

# Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

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



Mothing Sunday

Sunday 15th 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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## 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 137**

God of Eve and God of Mary,  
God of love and mother-earth,  
thank you for the ones who with us  
shared their life and gave us birth.

As you came to earth in Jesus,  
so you come to us today;  
you are present in the caring  
that prepares us for life's way.

Thank you that the Church, our Mother,  
gives us bread and fills our cup,  
and the comfort of the Spirit  
warms our hearts and lifts us up

Thank you for belonging, shelter,  
bonds of friendship, ties of blood,  
and for those who have no children,  
yet are parents under God.

God of Eve and God of Mary,  
Christ our brother, human Son,  
Spirit, caring like a Mother,  
take our love and make us one!

*Fred Kann (1929-2009)*

## Greeting

*The president says*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Receiving God's Forgiveness

*Please sit*

Let us call to mind the ways in which we have failed to love one another as Christ loved us, and let us seek the embrace of God's forgiveness and peace.

*Silence for reflection*

Your love gives us life from the moment of conception, yet we fail to live as your children.  
Lord have mercy.  
**Lord have mercy.**

You call us to do good, yet we seek our own good.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ have mercy.**

You hear us when we cry for help, yet we ignore the cries of others.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord have mercy.**

*The president says*

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

## The Prayer for the Day

God of love,  
passionate and strong,  
tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us  
all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **First Reading: Colossians 3. 12-17**

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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 leads us in-to light;

14



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

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

**Gospel Reading John 19.25b-27**

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

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

**Talk**

The Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

**Affirmation of Faith**

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**

As children of a loving God  
let us pray to the Lord who is our refuge and stronghold.

*The response is*

God of love  
**Hear our prayer**

Loving God, you have given us the right to be called children of God. Help us to show your love in our homes, that they may be places of love, security and truth.

God of love:

**Hear our prayer**

Loving God, Jesus, your Son, was born into the family of Mary and Joseph; bless all parents and all who care for children; strengthen those families living under stress, and may your love be known where no human love is found.

God of love:

**Hear our prayer**

Loving God, we thank you for the family of the Church. We pray that all may find in her their true home; that the lonely, the marginalized, the rejected may be welcomed and loved in the name of Jesus.

God of love:

## **Hear our prayer**

Loving God, as we see the brokenness of our world we pray for healing among the nations; for food where there is hunger; for freedom where there is oppression; for joy where there is pain; that your love may bring peace to all your children.

God of love:

## **Hear our prayer**

Loving God, we pray for those who have died recently, *Jan Wheeler, Russell McSweeney* and for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, *Doreen Whitlock, Donald Jacobs, Bob Nind.*

Comfort and strengthen all who mourn with the hope of the resurrection to eternal life.

God of love:

## **Hear our prayer**

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **The Peace**

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says,  
'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'  
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 692**

Jesus, good above all other,  
gentle child of gentle mother,  
in a stable born our brother,  
give us grace to persevere.

Jesus, cradled in a manger,  
for us facing every danger,

living as a homeless stranger,  
make we thee our King most dear.

Jesus, for thy people dying,  
risen, Master, death defying,  
Lord in heaven, thy grace supplying,  
keep us to thy presence near.

Jesus, who our sorrows bearest,  
all our thoughts and hopes thou sharest,  
thou to us the truth declarest;  
help us all thy truth to hear.

Lord, in all our doings guide us;  
pride and hate shall ne'er divide us;  
we'll go on with thee beside us,  
and with joy we'll persevere.

*Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)*

## **Preparation of the Table**

*The President takes the bread and wine and says*

With this bread that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body,  
wine for his blood,  
gifts from God to his table we bring.  
**We shall remember Jesus.**

*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. *Bells are rung*

**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. *Bells are rung*

**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:

## Sanctus and Benedictus

*Moderato*

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.

## 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

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  
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.*

## Hymn 330

*Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.  
 I have called you by your name; you are mine.*

When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you.  
 You will never sink beneath the waves.

When the fire is burning all around you,  
you will never be consumed by the flames.

When the fear of loneliness is looming,  
then remember I am at your side.

When you dwell in the exile of the stranger,  
remember you are precious in my eyes.

You are mine, O my child; I am your Father,  
and I love you with a perfect love.

