



Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

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



The Second Sunday of Lent

1st March 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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Introit Christ's the rock beneath my feet/Kwake Jesu
Text and music traditional Kenyan 2007

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 818

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory! Great things he has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God!
The vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

Fanny Crosby (1820- 1915)

The president says

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayers of Penitence

A minister says

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Kyrie

Andante



10 Organ *mp* Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy. *mf* Christ have
mer-cy, Christ have mer-cy. *mp* Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy.

The president says

The almighty and merciful Lord
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray:

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and for evermore.

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

Gospel Reading

Please remain standing.

Refrain



Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav-iour, Word of the Fa-ther, call-ing us to life;

5



Son of God who leads us to free-dom: glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ! Christ!

10 Verse



You are the Word whocalls us out of dark-ness;you are the Word who leadsus in-to light;

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you are the Word who brings us through the de-sert: glo-ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

The gospel is announced:

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

Gospel reading: John 3. 1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things

be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

The Revd Canon David Knight

The 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.

These responses may be used

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Those in need of our prayers:

We pray for Julie, Malcolm Woodcock, Pamela.

Those who have died recently:

Frank Priestley.

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Marian Douglas, Joyce Wright, Sally Clare.

And at the end

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

Please stand

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

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 748

O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end:
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy foot-marks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.

John Ernest Bode (1816-1874)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

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

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

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.

It is indeed right and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For in these forty days

you lead us into the desert of repentance
 that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
 we may grow in grace
 and learn to be your people once again.
 Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
 you bring us back to your generous heart.
 Through study of your holy word
 you open our eyes to your presence in the world
 and free our hands to welcome others
 into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
 with joyful hearts and minds
 we bless you for your mercy
 and join with saints and angels
 for ever praising you and singing:

10 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of
 19 power and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bles-sed is he, O bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 28 Ho - 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.

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When we eat this bread and drink this cup we pro-claim your
 death, Lord Je - sus, un - til you come in glo - ry, un - til you come in glo - ry.

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.**

Agnus Dei

8 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the_ world, have
mer- cy_ on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the_ world, have mer- cy_ on
15 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant_ us peace.

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

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 De nocte, Taizé

Words: By night we hasten in darkness to search for living water, only our thirst leads us onward, only our thirst leads us onward.

Behüte mich Gott, Taizé

Words: Keep me, O God, for I trust in you. You show me the path of life. With you there is fullness of joy.

Hymn 429

Bread is blessed and broken,
wine is blessed and poured:
take this and remember
Christ the Lord.

Share the food of heaven
earth cannot afford.
Here is grace in essence –
Christ the Lord.

Know yourself forgiven,
find yourself restored,
meet a friend for ever –
Christ the Lord.

God has kept his promise
sealed by sign and word:
here, for those who want him –
Christ the Lord.

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

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through 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

Hymn 143

Please stand

Here is love, vast as the ocean,
loving kindness as the flood,
when the Prince of life, our ransom,
shed for us his precious blood.
Who his love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing his praise?
He can never be forgotten
throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion
fountains opened deep and wide;
through the floodgates of God's mercy
flowed a vast and gracious tide.

Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
poured incessant from above,
and heaven's peace and perfect justice
kissed a guilty world in love.

*William Rees (1802-1883)
Translated by William Edwards (1848- 1929)*

The Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
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

A minister says

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

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.

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Notices: Second Sunday of Lent

Notices deadline is now Monday 6pm.

Sunday Mar 1st: Second Sunday of Lent

8am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Revd Martin Little

10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School

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Deacon & Preacher: The Revd Canon David Knight

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.

Sunday Mar 8th: Third Sunday of Lent

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Our new Safeguarding Officer is Anne Cowan and her contact details are at the back of this booklet. We give thanks for Anne Tarassenko's 10 years of service in this important role.

Revision of the parish electoral roll before the annual meeting

The electoral roll is the list of members of our church community here at Holy Trinity. If you joined the roll when we made the new one last year, you don't need to do anything, your name remains on the list!

However, if you are new to our community, or have just reached the age of 16, please sign up, as our membership list is very useful to us. You need to be 16 years old or over, baptised (in any Christian denomination) and either resident in the parish or regularly worshipping at Holy Trinity.

