



Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

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



The Eighteenth Sunday after
Trinity
4th October 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.

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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.

Introit

God welcomes all Music: South African traditional, transcribed by John L. Bell
Words: John L. Bell

Hymn 712

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us,
you are one with us,
Mary's Son;
cleansing our souls from all their sin,
pouring your love and goodness in;
Jesus, our love for you we sing,
living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us,
born as one of us,
Mary's Son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
risen from death to set us free,
living Lord Jesus, help us see,
you are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
I would come to you,
live my life for you,
Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
your many gifts will make me new,
into my life your power breaks through,
living Lord.

Patrick Appleford (b. 1925)

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**

**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.

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit

First Reading: Psalm 80 8-16

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
You cleared the ground for it;
it took deep root and filled the land.
The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches;
it sent out its branches to the sea,
and its shoots to the River.
Why then have you broken down its walls,
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

The boar from the forest ravages it,
and all that move in the field feed on it.
Turn again, O God of hosts;
look down from heaven, and see;
have regard for this vine,
the stock that your right hand planted.
They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down;
may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

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 21. 33-end

'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes"?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

The Revd Canon Margaret Whipp

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, Sue Saville, David, Pat and family*

Those preparing for Baptism:

Those preparing for marriage:

Those who have died recently: *Kate Larminie, John Wood*

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Elizabeth Wells, Edith Nicholls, Kathleen Baker, Agnes Day

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 430

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,
for thy flesh is meat indeed;
ever may our souls be fed
with this true and living bread;
day by day with strength supplied
through the life of him who died.

Vine of heaven, thy love supplies
this blest cup of sacrifice;
Lord, thy wounds our healing give,
to thy cross we look and live:
Jesus, may we ever be
grafted, rooted, built in thee.

Josiah Conder (1789-1855)

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.

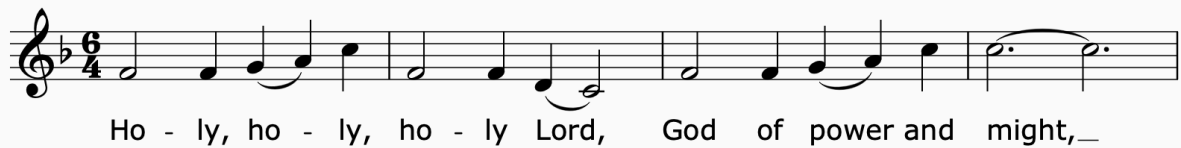
Lift up your hearts.

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:



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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.
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

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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.**

p, *cresc.* *f*

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. 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.

Music Group Come, bring your burdens to God Words & melody: *South African traditional, Mooiplaas congregation* Arrangement: *Welile Sigabi, transcribed by Barbara Clark, Mairi Munro & Martine Stermerick*

Hymn 147

My song is love unknown,
 my Saviour's love to me,
 love to the loveless shown,
 that they might lovely be.
 O who am I,
 that for my sake
 my Lord should take
 frail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne,
salvation to bestow;
but men made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.
But O, my Friend,
my Friend indeed,
who at my need,
his life did spend!

Sometimes they crowd his way,
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify!'
is all their breath,
and for his death
they thirst and cry.

They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful he
to suffering goes,
that he his foes
from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing:
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine!
This is my Friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.

Samuel Crossman (c.1624-1683)

Prayer after Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.

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 610

Christ is the world's true light,
its captain of salvation,
the daystar clear and bright
of every land and nation;
new life, new hope awakes,
where peoples own his sway:
freedom her bondage breaks,
and night is turned to day.

In Christ all races meet,
their ancient feuds forgetting,
the whole round world complete,
from sunrise to its setting:
when Christ is throned as Lord,
lands shall forsake their fear,
to ploughshare beat the sword,
to pruning-hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great name
unite us all who own thee;
cast out our pride and shame
that hinder to enthrone thee;
the world has waited long,
has travailed long in pain;
to heal its ancient wrong,
come, Prince of Peace, and reign!

George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959)

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: Symphony No. 4 in F major, last movement "The Shepherds Lottery" *William Boyce*

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 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday October 4th: The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am All Age Eucharist and Forest Sunday School

President: The Revd Martin Little

Deacon: The Revd Canon Margaret Whipp

Preacher: The Revd Canon Margaret Whipp

Organist: Andrew Patterson

6pm Sung Evensong

Psalm 136, vv1-9

Hymns: 676, 149

Proverbs 2. 1-11

Matthew 22. 1-14

Voluntary: Prelude in C Major (BWV547) *J.S. Bach*

Organist Andrew Patterson

Sunday October 11th: The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am All Eucharist and Forest Sunday School

President: The Revd Martin Little

Preacher: The Revd Martin Little

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

Sung Evensong tonight at 6pm All are welcome to this service.

Final 8am service The weekly 8am Book of Common Prayer Communion service has been under review for several months now, in the light of low attendance and shortage of available clergy. After much discussion and reflection, the decision was made by the PCC last week that this service will come to an end. Regular attendees were informed last week. This decision is taken with some sadness; however our hope is that between the 10am service, the quieter Wednesday Communion as well as a regular monthly evening service, we provide a good range of worship options. Moreover, we also hope that increased capacity will enable new and different forms of worship to emerge. There will be a final 8am service on **Sunday 11th October** to give thanks for all it has meant to us, and to look to the future.

