



Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

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



The Thirteenth Sunday after
Trinity
30th August 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 (currently on a summer break.) 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 715

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)

The Greeting

The president says

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Prayers of Penitence

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

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.**

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 be to God in heaven,
peace to those who love him well;
on the earth let all his people
speak his grace, his wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory,
mighty Father, heaven's king;
hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring.**

**Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sin away,
now with God in triumph seated
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Saviour, you are God alone
in the glory of the Father
with the Spirit: Three-in-One!**

Tune: Ode to Joy

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit

First Reading: Psalm 26. 1-8

Vindicate me, O LORD,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.
Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and mind.

For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in faithfulness to you.
I do not sit with the worthless,
nor do I consort with hypocrites;
I hate the company of evildoers,
and will not sit with the wicked.
I wash my hands in innocence,
and go around your altar, O LORD,
singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.
O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell,
and the place where your glory abides.

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

Gospel Reading

Please stand

We repeat the refrain:



'Pilgrim's Alleluia': Hymn 377

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

Gospel reading: Matthew 16. 21-end

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

The Revd Martin Little

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.

Those in need of our prayers: *Rachel Heath, Diana,
Margaret Jackson, Julie, Lesley Williams, John Wood*

Those preparing for Baptism:

Those preparing for marriage:

Those who have died recently:

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Shelagh Borden , Albert Arnold

And at the end

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

The Peace

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 639

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks, because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks, because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

*And now let the weak say, 'I am strong!'
Let the poor say, 'I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!'
And now let the weak say, 'I am strong!'
Let the poor say, 'I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!'*

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because of what the Lord has done for us!'
Give thanks.*

Henry Smith (b. 1952)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

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.

Father, you made the world and love your creation.

You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.

His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And so we gladly thank you,

with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, _

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heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in _ the high - est.

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Bless - ed _ is he who comes in the name of the Lord. _ Ho -

13
san - na in _ the high - est. _ Ho - san - na in _ the hig - 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.
Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

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.

p, *cresc.* *f*
 Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

5 *mf*, *dim.*
 Je - sus Christ, Ri - sen Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

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 157i

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the cross of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown!

His dying crimson, like a robe,
spreads o'er his body on the tree:
then am I dead to all the globe,
and all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Prayer after Communion

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**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 641i

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage:
grace which, like the Lord the giver,
never fails from age to age?

Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure,
none but Zion's children know.

John Newton (1725-1807)

The Blessing

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
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.

Voluntary: In Dir ist Freude (BWV615) *J.S. Bach*

Please note all notices for next Sunday need to be sent to the Parish Office by 6pm on Monday evening.

*Please join us for refreshments, served at the back of church. If you can, please donate to the coffee fund using the jar provided or card reader. 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 Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday August 30th: The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am *please note there will be no 8am services throughout August*

10am Eucharist

President: The Revd Martin Little

Preacher: The Revd Martin Little

Organist: Andrew Patterson

Sunday September 6th: The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Eucharist

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6pm Choral Evensong

Canticles : Noble in B Minor

Anthem : Purcell / rejoice in the Lord always

Responses : Byrd

Forest Sunday School is on its summer break. Children are invited to stay in the service, or families may use the Meeting Room if a break-out space would be helpful. Thank you to Felicity, Andrea our leaders, all our helpers and our brilliant children! 6th September is a special All-Age service, and Forest Sunday School returns on 13th September.

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.

Julian Group. The September meeting will be on **Friday 4th September at 2.30 pm at 6 Quarry Hollow, Headington Quarry.** 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 01865-769630**

Church cuppa in Bury Knowle Park from 10am at the Courtside cafe next Saturday 5 September Do come along for a coffee and chat, or if you or your children feel more active: mini golf and a bit of tennis! It is a chance for us all to get to know each other. Dominic (07963398244)

Building Form Foundations Appeal: bank details. Thank you so much to everyone who has generously donated and/or pledged already towards repairing our leaking roof and repayment of the buildings loan. If you are ready to make your payment, here's a reminder of the bank details for the Church Building Account:

Payee name: HTHQ

Sort code: 20-65-20

Account no: 83117634

Bank: Barclays

Please make sure you use the reference: 'Building 2026 appeal'

Choral Evensong at 6pm next Sunday on 6th September. All are welcome.

Tuesday Community Cafe This has now stopped to make space for new initiatives. Thanks to those who have supported it over the past couple of years.

New Vicar at St Mary's Barton All are welcome to come along to the Installation service of the new Vicar The Revd Erik Heemskerk on Wednesday 2nd September at 7pm.

Eco Fest - Prayer Tent! HTHQ are in charge of a simple prayer tent for this event, run by Churches Together in Headington. Please speak to Revd Martin if you can help for any or all of the day. **Saturday September 19th 11am to 3pm at URC Collinwood Road OX3 8HW**

Justyna Zanko Solo Violin Concert, Thu 24 September, 7pm.

Following her dazzling recital last year, Polish violin virtuoso Justyna is returning to HTHQ. She will be performing J.S. Bach's Partita in D minor BWV 1004, and Prokofiev's Sonata for Solo Violin in D major, Op. 115. £10 suggested donation on the door, split between the performer and the church. Includes soft drinks after the performance.

'People's Emergency Briefing' a film on the climate and nature crisis is being screened at Brookes University on **Weds. October 7th, 6.00-8.00.** Entry is free, all are welcome. A discussion will follow the film. To book, use the QR code on posters in church, the Coach house and on the HTHQ notice board, and also on fliers available from Hilary Rollin.

Wheatley Windmill Walk The walk over Shotover to visit Wheatley Windmill, postponed due to excessive heat, will now take place on **Sunday 11 October**, leaving The Plain at 12.15. Numbers are limited; to book a place, contact Hilary Rollin after the service or on 01865 761545.

21-22 November 'Imagine Lewis': A Celebration of Spirituality and the Arts inspired by the legacy of C.S. Lewis. Please save the dates! We are delighted to have the internationally-acclaimed poet **Malcolm Guite** giving a talk and reading, as well as U.S. folk-rock band **WIND** performing live. If you would like to be involved in this weekend, please speak to Revd Martin.

This week's Eco Tip: Having started August with an Eco Tip about plastics, here is a reminder about single-use plastics. Look in your fridge, larder, freezer, and see what single-use plastics are lurking there. Use up what is in the plastic containers, but identify two products that you might in future avoid buying in plastic bottles/ punnets/ shrink wrap.
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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please note my day off is Friday

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