Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

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



Bible Sunday

25th 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.

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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 379

God has spoken — by his prophets,
spoken his unchanging word;
each from age to age proclaiming
God the one, the righteous Lord;
in the world's despair and turmoil
one firm anchor holds us fast:
God eternal reigns for ever,
God the first and God the last.

God has spoken — by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son;
brightness of the Father's glory,
with the Father ever one:
spoken by the Word incarnate,
Life, before all time began,
Light of Light, to earth descending,
God, revealed as Son of Man.

God is speaking — by his Spirit
speaking to our hearts again;
in the ageless Word declaring
God's own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
one sure faith is holding fast:
God abides, his word unchanging,
God the first and God the last.

George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959)

The Greeting

The president says

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Prayers of Penitence

The word of God is living and active.
It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him
to whom we give account.
We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

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.

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit

First Reading: Nehemiah 8.1-4a; 8-12

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and

Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hash-baddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand.
So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.
And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.' So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

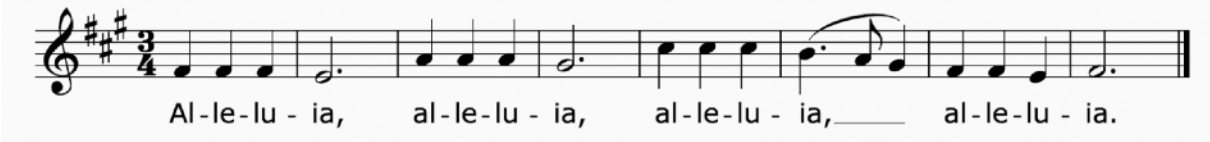
This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Colossians 3. 12-17
As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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 24. 30-35

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

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

Sermon

The Revd Dr Andrew Gregory

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, David, Pat and family*
Those preparing for Baptism:
Those preparing for marriage:
Those who have died recently: *Sue Saville*
Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:
Victor Walker, Elfreda Matthews, Mavis Reade, Susan Llloyd, Arthur Miller, Jennifer Croxford

And at the end

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

The Peace

Please stand

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.
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 775

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you;
Allelu-, alleluia:

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;
Allelu-, alleluia:

We shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord;
Allelu-, alleluia:

Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)

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

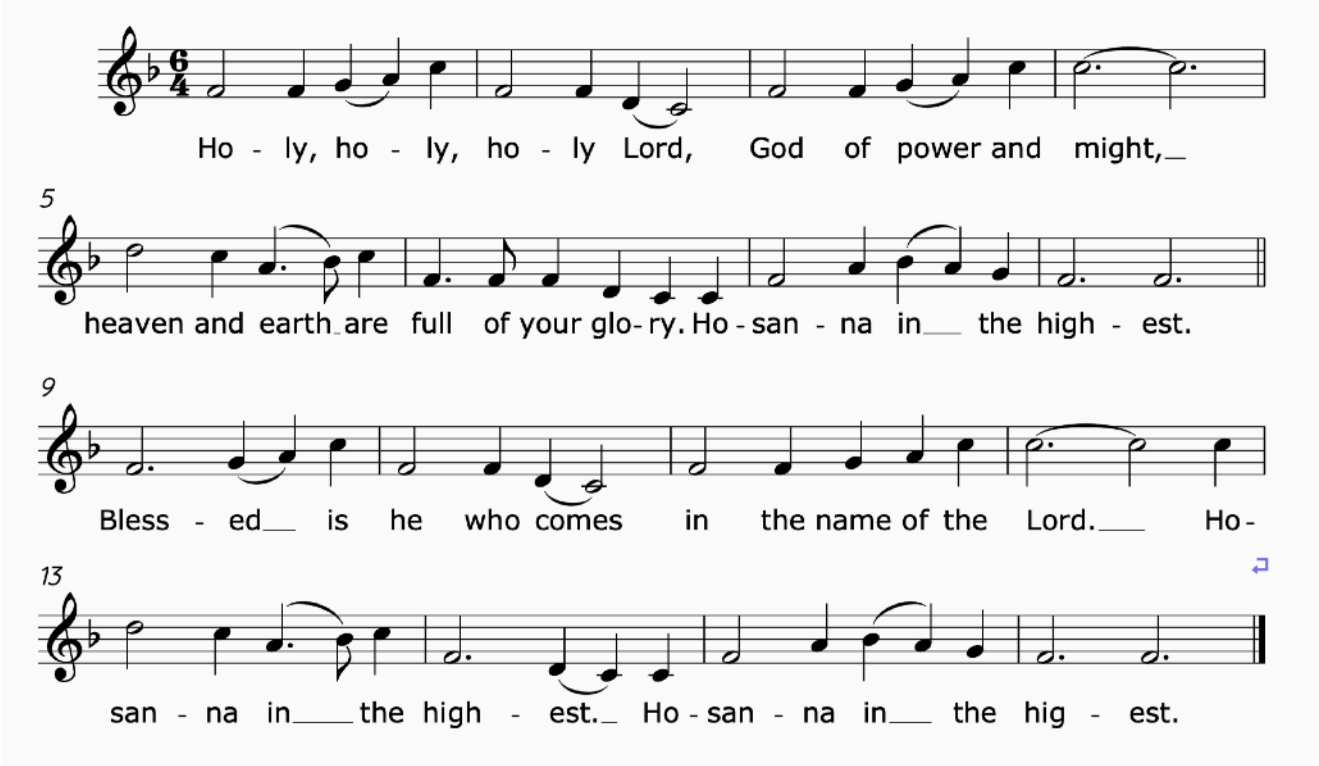
Please sit or stand as you are most comfortable