*Gerard Markland (b. 1953) based on Isaiah 43.1-4*

### **Prayer after Communion**

**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**

*During the final hymn, posies of flowers will be handed out to every household represented here in church today.*

## Hymn 644

God is Love: let heav'n adore him;  
God is Love: let earth rejoice;  
let creation sing before him,  
and exalt him with one voice.  
God who laid the earth's foundation,  
God who spread the heav'ns above,  
God who breathes through all creation,  
God is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love: and he enfoldeth,  
all the world in one embrace:  
with unfailing grasp he holdeth,  
every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
under sorrow's iron rod,  
then they find that selfsame aching  
deep within the heart of God.

God is Love; and though with blindness  
sin afflicts the souls of all,  
God's eternal loving-kindness  
holds and guides us when we fall..  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
o'er us final triumph gain;  
God is Love, so Love for ever  
o'er the universe must reign.

*Timothy Rees (1874-1939)*

## The Blessing

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless you:  
may God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother,  
bless you:  
may God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless you.  
May almighty God bless you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## The Dismissal

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

**Voluntary:** Sortie in Eb - *Louis James Alfred Lefébure-Wély*

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**Notices deadline is now Monday 6pm.**

### Notices: Mothering Sunday

#### **Sunday Mar 15<sup>th</sup>: Mothering Sunday**

**8am** Holy Communion

President & Preacher: The Revd Professor Rob Gilbert

**10am** All Age Parish Eucharist

President: The Revd Martin Little

Deacon & Preacher: The Revd Professor Rob Gilbert

Organist: Andrew Patterson

#### **6pm Choral Evensong**

President: Revd Martin Little

Anthem: Call to Remembrance: *Richard Farrant*

Responses: *William Byrd*

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis: *Herbert Brewer*

Psalm 31 vv 1-8

676 Immortal, Invisible God only wise

592 As the deer pants for the water

812 Through all the changing scenes of life

Voluntary: Sontata No. 4 in Bb Major, 1st Movt. - *Felix Mendelssohn*

#### **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 22<sup>nd</sup>: Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**8am** Holy Communion

President: The Revd Martin Little

Preacher: Andrena Palmer

**10am** Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School

President: The Revd Martin Little

Preacher: Dupe Adefala

Organist: Andrew Patterson

**On Sunday 22nd at 10am we welcome as our guest speaker Dupe Adefala who works for** Christians Against Poverty (CAP). CAP have centres all over the UK, the nearest being at St Clement's Church within our deanery. Dupe is also Senior Pastor of Word Fountain Christian Ministries.

**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)

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

**Invitation to a Screening of *I Will Build This World from Love* on 27<sup>th</sup> March** at Helwys Hall, Regent's Park College, Pusey Street. Please see the poster on the church board at the back of church.

**Coach to Heyford Park for Revd Rob Gilbert's Licencing; Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026.** A coach has been booked to go to Heyford Park to celebrate Rob's licencing. The cost per person at present is £14, but that could well be less if the coach is full (as I am hoping it will be). 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. We already have some members of New Marston Church where Rob has been presiding, who would like to join us. If you have any questions please contact me. Margaret Taylor (Church Warden) Ox 765051.

**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.

**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.

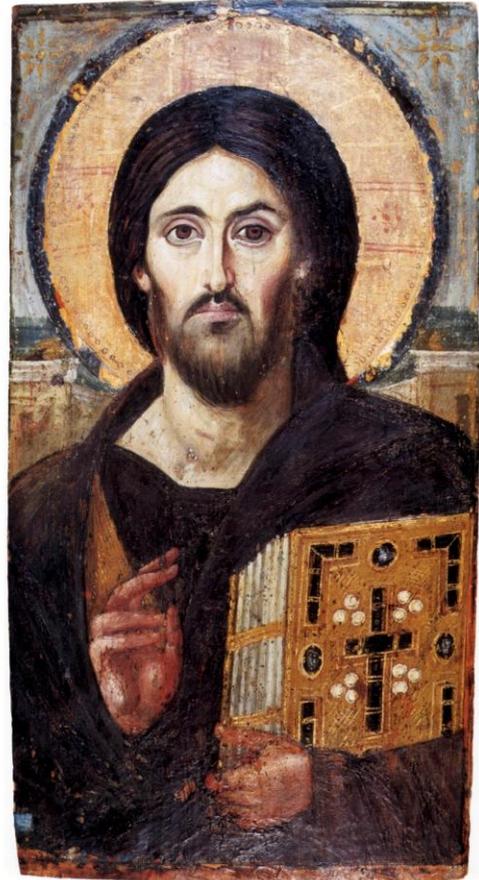
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minute talk followed by  
refreshments, discussion and a  
closing time of prayer. No booking  
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26 February	Art and the God we can't see	The Revd Martin Little, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Headington 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**

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