



Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

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

Racial Justice Sunday
Sunday 8th February 2026



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.

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Music Group Introit: Bambalela *Words & music: South African, author unknown.*
Transcribed by Mairi Munro & Gordon Munro.

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 610

Please stand

Christ is the world's true light,
its captain of salvation,
the daystar clear and bright
of every land and nation;
new life, new hope awakes,
where peoples own his sway:
freedom her bondage breaks,
and night is turned to day.

In Christ all races meet,
their ancient feuds forgetting,
the whole round world complete,
from sunrise to its setting:
when Christ is throned as Lord,
lands shall forsake their fear,
to ploughshare beat the sword,
to pruning-hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great name
unite us all who own thee;
cast out our pride and shame
that hinder to enthrone thee;
the world has waited long,
has travailed long in pain;
to heal its ancient wrong,
come, Prince of Peace, and reign!

George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959)

The Greeting

The president says

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Introduction and Opening Prayer

Racial Justice Sunday is an ecumenical observance which began in 1995 in Britain and Ireland. The catalyst for this observation was the murder of Stephen Lawrence, a Black teenager in South London, on 22 April 1993. In 2017, Racial Justice Sunday moved from September to the second Sunday of February.

Racial Justice Sunday is for all churches to reflect on the importance of racial justice, to give thanks for the gifts and beauty of human diversity, and to commit to end racism and acts of discrimination. It is, however, more than an annual reminder of the Church's commitment to the task of anti-racism. In the words of Richard Reddie of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, this Sunday represents "a call for Christians to engage in the righteous struggle for racial justice because racial justice is everyone's business".

Let us pray.

Ever present God, you called us to be in relationship
with one another
and promised to dwell wherever two or three are gathered.
In our community, we are many different people;
we come from many different places,
have many different cultures.
Open our hearts
that we may be bold in finding the riches of inclusion
and the treasures of diversity among us.
We pray in faith.

Amen.

by the Revd Dr Martin Luther King Jr

Prayers of Penitence

A minister says

What does the Lord require of us but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God?
Yet we have failed in ways we did not care to know.

cf Micah 6.8

Let us come before the God who restores the broken
and confess our sin in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

**God our Father,
long-suffering, full of grace and truth,
you create us from nothing and give us life.
You give your faithful people new life in the water
of baptism.
You do not turn your face from us,
nor cast us aside.
We confess that we have sinned
against you and our neighbour.
We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.
Restore us for the sake of your Son,
and bring us to heavenly joy,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The president says

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive us our sins,
open our eyes to God's truth,
strengthen us to do God's will
and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus 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
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Peruvian Liturgical Text, ed. John Ballantine (1945)

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Merciful God, you are righteous and love justice:
stir the hearts of your people that,
rejoicing in our diversity,
we may repent of the wrongs of the past, and, by your grace,
seek the peaceable kingdom of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading: Colossians 3. 1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Please stand. We repeat the refrain.



Hymn 556

The Gospel is announced.

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

Gospel reading: John 12.20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew

and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

The Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

The Nicene Creed

Please stand.

**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.

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy.

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, Doreen Palmer, Denis Patrick*

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Christopher Luckett, Ronald Lygo, Ivor Beesley, Geoffrey Foster.

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 the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

A minister says

Let us offer one another a sign of Peace.

All may exchange a sign of Peace.

Hymn 575

When I needed a neighbour, were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?

*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, were
you there?*

I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?

I was cold, I was naked, were you there, were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?

When I needed a shelter, were you there, were you there?
When I needed a shelter, were you there?

When I needed a healer, were you there, were you there?
When I needed a healer, were you there?

Wherever you travel I'll be there, I'll be there,
wherever you travel I'll be there.

*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, I'll be
there.*

Sydney Carter (1915- 2004)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now united 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.

Please sit or stand 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.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,
Lord God of truth,
for you made us in your image
and redeemed us through your Son.

You taught us by your prophets
to work for that day when justice, mercy and peace will reign.
Let the day come quickly
when the walls that separate us are broken down,
and when suffering and oppression,
racism and discrimination will be no more.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,
keep us faithful in prayer and active in service,
until all your people rejoice with the angels in heaven, singing:

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'

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

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.**

Agnus Dei

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. 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.

Music group songs: God bless to us our bread (*Words & Music: Federico Pagura Argentina, arr. John L. Bell*) and Come bring your burdens to God (*South African traditional, arr. Welile Sigabi*)

Hymn 461

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

Gentile or Jew,
servant or free,
woman or man, no more.

Refrain

Many the gifts,
many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

Refrain

Grain for the fields,
scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.