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.

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For he is your eternal and creative Word,
through whom all things came into being;
the Word made flesh who dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth.

He fulfils the Law and the Prophets,
dying for our sins and rising again
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He stands among us in his risen power,
opening to us his living word,
and making himself known in the breaking of the bread.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:



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.

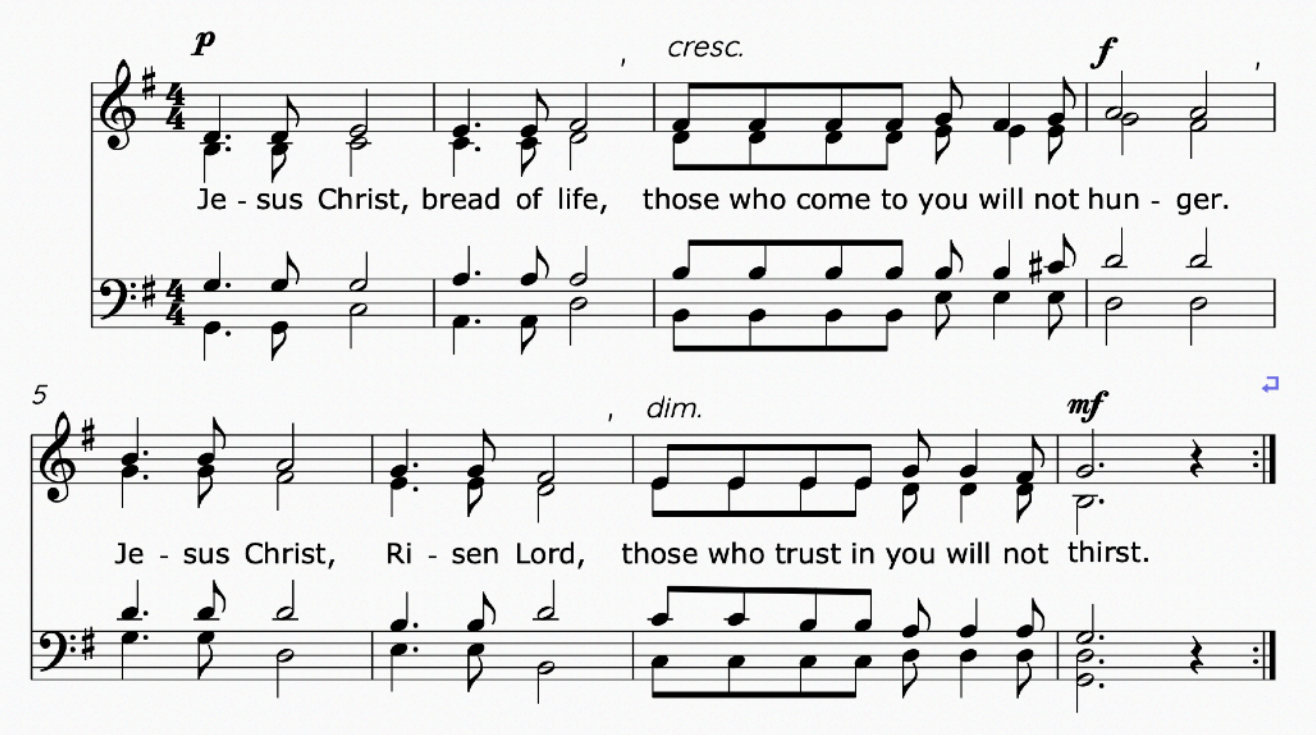
The Lord's Prayer

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.



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.

Hymn 669

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast':
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live':
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright':
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.

Horatius N. Bonar (1808-1889)

Prayer after Communion

Father of light,
in whom is no change or shadow of turning,
you give us every good and perfect gift
and have brought us to birth by your word of truth:
may we be a living sign of that kingdom
where your whole creation will be made perfect
in 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 671

I will sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me,
how he left the realms of glory
for the cross of Calvary.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me --
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost but Jesus found me,
found the sheep that went astray,
raised me up and gently led me
back into the narrow way.
Days of darkness still may meet me,
sorrow's path I oft may tread;
but his presence still is with me,
by his guiding hand I'm led.

He will keep me till the river
rolls its waters at my feet:
then he'll bear me safely over,
made by grace for glory meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me --
sing it with his saints in glory
gathered by the crystal sea.

Francis Harold Rowley (1854-1952)

The Blessing

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;
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: Andante in G Major – *S.S. Wesley*

