



# Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

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



Easter Day  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 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. 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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## 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.*

*The Music Group sings the Introit: Halle halle halle (Caribbean music:  
unknown arr. Iona Community.)*

### **Hymn 197**

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth:  
he is the King of creation:

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and has risen:

We have been crucified with Christ:  
now we shall live forever:

God has proclaimed the just reward:  
life for the world, alleluia:

Come, let us praise the living God,  
Joyfully sing to our Saviour:

*Donald Fishel (b. 1950)*

*The president says*

Alleluia. Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### **The Greeting**

## Prayers of Penitence

In baptism we died with Christ,  
so that as Christ was raised from the dead,  
we might walk in newness of life.  
Let us receive new life in him  
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*Silence is kept.*

**Father,  
we have sinned against heaven and against you.  
We are not worthy to be called your children.  
We turn to you again.  
Have mercy on us,  
bring us back to yourself  
as those who once were dead  
but now have life through 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, we give you thanks and praise  
Of heavenly joy and earthly peace we sing.  
We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,  
Lord God, Almighty Father, heavenly King.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
O Lamb of God, your glorious victory won,  
Receive our prayer, grant us your peace within.**

**Alone, O Christ, you are the only Lord,  
At God's right hand, in majesty most high.  
Who with the Spirit, worshipped and adored  
With all the heavenly host, we glorify.**

Tune: 'Woodlands'

## **The Collect**

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill your church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## ***The Liturgy of the Word***

*Please sit*

### **New Testament Reading: Acts 10: 34-43**

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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

## Gospel Reading

*We repeat the refrain:*

CELTIC ALLELUIA



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

### **Gospel reading: Matthew 28:1-10**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

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

## Sermon

The Revd Dr Margaret Whipp

### Affirmation of Faith

*Please stand*

Let us declare our faith  
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe. Amen.**

### Set Prayers of Intercession

*Please sit or kneel.*

*This response is used*

Lord, raise us up: **and all your people.**

*We pray for those who are sick or in particular need: Julie, Pamela, Pam  
Those who have died recently: Malcolm Woodcock, Jan Wheeler  
Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:  
Jean Price, Warren Lewis, John Kerry, Sam Wheeler*

*And at the end*

**Merciful father  
accept these prayers,  
for the sake of your Son,  
our saviour Jesus Christ  
Amen**

**The Peace**

*Please stand*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,  
'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you

**and also with you. Alleluia.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

*Please stand*

## **Hymn**

This is the day, this is the day  
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice  
And be glad in it, and be glad in it  
This the day that the Lord has made  
We will rejoice and be glad in it  
This is the day, this is the day  
That the Lord has made.

This is the day, this is the day  
When he rose again, when he rose again  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice  
And be glad in it, and be glad in it  
This the day when he rose again  
We will rejoice and be glad in it  
This is the day, this is the day  
When he rose again.

This is the day, this is the day  
When the Spirit came, when the Spirit came.  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice  
And be glad in it, and be glad in it  
This the day when the Spirit came  
We will rejoice and be glad in it  
This is the day, this is the day  
When the Spirit came.

*Les Garrett (b.194*

## **Taking of the Bread and Wine**

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

**Amen**

## **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, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and on this night of our redemption  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women  
the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels  
and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**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!**

*A&M 661, melody unknown  
arr. Anne Harrison (b.1954)*

Lord, you are holy indeed,  
the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us  
the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

*Bells are rung*

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
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*

Great is the mystery of faith  
**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind  
his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once  
for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection  
and glorious ascension,

and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all  
the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty 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

*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

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.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*This is God's table and all are welcome. Please follow the directions of the stewards, and pause level with the front pew to allow others to pass before approaching to receive the sacrament.*

*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.*

**Anthem:** Jesus is risen, Alleluia! (Mfurahini, Haleluya, Tanzania)Text: Bernard Kyamanywa (trans. JLB) Tune: Haya Traditional (arr. Iona Community)

## **Hymn 199**

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift, and war,  
where colour, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

*Brian A. Wren (b. 1936)*

## Prayer after Communion

God of life,  
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;  
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 218**

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;  
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

*Edmond Budry (1854-1932)*

## **The Blessing**

The God of peace  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
make you perfect in every good work to do 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.**

*A minister says*

## **The Dismissal**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Voluntary:** Scratch choir: Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah  
(please join in!)

*There will be an Easter Egg hunt outside (weather permitting!) Please follow the  
directions of the Children's Leaders.*

*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 for Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup> booklets is now Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup> 6pm. The Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup> and reopen on Monday April 27<sup>th</sup>.**

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## **Notices: Easter Day**

### **Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>: Easter Day**

8am Holy Communion

President: The Revd Martin Little

10am All-Age Eucharist with Forest Easter Egg Hunt

President: The Revd Martin Little

Preacher: Revd Canon Margaret Whipp

Organist: Andrew Patterson

**Please note** at the end of the service we'll be singing the Handel Hallelujah Chorus once again as our outgoing Voluntary. Please bring your copies - but don't worry if you forget! Anyone can join in.

### **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.

### **Wednesday**

10am Midweek Communion

### **Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>: The Second Sunday of Easter**

8am Holy Communion

President: The Revd Dr Andrew Gregory

10am Eucharist

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**Malcolm Woodcock's funeral** will be here at Holy Trinity on Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup> followed by refreshments in the meeting room. All are welcome.

**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](mailto:electoralroll@hthq.uk)

**Easter flowers** The flower team would very much welcome any donations towards the flowers for Easter Day as they are reliant on this kindness.

These can be made payable to the church bank account but please mark them for the flower fund **The Parochial Church Council of the**

**Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity** Account

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## **Coach to Heyford Park for Revd Rob Gilbert's Licencing; Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026. A few places left.**

A coach has been booked to go to Heyford Park to celebrate Rob's licencing. The cost per person at present is £14. The arrangements at the moment are, to leave The Coach House around 6 pm /6.15pm and return from Heyford at 9.15 pm. There is a board to sign at the back of the church, and I hope many of you will join us. If you have any questions please contact me. Margaret Taylor Ox 765051.

**Community Cafe 9.30 – 11.30am** Please note there will be no Café on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> April.

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

**Anne Kiggell** warmly invites you to a 90<sup>th</sup> birthday drink in the church room on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April after the morning service at 11.15am.

**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.

**This week's Eco Tip:** Check that your water butt(s) is/are in good order, resting firmly on their base and ready to catch the April showers. Maybe instal one now if you didn't get round to it last year? 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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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**

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