If you have any questions please get in touch with me. The parish's data privacy notice can be viewed here: <https://www.hthq.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Privacy-notice-and-GDPR-policy.pdf>

You can either fill in a paper form (available in the church) or find the form on the church website, complete it online and email it to me - in that case it doesn't need a physical signature. Please do this by Wednesday 15 April so that the revised roll can be published before the annual meeting. Joan Jones - Electoral Roll Officer - 07710611250 - electoralroll@hthq.uk

HTHQ Serving Surveys Thank you to all who filled these out! We are working through the responses and will be in touch.

Solo Violin Recital Fundraiser on 7th March at 4pm in the church

kindly given by Justyna Zanko. Suggested donation of £10 including tea and cake after the performance, to be split between Holy Trinity and the performer. Please come with family and friends (see poster on board).

Donation of cakes or savouries for the Fundraising Recital on

7th March. Cake Donations would be welcome for the after-concert tea on March 7th. We would like to make this a special occasion with this

wonderful violinist. Cakes or savouries can be brought on the day, or I can arrange for them to be left at the Coach House on the Friday morning (6th) with the WI ladies. Contact Margaret Taylor 01865 765051 if needed.

World Day of Prayer Friday 6 March This day (formerly Women's World Day of Prayer) has been celebrated annually for nearly one hundred years, and is now observed in nearly every country of the world. A service is written by a different country each year, so as the earth spins, the same prayers are said over 24 hours by thousands of people around the globe. More details at wwdp.org.uk This year the Headington service, which has been written by the women of Nigeria, will be held at Holy Trinity at 11am, followed by a shared light lunch. If you are able, please come.

The service is led by many readers, and we will need people to help with hospitality - welcoming, setting out lunch, and clearing away. If you are able to help in any of these ways, please contact me. Joan Jones 07710611250 joan@joneses.org.uk

Julian Group. The meeting will be on **Friday 6th March at 2.30 pm at 6 Quarry Hollow. (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 769630 .**

Community Cafe 9.30 – 11.30am Please do come along with friends or neighbours. Toys available for preschool age children and toddlers.

A Lenten Retreat: You are warmly invited to join a residential retreat organised by the Oxford Area of TSSF at the Old Parsonage Freeland, from **Monday 16th to Thursday 19th March.** The conductor is our former curate, Emily, and her title and theme are Rupture and Redemption: an opportunity to reflect on brokenness in our own stories and in the world, and God's wondrous work of redemption, guided by our spiritual journey from wilderness to the tomb. The total cost for bed and board is £225. Please register your interest by contacting The Revd Jean King at oxfordretreat@yahoo.co.uk Further details from Chris and Jan at m@cleods.co.uk

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.

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: Sometimes we just need a reminder about tips we already know about. This week's reminder; rather than run your washing machine half-full, wait till you have a full load. The average washing machine uses 50 litres on a normal cycle. Cutting out two cycles per week could save £50 a year on water and energy bills. 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.

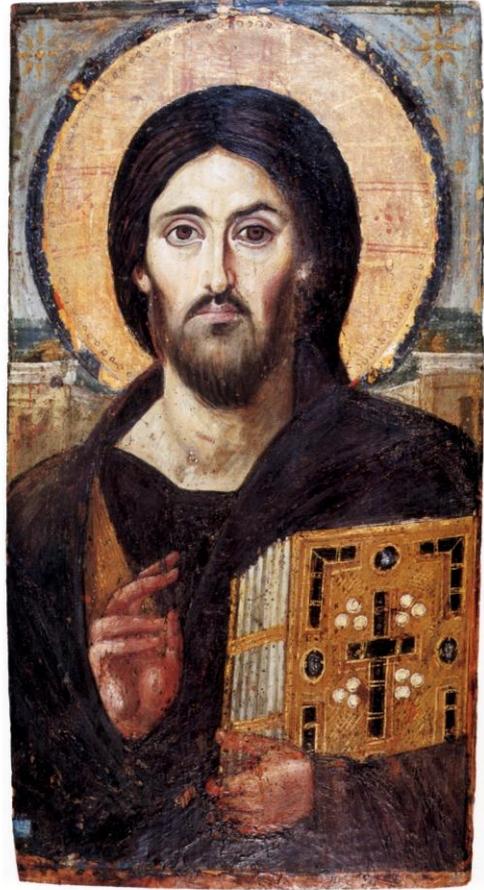
Imaging Faith

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

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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:

Contact us

Vicar: Revd Martin Little

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please note my day off is Friday

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