Please note the Parish Office is closed *and reopens Monday 2nd November.*

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 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday October 25th: Bible Sunday
10am All Eucharist and Forest Sunday School
President: The Revd Canon Margaret Whipp
Preacher: The Revd Dr Andrew Gregory
Organist: Andrew Patterson

Sunday November 1st: All Saints' Day
10am All Age Eucharist
President: The Revd Martin Little
Preacher: The Revd Julia Hart
Organist: Andrew Patterson
6pm All Souls Service

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

Revd Martin is taking a short retreat from 22-24 October and then will be on annual leave over half-term, returning to work on Saturday 31st.

Sue Saville's funeral is at Holy Trinity on **Friday 30th October at 2pm.** All are welcome but please arrive in good time as the church will be full. The family invite everyone for refreshments in the Village Hall after the service.

Curate for HTHQ! Heather Moger, currently an Ordinand at Cuddesdon, will be licensed as our curate in July 2027. Heather sends his warm greetings to all at HTHQ, and has written a short piece introducing herself – this will be in the next edition of the Trinity Times.

All Souls Service on November 1st at 6pm If anyone would like to have a name read out in the service please write it down on the list at the back of church or email Helen with the name office@hthq.uk no later than 6pm on **Monday 26th October**. Thank you.

Please note the Parish Office will be closed from next Thursday October 22nd and will reopen on Monday November 2nd at 9am. Any last minute notices for 1st November only might still be able to be included so send to Helen in the Parish office by **Sunday 18th October** Thank you.

The Roman Catholic Greyfriars will be hosting a united **Oxford celebration of the Transitus** (the passing from earth to heaven) of Saint Francis of Assisi **today at 3pm** in St Edmund and St Frideswide Church on Iffley Road. The service will be followed by refreshments and all are very welcome.

Headington Quarry Village Hall is having a **Christmas Craft Market** on Sunday **1st November 11am till 5pm**, please come and have some festive fun. There will be entertainment during the day but there's a slot still available if anyone wants to perform
Please contact eventshqvh@gmail.com for more information.

