



Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

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



The Fifteenth Sunday after
Trinity
13th September 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 by 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.

(i) You can access the Scheme's website through the QR code below and click on "Regular Giving," or visit

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(ii) call the Scheme on 0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm.



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.

Comissioning of Forest Sunday School

Forest Sunday School starts back today. Before they go out, we invite children and leaders to stand at the front, holding the children's cross.

A child reads:

Forest Sunday School isn't another church. It isn't something that happens somewhere else. It is one part of our church family discovering God in a particular way.

We pray together:

**God of Creation,
We ask you to bless
our Forest Sunday School;
with times of learning and prayer,
fun and laughter,
care and compassion,
love, joy and peace,
where each child and adult
can grow to be like Jesus.
Amen.**

The priest says:

The Lord watch over your going out and your coming in
from this time forth for evermore.

Ps 121:8

Amen.

Hymn 818

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory! Great things he has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God!
The vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

Fanny Crosby (1820- 1915)

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.

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit

First Reading: Genesis 50. 15-20

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today.

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 18. 21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

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, Julie,
Lesley Williams, John Wood, David, Pat and family*

Those preparing for Baptism:

Those preparing for marriage: *Hannah and Rayan*

Those who have died recently:

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Christopher Bishop, Lily Mannion, Roger Turrell, Maureen Horwood

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 711i

Like a mighty river flowing,
like a flower in beauty growing,
far beyond all human knowing
is the perfect peace of God.

Like the hills serene and even,
like the coursing clouds of heaven,
like the heart that's been forgiven
is the perfect peace of God.

Like the summer breezes playing,
like the tall trees softly swaying,
like the lips of silent praying
is the perfect peace of God.

Like the morning sun ascended,
like the scents of evening blended,
like a friendship never ended
is the perfect peace of God.

Like the azure ocean swelling,
like the jewel all-excelling,
far beyond our human telling
is the perfect peace of God.

Michael Perry (1942-1996)

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 high - 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 forever. 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.**

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

5 *mf* , *dim.* *mf*

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 448

I come with joy, a child of God,
 forgiven, loved, and free,
 the life of Jesus to recall,
 in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.

Brian Wren (b. 1936)

Prayer after Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
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 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 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.

*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 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday September 13th: The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Eucharist and Forest Sunday School Commissioning

President: The Revd Canon David Knight

Deacon: The Revd Martin Little

Preacher: The Revd Martin Little

Organist: Andrew Patterson

Sunday September 20th: The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Eucharist

President: The Revd Martin Little

Preacher: The Revd Dr Stephanie Burette, Chaplain of Lady Margaret Hall and Corpus Christi College.

Organist: Andrew Patterson

Forest Sunday School returns today.

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

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'

Families! Come to the Church Room today and see a colourful collection of plastic plates, mugs and tumblers, all clean and in good condition, for birthday parties, picnics and family gatherings. Please help yourselves, and leave a small contribution to church funds if you wish.

Anne Kiggell is decluttering after nearly 60 years of family life.

Eco Fest - Saturday September 19th 11am to 3pm at URC

Collinwood Road Risinghurst OX3 8HW This will be a fun and interesting event, with refreshments, including Thai street food, activities for children, a chance to meet people from local environmental groups, bike repairs, and a schedule of interesting talks by local people, including our own Karl and Hilary. And of course the HT Prayer Tent! See you there! *See full list of speakers at this event on the Church notice board.*

Conversation in aid of The Archway Foundation. Archway is a local charity working to help create human connection and reduce isolation in Oxfordshire. On **Wednesday 23rd September** Prof. Lord (Lionel)

Tarassenko will be in conversation with Archway's CEO, Angelo Fernandes, **at Reuben College, Parks Road, OX1 3QP, from 7-9pm**; they will be discussing how best to navigate simple human connection in an increasingly AI-driven age. Tickets are £10 (available from www.archwayfoundation.org.uk) and all proceeds will go towards Archway's work in building human connections in our local communities. Please come if you can, to support this worthy cause; all are welcome.

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.

Can you help? HTHQ are hosting Cowley Deanery Synod on November 10th 7-9.30pm in church. We need volunteers to serve and provide light finger foods and teas and coffees. Please email or speak to Helen in the Parish Office if you can join the team of helpers offering hospitality or can offer food.

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. Posters and fliers are now available at the back of church and the full programme is coming very soon! www.hthq.uk/imagine-lewis-weekend

New Host urgently needed for a 55 year old Ukrainian refugee who had previously lived at Diana Clews' house for 14 months. This is a funded place by Oxford City Council. For more information please email Diana Clews on dianaclews@hotmail.com Thank you.

This week's Eco Tip: Are you, without knowing it, using phantom energy, also known as standby power, and maybe without actually knowing what phantom power drain is? It is the 'invisible drain of electricity' if we neglect to turn off **and unplug** appliances and devices when not in use. Hidden usage is said to amount to 5%-10% of home energy use.
Hilary Rollin (Eco Church Group)

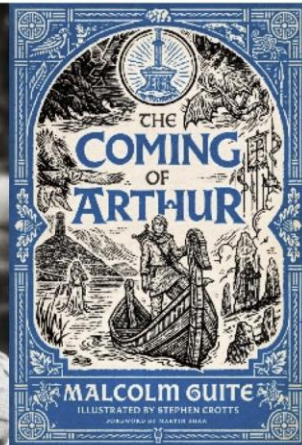
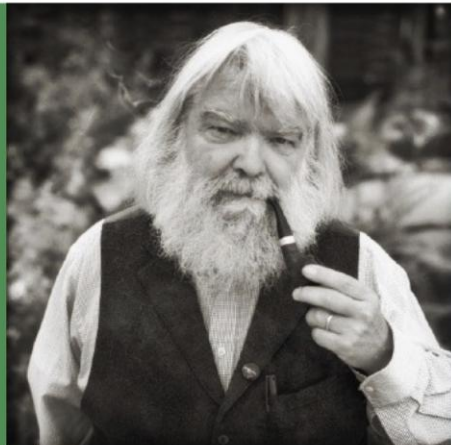
Pastoral care team Are you in need of support or would you like to talk to someone? We rely on you to let us know of anyone who is ill, or in hospital or who might welcome a visit from a member of the team. Please contact the clergy or the Parish Office in the first instance.

Imagine Lewis...



a celebration of the arts and spirituality
inspired by the legacy of C.S. Lewis

Keynote speaker:
Malcolm Guite on
'Lewis and Logres'
and reading from the
new volume of his
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21-22 November 2026

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Tickets & info: www.hthq.uk/imagine-lewis-weekend/





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**An open door between heaven and earth,
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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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