



# Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

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



All Age Holy Communion  
6th Sunday after Trinity  
12th July 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.)*

*Today is an all age service!*

*Children and babies are encouraged 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.*

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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 739i**

Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
to keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
of this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son and Spirit blest,  
who reign in highest heaven  
the one eternal God,  
whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

*tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*

## **The Greeting**

*The president says*

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

## Prayers of Penitence

Jesus said, 'Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.'  
As sisters and brothers in God's family,  
we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

**Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*The president says*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father.  
**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father.**  
To God be glory forever  
**To God be glory forever**  
Alleluia Amen  
**Alleluia Amen, Alleluia Amen, Alleluia Amen.**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Son of the Father.  
**Glory to God, Glory to God, Son of the Father.**  
To God be glory forever  
**To God be glory forever**  
Alleluia Amen  
**Alleluia Amen, Alleluia Amen, Alleluia Amen.**

Glory to God, Glory to God, glory to the Spirit.  
**Glory to God, Glory to God, glory to the Spirit.**

To God be glory forever

**To God be glory forever**

Alleluia Amen

**Alleluia Amen, Alleluia Amen, Alleluia Amen.**

*Peruvian Liturgical Text, ed. John Ballantine (1945)*

## **The Collect**

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Creator God,  
you made us all in your image:  
may we discern you in all that we see,  
and serve you in all that we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*Please sit*

### **First Reading Genesis 25: 21-end (Good News Version)**

Because Rebecca had no children, Isaac prayed to the Lord for her. The Lord answered his prayer, and Rebecca became pregnant. She was going to have twins, and before they were born, they struggled against each other in her womb. She said, "Why should something like this happen to me?" So she went to ask the Lord for an answer.

The Lord said to her,  
"Two nations are within you;  
You will give birth to two rival peoples.  
One will be stronger than the other;  
The older will serve the younger."

The time came for her to give birth, and she had twin sons. The first one was reddish, and his skin was like a hairy robe, so he was named Esau. The second one was born holding on tightly to the heel of Esau, so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when they were born.

The boys grew up, and Esau became a skilled hunter, a man who loved the outdoors, but Jacob was a quiet man who stayed at home. Isaac preferred Esau, because he enjoyed eating the animals Esau killed, but Rebecca preferred Jacob.

One day while Jacob was cooking some bean soup, Esau came in from hunting. He was hungry and said to Jacob, "I'm starving; give me some of that red stuff." (That is why he was named Edom.)

Jacob answered, "I will give it to you if you give me your rights as the first-born son."

Esau said, "All right! I am about to die; what good will my rights do me?"

Jacob answered, "First make a vow that you will give me your rights."

Esau made the vow and gave his rights to Jacob. Then Jacob gave him some bread and some of the soup. He ate and drank and then got up and left. That was all Esau cared about his rights as the first-born son.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading**

*Please stand*

*We repeat the refrain:*



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

'Pilgrim's Alleluia': Hymn 377

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

### **Gospel reading: Matthew 13:18-23 (Good News Version)**

"Listen, then, and learn what the parable of the sower means. Those who hear the message about the Kingdom but do not understand it are like the seeds that fell along the path. The Evil One comes and snatches away what was sown in them. The seeds that fell on rocky ground stand for those who receive the message gladly as soon as they hear it. But it does not sink deep into them, and they don't last long. So when trouble or persecution comes because of the message, they give up at once. The seeds that fell among thorn bushes stand for those who hear the message; but the worries about this life and the love for riches choke the message, and they don't bear fruit. And the seeds sown in the good soil stand for those who hear the message and understand it: they bear fruit, some as much as one hundred, others sixty, and others thirty."

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

**Sermon**

The Revd Martin Little

## **Affirmation of Faith**

*Please stand*

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 of Intercession**

*Please sit or kneel.*

**Those in need of our prayers:** *Margaret Jackson, Julie, Lesley Williams*

**Those preparing for Baptism:** *Lucas*

**Those preparing for marriage:** *Maddi and Dom, Jake and Lizzie*

**Those who have died recently:** *Dorothy Jacobs, Malcolm Phillips, Anita Phillips*

**Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:**

*Audrey Washington, Anthony Miles, Diana Wood, Kenneth Thompson, Beryl Horwood*

*And at the end*

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

*Please stand*

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

*A minister says*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

**Hymn 604**

Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant too.

*Richard A.M. Gillard (b. 1953)*

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

*Children are invited to gather around the altar.*

Wise and gracious God,  
you spread a table before us;  
nourish your people with the word of life  
and the bread of heaven.

**Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*Please sit or stand as you are most comfortable*

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.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

*Bells are rung*

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.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

*Bells are rung*

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:

**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)*

*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.**

### **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, 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 725

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;  
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;  
and where there's doubt true faith in you.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;  
where there is darkness, let me bring your light;  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving to all men that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

*Sebastian Temple (1928-1997) from a prayer of St Francis of Assisi*

## Prayer after Communion

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

## ***The Sending Out***

*Please stand*

## Hymn 656

He's got the whole world in his hands  
He's got the whole world in his hands  
He's got the whole world in his hands  
He's got the whole world in his hands

He's got you and me brother, in his hands  
He's got you and me brother, in his hands  
He's got you and me brother, in his hands  
He's got the whole world in his hands

He's got you and me sister, in his hands  
He's got you and me sister, in his hands  
He's got you and me sister, in his hands  
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the little tiny baby, in his hands  
He's got the little tiny baby, in his hands  
He's got the little tiny baby, in his hands  
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got everybody here, in his hands  
He's got everybody here, in his hands  
He's got everybody here, in his hands  
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands  
He's got the whole world in his hands  
He's got the whole world in his hands  
He's got the whole world in his hands.

*traditional African-American*

## **The Blessing**

May God give you  
his comfort and his peace,  
his light and his joy.  
in this world and the next.  
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 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 or card machine. 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.*

The **Parish Office** is now closed and will reopen on Monday July 13<sup>th</sup>.

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## **Notices The Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

### **Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup>: The Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

**8am** Holy Communion

President: The Revd Martin Little

**10am** All Age Eucharist

President: The Revd Martin Little

Preacher: The Revd Martin Little

Organist: The Revd Canon David Knight

**12.30pm Baptism of Lucas Sheldon**

Led by The Revd Martin Little

### **Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup>: The Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

**8am** Holy Communion

President: The Revd Martin Little

Preacher: Andrena Palmer CA

**10am** All Age Eucharist

President: The Revd Canon Dr Margaret Whipp

Preacher: Andrena Palmer CA

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

**No 8am service during August** - We have made the decision to pause this service over the month of August. The Wednesday 10am Communion provides an alternative quieter service in the week. If regulars would like a Book of Common Prayer service during this time, there is a weekly 8am BCP at St Andrew's, Headington.

**TODAY! Walk to Wheatley Windmill** (see: [wheatleymill.co.uk](http://wheatleymill.co.uk)). If you didn't sign up and would like to take part we have a couple of spaces. We shall leave The Plain (aka Shotover car park) at 12.15, each with a picnic, water, and sensible shoes (we need to be able to climb a ladder in the mill). There is no admission charge, but donations appreciated. Coffee/tea

and cake can be bought. NB Some rough ground and some uphill walking involved, but we'll avoid the footpath with flights of grassy steps. We anticipate being back at The Plain c5.30pm; buses also run (details on request.) To sign up, speak to Jan McLeod, Anthea Boylston, Margaret Samuel or Hilary Rollin before or immediately after church.

**Today: Quarry Summer Fete** 11am to 6pm, Quarry Village Hall.

**Tonight: 'there are no ordinary people'** an intimate acoustic gig here at Holy Trinity **7-9pm** please see the poster at the back of church.

**Building Firm Foundations Appeal 2026** - we launched an appeal last month to raise £100,000 by the end of 2026 toward our building loan and leaky roof. Thank you to all who have generously donated and/or pledged. Please continue to pray, and consider giving if you haven't already.

**Tuesday Community Cafe 9.30 – 11.30am** This will run up til the end of July, after which it is stopping to make space for new initiatives. Thanks to those who have supported it over the past couple of years.

**Wood Farm Fete Saturday 18 July** Last call for helpers for this! If you can help with set up, tear down, stewarding etc. Please contact [becky.howard@risinghurststandsandhills-pc.gov.uk](mailto:becky.howard@risinghurststandsandhills-pc.gov.uk) / 07856304619. If you can provide a cake, please contact Margaret Taylor (01865 765051. If you can help with the Churches Together Prayer Tent, please contact Revd Martin.

**Coach House Clear out and Deep Clean** - Please come along on **Thursday 23 July** and help us do a deep clean of the Coach House and completely clear the Jackson Room. There are two slots: **3-5pm** for those available at that time, and **5-7pm** for those who are at work during the day. Speak to Revd Martin for more info.

**Eco Chats (previously mentioned as Open Eco meetings).**

An opportunity to meet other members of the congregation over coffee/tea and cake and discuss environmental issues. Dates: Wed 22 July 7.30-9.00 p.m; Tuesday 11th August 2.30-4.00. To book a place, speak to Jan McLeod, Anthea Boylston, Margaret Samuel or Hilary Rollin after church today or phone Hilary on 01865 761545. Venues shared when you sign up.

**This week's Eco Tip:** Single-use plastic is visible everywhere, but can also be invisible, e.g. traces of microplastic accumulating in our bodies, even in our brains. We are warned not to put very hot food into plastic containers. Instead let food cool slightly first or use glass, ceramic or stainless steel for hot storage, or plastic containers labelled microwave-safe. (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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