Coffee at The Coach House - The next coffee and cake morning will be on Friday **6th November** from **10.30- 12.30pm**. This is run by Quarry WI, but supported by the Church, Local Councillors and Headington in Action. It is free, so come along and have a chat and a slice of homemade cake. All are welcome. Contact Margaret Taylor for further info.

Fireworks and Bonfire event, Saturday November 7th, Risinghurst playing field. Gates open 6pm, bonfire lit at 6.45pm, fireworks display at 7.15pm for 20 minutes. Cost: £3 adults; £2 children (under 5s free). Hot and cold refreshments available.

Can you help? HTHQ are hosting Cowley Deanery Synod on **November 10th** 7-9.30pm in church. **Margaret Taylor** is taking the lead but will need a couple of volunteers on the night to help serve refreshments and light finger food for approx. 50 people etc. **Please can you sign up** to help provide the light finger food at the back of church and/ or let Helen in the Parish Office or Margaret know if you can help. Thank you

Poppies - Quarry WI have knitted hundreds of poppies to display both in our church and Corpus Christi for Remembrance Sunday. Some of these have been made into a lapel brooch and will be available for a donation to the British Legion in church on the run up to November 11th. There are also some white ones (pacifists) and some purple ones (these have a loop on them, maybe to attach to a dog collar or harness for remembering the animals that perished as well).

Home groups You may not know that there are groups associated with Holy Trinity which meet regularly in parishioners' homes. They can vary in how they meet and what they do, but usually time is spent in Bible study, prayer and chatting over a cuppa. Meeting regularly can help us get to know each other in a deeper way than we might do just meeting on a Sunday, and we can inspire and encourage one another. If you are interested in joining a group please contact the parish office.

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.

Donations needed of empty plant pots (medium size for planting daffodil bulbs) and jam jars (hoping to transform these into lanterns or snowglobes) for the **childrens activities for the *Imagine Lewis* weekend**. Please start collecting! We are also looking for volunteers to help run activities on Saturday 21st November 10 till 12 in the Coach House. For more information please talk to Frances or email frances.farrar23@gmail.com Join in the fun!

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. Thank you so much to everyone who has generously donated and/or pledged already towards repairing our leaking roof and repayment of the building loan. There is still time to donate! Please pick up a form from the back of church and make sure you use the reference: 'Building 2026 appeal.'

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.

This week's Eco Tip: The end of Summer Time, with daylight fading fast, is a reminder of the changing seasons and the passage of time. Also a reminder that unlike our forebears, we are out of touch with the natural world. How can we become more aware of Nature's rhythms? Hilary Rollin (Eco Church Group)

Holy Trinity Choir Dates
If you're a member of our choir please note the following dates in your diary. We're keen for new singers; please along come to one of the rehearsals and give it a go!

Date	**Event**	**Notes**
Thu 29th Oct	Choir Practice	7:30pm in church
Sun 1st Nov	All Souls Service	6pm in church
Sun 15th Nov	Choir Sunday	9.20pm rehearsal (service 10am)
Thu 19th Nov	Choir Practice	7.30pm in church
Sun 22nd Nov	Choral Evensong (part of *Imagine Lewis)*	4.30pm rehearsal in Coach House (service 6pm)
Thu 10th Dec	Christmas Practice	7.30pm in church
Thu 17th Dec	Christmas Practice	7.30pm in church
Sun 20th Dec	Carol Service	4.30pm rehearsal (service 6pm)

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.

Church postcode for emergency call outs is OX3 8LQ

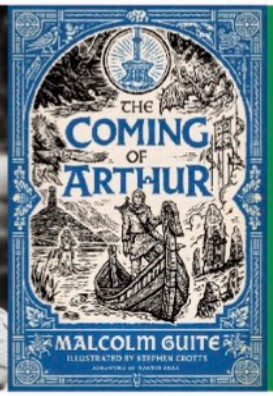
Imagine Lewis...



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

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Malcolm Guite on
'Lewis and Logres'
and reading from the
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Tickets & info: www.hthq.uk/imagine-lewis-weekend/

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**An open door between heaven and earth,
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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