



Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

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



All Age Holy Communion
Creation in Christ
6th 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.)

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.

Introit: In Christ we live

Hymn 536

Creator god, the world around
declares your glory - flower and tree,
the evening sky and torrent's sound
and mountain stream and rolling sea.
Yet all this beauty cannot show
a God whom we can truly know.

Composer God, all music sings
your power, your praise, your majesty:
in drum and trumpet, flute and strings,
in choir and song and symphony.
Yet music which inspires our praise
can never fathom all your ways.

Designer God, in shape and form
the beauty you inspire is shown;
in line and colour, etched or drawn,
in sculpture, painting, glass and stone.
Yet all these talents can't express
the full truth of your loveliness.

Mysterious God, though all the arts
of nature and of human skill
may move us, yet our longing hearts
are never satisfied until
in Jesus Christ you show your face:
a God of love and truth and grace.

Brian Hoare (b.1935)

The Greeting & Introduction

The president says

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

In today's service we are going to be thinking about our world, about how wonderful it is, and how God calls us to care for it. In Forest Sunday School, our children do this every week! We're going to take some inspiration from them.

Forest Sunday School share some of their activities with us.

Prayers of Penitence

As we celebrate Creation, let us remember the ways in which we have not always looked after God's world.

Silence is kept.

We confess to you
our lack of care for the world you have given us.
Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

We confess to you
our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly.
Christ have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

We confess to you
our failure to protect the environment.
Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

The president declares God's forgiveness.

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in 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

In a time of silence,

let us pray that our worship will bring us closer to the one who
has created all things.

Silence is kept.

Glorious God,
the whole creation proclaims your marvellous work:
increase in us a capacity to wonder and delight in it,
that heaven's praise may echo in our hearts
and our lives be spent as good stewards of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit

First reading: Psalm 104:1-2; 10-18; 24-25; 27-31 (NCV)

My whole being, praise the Lord.

Lord my God, you are very great.
You are clothed with glory and majesty;
you wear light like a robe.
You stretch out the skies like a tent.

...

You make springs pour into the ravines;
they flow between the mountains.
They water all the wild animals;
the wild donkeys come there to drink.
Wild birds make nests by the water;
they sing among the tree branches.
You water the mountains from above.
The earth is full of the things you made.
You make the grass for cattle
and vegetables for the people.
You make food grow from the earth.
You give us wine that makes happy hearts
and olive oil that makes our faces shine.
You give us bread that gives us strength.
The Lord's trees have plenty of water;
they are the cedars of Lebanon, which he planted.
The birds make their nests there;
the stork's home is in the fir trees.
The high mountains belong to the wild goats.
The rocks are hiding places for the badgers.

...

Lord, you have made many things;
with your wisdom you made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
Look at the sea, so big and wide,
with creatures large and small that cannot be counted.

...

All these things depend on you
to give them their food at the right time.
When you give it to them,
they gather it up.
When you open your hand,
they are filled with good food.

When you turn away from them,
they become frightened.
When you take away their breath,
they die and turn to dust.
When you breathe on them,
they are created,
and you make the land new again.
May the glory of the Lord be forever.
May the Lord enjoy what he has made.

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 13:31-32

Then Jesus told another story: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a man planted in his field. That seed is the smallest of all seeds, but when it grows, it is one of the largest garden plants. It becomes big enough for the wild birds to come and build nests in its branches."

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

Talk

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: *Sue Saville, 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:

Patrick Martineau, Doris Lockett, John O'Connor

And at the end

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

The Peace

Please stand

You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

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 553ii

Touch the earth lightly,
use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care;
gift of great wonder,
ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

We who endanger,
who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster
clouds of disaster-
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

Let there be greening,
birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden,
hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.

God of all living
God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us,
Christ reconnect us,
using us gently, and making us one.

*Shirley Erena Murray (b.1931)
Music Tony Alonso (b.1980)*

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)*

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.**

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.

Music group: All the wonder that surrounds us

Hymn 552

Think of a world without any flowers,
think of a wood without any trees,
think of a sky without any sunshine,
think of the air without any breeze.

*We thank you, Lord, for flowers and trees and sunshine,
we thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.*

Think of a world without any animals,
think of a field without any herd,
think of a stream without any fishes,
think of a dawn without any bird.