Refrain

John Filey, SJ (b.1939)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Blessed God, help us,
whom you have fed and satisfied in this eucharist,
to hunger and thirst for what is right;
help us, who here have rejoiced and been glad,
to stand with those who are persecuted and reviled;
help us, who here have glimpsed the life of heaven,
to strive for the cause of right
and for the coming of the kingdom of Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

The Sending Out

An Act of Commitment to Racial Justice

Please stand

Dear people of God, we stand in the shadow of the prophets crying out for justice and peace. God calls us to be a people of reconciliation, serving a world in need. We are all called to the work and ministry of racial justice and reconciliation.

Will you persevere in prayer and fellowship?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim the good news of reconciliation in both word and deed?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge and address the prejudices that keep you from loving all God's children?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you strive to see Christ in all persons, and value those with whom you disagree?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek to mend what is broken by human sin and greed?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you strive to speak words that liberate and heal and break the bonds of silence?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek the perfect love which casts out all fear?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you work toward dismantling the sin of abuse of power?

With the help of God, I will.

**Gracious God,
help us to regard all people as made in your image.
Create in us brave hearts
to acknowledge and address our prejudices.
Forgive the way we collude with silence
and imprison others in it.
Give us courage to speak words that liberate and heal,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Hymn 475

Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.

King of our hearts, Christ reigns in us;
kingship with him his servants gain;
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
this world of time to consecrate,
our world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

Prophets of Christ, we hear his word:
he claims our minds, to search his ways;
he claims our lips, to speak his truth;
he claims our hearts, to sing his praise.

We are his Church, he makes us one:
here is one hearth for all to find;
here is one flock, one Shepherd-King;
here is one faith, one heart, one mind.

James Quinn, SJ (1919-2010)

The Blessing

The blessing of God the Father,
who made from one every nation that occupies the earth;
of God the Son,
who bought us for God from every tribe and language and
people and nation;
and of God the Spirit,
who brings us together in unity,
be with you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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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 deadline is now Monday 6pm.

Notices – 8th February

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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

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.

15 February : Sunday next before Lent

8am Holy Communion

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10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School

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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.

We are preparing another issue of the **Trinity Times online newsletter**! If you have any items and photos to contribute, please email them to newsletter@hthq.uk The deadline for submissions is Monday 16th February. Thank you.

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.

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.

Crafts at Community Cafe 9.30 – 11.30am There is another opportunity at the Tuesday Coffee mornings in February weather permitting to have a go at some seasonal crafts. On offer in February except 17th Feb egg and egg box decorating, and knitted Welcome to HT bunting, or card bunting. If this appeals to you please bring two eggs (blown if possible ,if not do not worry) and an egg box. A pair of size 9 knitting needles and some double knitting wool in bright colours. Margaret will also have some available. Please do not go out and buy anything. Email Margaret if you have any further questions margaretatbodsey@gmail.com 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. Now available on Prime Video; Kate Winslett, Oscar winner and the King's Foundation ambassador, narrates 'Finding Harmony; A King's Vision'. Covering food production, urbanism, sustainable textiles, community regeneration, The King describes how he has sought to work with Nature, rather than against it. 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.



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**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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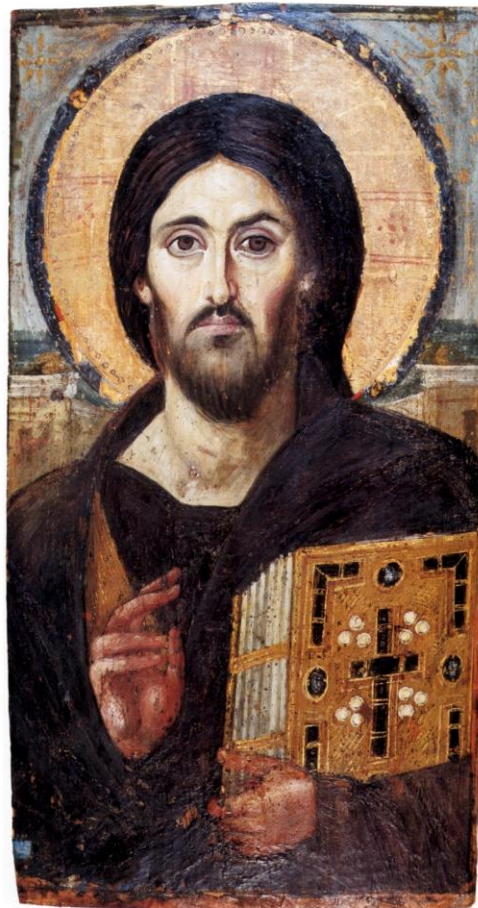
Imaging Faith

a Lenten journey through
2,000 years of Christian art

Thursdays, 7.30pm

The Coach House,
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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

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