishops' Council 2002, Scripture taken from the International Children's Bible®. Copyright © 1986, 1988, 1999 by Thomas Nelson. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Song words reproduced under CCLI 234208.

Please join us for refreshments, served at the back of church. If you can please donate to the coffee fund in the jar provided. 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. Please take this booklet away with you and recycle it when you have finished with it.

Notices - 1st February

Notices deadline is now Monday 6pm.

1 February : The Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)

8am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Revd Martin Little

10am All Age Parish Eucharist

President: The Revd Martin Little

Preacher: The Revd Martin Little

Organist: Andrew Patterson

Please note there is no Choral Evensong tonight.

Midweek Services:

9am Morning Prayer: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday when the Vicar is available.

The Church is normally open for private prayer every day during daylight hours.

10am Wednesday Eucharist followed by refreshments.

8 February : Racial Justice Sunday

8am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Prof Rob Gilbert

10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School

President: The Revd Martin Little

Preacher: The Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

Organist: Andrew Patterson

Intercessions at 10am service from today we will have two prayer lists for our public intercessions. There will be a shorter one for people in particularly acute need at the moment, and a longer one for those at home, in care or with long term conditions. Please do not be concerned if you do not see your loved one's name appear every week in the notices - we are still praying and they have not been forgotten! We will pray for those with longer term needs on the last Sunday of the month (this will next be on February 22.) The anniversaries of those who have died will be remembered as normal. The Pastoral Care team welcome updates.

Warm Soup for the winter The Gatehouse supports adults aged 25+ who are homeless, vulnerably housed, on low income and/or looking for company and community. Holy Trinity will again be providing soup for the Gatehouse - if you are able to make one or more batches of 2 litres of vegetarian soup on **Sunday 8 February**, please let Monika Blackwell know (mdblackwell@hotmail.com or 07880 797009).

Today Sunday 1 February I will leave some freezer bags, labels and instructions at the back of church. If you are unable to collect them please let me know and I will drop them off. Thank you - this nourishing and warming soup is very welcomed. Monika Blackwell (0)7880 797009

Bishop of Oxford Retirement Many of you will have heard the news of Bishop Stephen's retirement in the Summer. We are all invited to take part in a consultation about what we would be seeking in our new Bishop. oxford.anglican.org/consultation

Date for Diary Advance notice that Revd Prof Rob Gilbert's installation service will take place on Thursday 16th April at 7.30pm at Heyford Hill Park Church. More information nearer the time.

Julian Group. The February meeting will be on **Friday 6th February at 2.30 pm at 19 Stephen Road, Headington. (Please note change of venue.)** 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**

Rob's Farewell You are warmly invited to a simple celebration on Palm Sunday, 29th March, to mark The Rev Prof Rob Gilbert's final service with us. Cake and refreshments will be served immediately following the Sunday 10am service. This will be an opportunity to give thanks, share fellowship, and wish Rob well for the next chapter of his ministry in the Cherwell Valley Benefice. If you would like to make a contribution to his gift, please give it to the **Church Wardens** or transfer to the **Church bank account**. Please clearly state 'for Rob Gilbert.' Name: **The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity** Account Number: **80484903** Sort Code: **20-65-21**
We hope you will be able to join us. Best, Margaret T and Linda.

New filter Coffee and Tea if you are able to it would help the church funds if you could donate to the refreshment fund each week by either putting money in the jar or by using the card machine. Thank you.

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.

New PCC and Deanery Synod members will be needed at the end of April when these positions become vacant as people step down at the end of their term. Please speak to either Wardens or Revd Martin to find out more about these roles if you're interested in this ministry.

This week's Eco Tip. How did Big Garden Birdwatch go? In your hour of observing did the blue tits and finches descend on the bird feeders? If not, you are not alone. Some tips: ensure that feeders and water bowls are filled and clean, and the bird feed dry and out of reach of squirrels and prowling cats. 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.



Holy Trinity
Headington Quarry

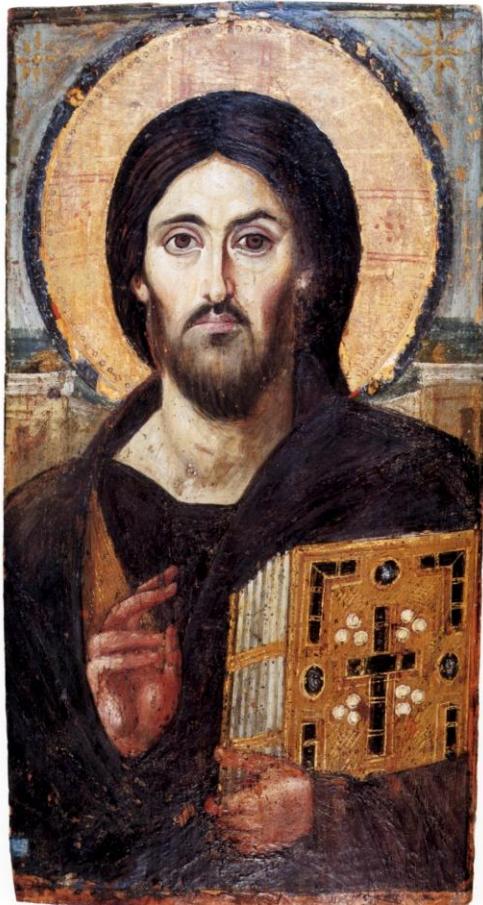
Imaging Faith

a Lenten journey through
2,000 years of Christian art

Thursdays, 7.30pm

The Coach House,
46 Quarry Road, Oxford, OX3 8NU

Each evening begins with a 30
minute talk followed by
refreshments, discussion and a
closing time of prayer. No booking
required.



26 February	Art and the God we can't see	The Revd Martin Little, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Headington Quarry
5th March	Does an icon break the second commandment?	Mandy Patterson, Christian artist and icon writer
12 March	Hidden and in plain sight: Vermeer and Rembrandt painting the Passion	The Revd Prof Rob Gilbert, Associate Priest and Professor of Biophysics, University of Oxford
19 March	Looking back and Looking ahead with the Pre-Raphaelites	Dr Imogen Hart, Lecturer in History of Art, Oxford Brookes University
26 March	The Cosmic Cross: faith and modernity	The Revd Martin Little, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Headington Quarry

hthq.uk

facebook.com/holytrinityheadingtonquarry



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:

Contact us

Vicar: Revd Martin Little

vicar@hthq.uk 01278 792154

please note my day off is Friday

Associate Priest: Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

associatepriest@hthq.uk

Parish Office: office@hthq.uk 01865 762931

Churchwardens: wardens@hthq.uk

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Anne Tarassenko 07443 652082

annetarassenko@hotmail.com

www.hthq.org.uk

www.facebook.com/holytrinityheadingtonquarry

Church postcode for emergencies: OX3 8LQ

image: *The Presentation of Christ in the Temple* by Rembrandt, 1627
(source: Wikimedia Commons / Yorcke Project)