*We thank you, Lord, for all your living creatures,
we thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.*

Think of world without any people,
think of a street with no-one living there,
think of a town without any houses,
no-one to love and nobody to care.

*We thank you, Lord, for families and friendships,
we thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.*

Doreen E. Newport (1927-2004)

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 621

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

Act of Commitment

Let us stand, as we are able, to affirm our commitment to care
actively for God's creation.

**Lord of life and giver of hope,
we pledge ourselves to care for creation,
to reduce our waste,
to live sustainably,
and to value the rich diversity of life.
May your wisdom guide us,
that life in all its forms may flourish,
and may be faithful in voicing creation's praise.**

May the commitment we have made this day
be matched by our faithful living.

Amen

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.*

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Notices: The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday September 6th: The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am All Age Eucharist Creation in Christ

President: The Revd Martin Little

Preacher: The Revd Martin Little

Organist: The Revd Canon David Knight

6pm Choral Evensong

Canticles : Noble in B Minor

Anthem : Purcell / rejoice in the Lord always

Psalm:108

Hymns: 238, 810

Voluntary: Fantasia in G Minor BWV 542, J.S. Bach

Organist: Andrew Patterson

Sunday September 13th: The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Eucharist

President: The Revd Canon David Knight
Deacon: The Revd Martin Little
Preacher: The Revd Martin Little
Organist: Andrew Patterson

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 next Sunday 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

Choral Evensong at 6pm this evening. All are welcome.

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'

The Friends of Quarry invite all to an Autumn Social at Six Bells on **13th September between 2 and 5pm.**

BBQ - folk music - kids activities - belly dancing - morris dancing.

All ages 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.

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, Thursday 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.

Macmillan Coffee Morning. The annual coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Care is on **Friday September 25th**. I shall be holding a coffee morning and Bring and Buy sale that morning between 10 am and 12 pm at **3 Barton Road, Headington, OX3 9JB**. Please come and support this excellent cause. Sheila Allcock.

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.

'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: We're now in Creationtide or Season of Creation; this year's theme for Creationtide being Living Water (v. Ezekiel 47-1,1), we have an incentive to focus on reducing water use. Might you be heating water to too high a temperature, then cooling it with cold water? Do you run the tap while brushing your teeth or soaping your hands? While waiting for the shower to run hot, do you catch the cold water in a bucket for use on plants or for flushing the loo?

Hilary Rollin (Eco Church Group)

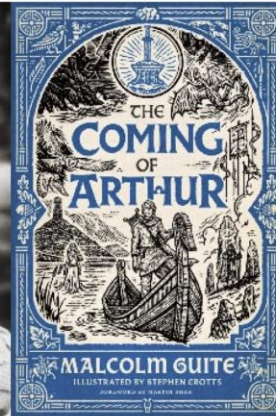
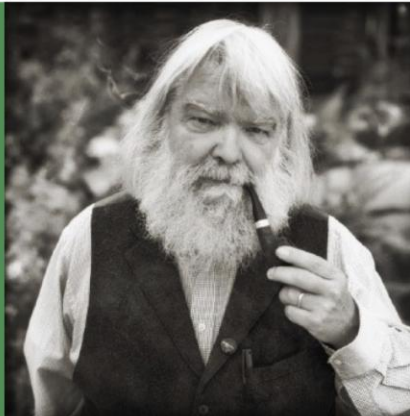
Pastoral care team Are you in need of support or would you like to talk to someone? We rely on you to let us know of anyone who is ill, or in hospital or who might welcome a visit from a member of the team. Please contact the clergy or the Parish Office in the first instance.

Imagine Lewis...

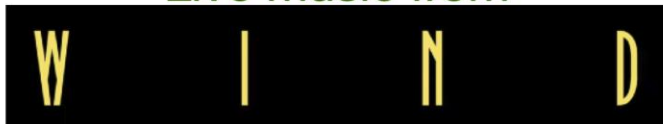


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inspired by the legacy of C.S. Lewis

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Malcolm Guite on
'Lewis and Logres'
and reading from the
new volume of his
Arthurian epic



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

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





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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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