



Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

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



The 5th Sunday of Easter
3rd May 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.

Hymn 194

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:
he who on the cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield;
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine,
from the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen;
shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that we, with our hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel-hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Saviour,
who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
to the Triune Majesty!

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

The Greeting

The president says

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

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.

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit

New Testament Reading: Acts 7. 55-end

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my

spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Please stand

We repeat the refrain:

CELTIC ALLELUIA



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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel reading: John 14. 1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me

because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Donikë Jashari - Community Ambassador for Children's Society

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.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

Those in need of our prayers:

*We pray for those who are sick or in need of our prayers:
Margaret Jackson, Julie, Pamela*

Those preparing for Marriage: *Lucy and Carlton*

Those who have died recently:

Kitty Datta, Nigel Francombe

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

*Richard Beresford, Ruby Wood, Barbara Deane, Rachael Sutton,
Ivy Kimber*

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.

Hymn 193

Please stand

All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord.
Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?
Forever he will be the Lamb upon the throne;
I gladly bow the knee and worship him alone.

I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord,
Who once was slain to reconcile the world to God.
Forever you will be the Lamb upon the throne;
I gladly bow the knee and worship you alone.

Noel Richards (b. 1955) and Tricia Richards (b. 1960)

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 in these days of Easter
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.

Hymn 212

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
thinking that he never would awake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
back from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Then your touch can call us back to life again,
field of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958)

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
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

Please stand

Hymn 505

Tell all the world of Jesus,
our Saviour, Lord and King;
and let the whole creation
of his salvation sing:
proclaim his glorious greatness
in nature and in grace;
Creator and Redeemer,
the Lord of time and space.

Tell all the world of Jesus,
that everyone may find
the joy of his forgiveness –
true peace of heart and mind:
proclaim his perfect goodness,
his deep, unfailing care;
his love so rich in mercy,
a love beyond compare.

Tell all the world of Jesus,
that everyone may know
of his almighty triumph
defeating every foe:
proclaim his coming glory,
when sin is overthrown
and he shall reign in splendour –
the King upon his throne!

James Seddon (1915- 1983)

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 Trumpet Minuet - *Alfred Hollins*

Please note that the church notices deadline is Monday 6pm

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 The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday May 3rd: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion

President: The Revd Martin Little

10am Eucharist

President: The Revd Martin Little

Preacher: Donikë Jashari - Community Ambassador for Children's Society

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.

Wednesday

10am Midweek Communion

Sunday May 10th: The Sixth Sunday of Easter (Christian Aid Week)

8am Holy Communion

President: The Revd Martin Little

10am Eucharist

President: The Revd Canon David Knight

Preacher: The Revd Martin Little

Organist: Andrew Patterson

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

Thank you Once again thank you to everyone for your generous donations for Prof. Rev Rob Gilbert's leaving gifts. It was a lovely send off on Palm Sunday from a wonderful and grateful gathering of church members. Love Margaret and Linda Wardens. *Our thanks go to Linda and Margaret for all the hard work organising this special send off. It was clear that Rob loved the cards, personal messages and the framed gifts.*

APCM The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is coming up on **Wednesday 13 May at 7.30pm in church**. This APCM for our parish gives us the chance to review the past year, look ahead to the year to come, and elect the people who will take part in the making of decisions on parish matters. This year, there are two **vacancies** for **Churchwardens**, three vacancies for elected PCC representatives, and three vacancies for Deanery Synod representatives (nomination forms are available on the diocesan website or by emailing holytrinityhqccc@gmail.com). Everyone is welcome to attend so please put this date in your diary.

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.

Christian Aid Week is 10th - 16th May. You can donate using the envelopes or card reader in church or online via the HTHQ website or the QR code - they call it an e-envelope. The 10am Eucharist on 10th May will have a Christian Aid theme.

Next **Saturday 9th May** we have the Christian Aid **Spring Tea** with stalls from **3 - 5pm** at the Coach House. As well as tea, coffee, squash and cakes, there will be a toy stall, book stall, plant stall, face painting and children's craft activities. Come along and bring your family and friends.

We need lots of **cakes** and things to sell so please bring **books, toys** in good condition and **plants** to the Coach House on **Friday 8th May** between **6 and 8pm**. **Cakes** can also be brought to the Coach House on the Saturday from 2.30pm. You could bring items to Elizabeth Knight (0186 761476) at other times if you are not around on the Friday or Saturday.

Risinghurst and Sandhills Community Fete Sunday 7th June 1.30-6pm It would be so good to have a presence at this Community fete since it is in our parish. I am looking for someone, or a group to organise a stall , predominately for children , with a few games , colouring , crafts anything that interest a child. It will promote our church and maybe encourage people to come along and see what we are about. I have tried many times to get a stall there, so maybe this is the year. Martin will hopefully be entertaining us at some time that afternoon. There are lots of other stalls, a magic show for children, other entertainment and the much looked forward to races for kids and Tug of War for adults. It is a real community event and I would encourage us to get involved as part of the parish.

Margaret Taylor (Church Warden) 01865 765051.

Learn a new skill and save our wall! The old stone wall that runs along the Quarry Road path to the church is in need of repair and repointing. Paying a contractor to do this is expensive, so I (Revd Martin) thought, in a moment of pragmatic whimsy, whether anyone in our church family might like to learn how to do it? Then I discovered that Friends of Quarry are running a Stone Repair Training Weekend on **12-13th June!** If anyone would like to attend this with a view to repairing our wall, the PCC will happily pay your course fee! The cost, to include tuition, materials and use of tools will be £50 per person. If you are interested, please get in touch with Lawrence Kelly on 07767 884642.

This week's Eco Tip: Still feeling bad about not cutting the lawn? Don't feel guilty; enjoy the wildlife. You are reducing your carbon footprint. Wilder lawns capture and lock away more carbon in the soil, so you are doing your bit for the environment. If it makes you feel better, rather than leave your whole lawn uncut, just leave a section uncut.
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 from a member of the team. Please contact the clergy or the Parish Office in the first instance.



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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:

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