Flower fund You can donate to the flower fund at any time for a special occasion or in memory of a loved one. Please ring Margaret Woodcock 01865 761588.

Macmillan Coffee Morning. We raised £181 for this important charity. Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously. I shall send the money to Macmillan on Monday 5th October, as from experience in previous years I know that people often wish to donate even on the second Sunday after the day itself. Sheila Allcock

'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 visit **on October 11th.** We now have a waiting list; It is worth signing up to this as even if we exceed the number of places allocated to us for climbing up the windmill, numbers for the walk are not limited. We shall leave Shotover Plain (the car park) at 12.15; bring your picnic lunch and water bottle. NB No stilettos, mules or flip flops allowed up the windmill ladder! Anthea or Hilary Rollin for Eco Church Group (Tel 01865 761545)

Lunch @The Coach House on Friday 16th October 11am-1.15pm Come and enjoy a bowl of Homemade soup and a roll with bacon/cheese or plain. Coffee/Tea is available before. All are welcome. No Charge but donations accepted. This is again sponsored by Quarry WI, Holy Trinity Church and Local Councillors. Contact Margaret Taylor for details (Ox 765051)

Next Churchyard working party will be on **Saturday 17th October 10-12** noon. All are welcome with no gardening knowledge necessary. Please contact Susan Houlton for more information Tel Ox 744896

Emergency First Aid training Headington Baptist Church is hosting an Emergency First Aid Training on Saturday **17th October**, 10am-2pm. Cost: £30 per person. The training includes dealing with a casualty, an unconscious casualty and possible causes, the recovery position, CPR, defibrillator use and understanding, choking and minor injuries. To book, please go to: headingtonbaptist.churchsuite.com/events/jy51dxzh

Weekend Retreat There are just two places left on a weekend retreat at the Old Parsonage Freeland led by our own Revd Rob Gilbert on 16th-18th October. The retreat will explore the meanings to be found in the human appreciation of beauty in nature and in the sciences, and what our words about wonder might be reflecting of the Word of God. Accommodation and all catering are included in the £185 charge for the weekend. To book please contact Revd Jean King at oxfordretreat@yahoo.co.uk

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.

Imagine Lewis Weekend 21-22 November Tickets Available now!

Tickets are already selling fast for this weekend. Please get yours at www.hthq.uk/imagine-lewis-weekend or use the QR code on the poster.

Imagine Lewis Quotations needed! As part of *Imagine Lewis*, Mandy Patterson is leading an **Art and Worship workshop** in the church from 10-12am on Saturday 21 November. This will be a drop in event but it will be designed for you to set aside time to create and contemplate. Mandy is compiling an album of Lewis quotations, scans of paintings and drawings and poetry that we can all contribute to. If you have never done anything like this before do feel free to come. There will be materials provided and space to just mess about and enjoy the company of God in quietness. Mandy asks the congregation to please supply her with your **favourite quotations** from any of Lewis' work whether comforting, challenging, inspiring or just amusing. Please send your quotes to mandypatterson@btinternet.com

Imagine Lewis helpers needed! We have an excellent team that are spearheading our *Imagine Lewis* weekend, but we have need of a few extra helpers, specifically: to take posters around to community noticeboards, to assist with children's activities, and to help man the bar for the Saturday evening gig. Please speak to Revd Martin vicar@hthq.uk

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. An update is coming! There's still time to donate: collect a form from the back of church. Please make sure you use the reference: 'Building 2026 appeal'

This week's Eco Tip: On the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi, in the Year of Saint Francis, this being the 800th anniversary of his death, we focus on his legacy. Best known for his love of animals and Nature, he was to become the Patron Saint of Animals and Ecology. He founded the Franciscan Order, having shunned the wealth into which he was born, in favour of a humble existence. Can we follow his example and lead a more simple life?
Hilary Rollin (Eco Church Group)

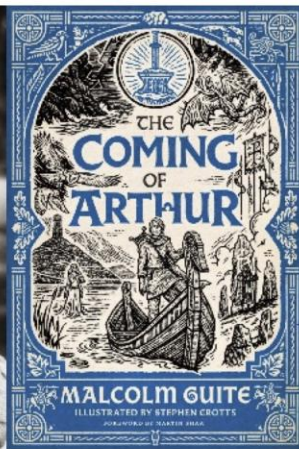
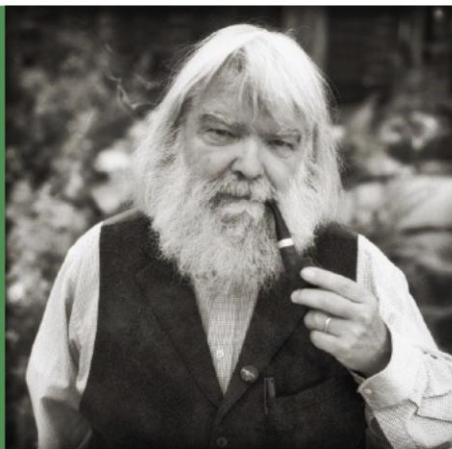
Pastoral care team Are you in need of support or would you like to talk to someone? We rely on you to let us know of anyone who is ill, or in hospital or who might welcome a visit from a member of the team. Please contact the clergy or the Parish Office in the first instance.

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
Arthurian epic



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21-22 November 2026

Holy Trinity, Headington Quarry, Oxford

(The church of C.S. Lewis 1931-1963)

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





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showing God's love to all**

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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