



Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

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



The Nineteenth Sunday after
Trinity
11th 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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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 365

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
*all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus :
all are welcome...

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
all are welcome...

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
all are welcome...

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
all are welcome...

Marty Haughen (b. 1950)

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

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit

First Reading: Philippians 4. 1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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 22. 1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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, David, Pat and family*

Those preparing for Baptism:

Those preparing for marriage:

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

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

*Lorna Wallace, Bertie Baker, Maisie Campbell, Beryl Rackstraw,
Charles Reade, Brian Ward, Benedict Alexis*

And at the end

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

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 358

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found -- we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight -- our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place:
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

David J. Evans (b. 1957)

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.

9
Bless - ed _ is he who comes in the name of the Lord. _ Ho -

13
san - na in _ the high - est. _ Ho - san - na in _ the hig - est.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

Bells are rung

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Bells are rung

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.
Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel

As our Saviour taught us so we pray
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and 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.**

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

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

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first system begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic, followed by a crescendo (*cresc.*) and ends with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The second system begins with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic, followed by a decrescendo (*dim.*). The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 433

*Broken for me, broken for you,
the body of Jesus broken for you.*

He offered his body, he poured out his soul,
Jesus was broken that we might be whole:

Come to my table and with me dine,
eat of my bread and drink of my wine:

This is my body given for you,
eat it remembering I died for you:

This is my blood I shed for you,
for your forgiveness, making you new:

*Broken for me, broken for you,
the body of Jesus broken for you.*

Janet Lunt (b. 1954)

Prayer after Communion

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of 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 814 *(omit v.4)*

Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written
full clear, on every page;
our fathers owned thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness:
one Church, one faith, one Lord!

Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they bade men rise, and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one Church, one faith, one Lord!

When shadows thick were falling,
and all seemed sunk in night,
thou, Lord, didst send thy servants,
thy chosen sons of light.
On them and on thy people
thy plenteous grace was poured,
and this was still their message:
one Church, one faith, one Lord!

And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, heads hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
and cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored;
we will maintain, unflinching,
one Church, one faith, one Lord!

Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave thy work undone;
with thy right hand to help us,
thy victory shall be won;
and then, by men and angels,
thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
one Church, one faith, one Lord!

Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891)

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.**

A minister says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ, Amen.

Voluntary: Prelude in A Minor BWV 543 - 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 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday October 11th: The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am All Eucharist and Forest Sunday School

President: The Revd Julia Hart

Preacher: The Revd Martin Little

Organist: Andrew Patterson

Sunday October 18th: The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

10am All Eucharist and Forest Sunday School

President: The Revd Martin Little

Preacher: The Revd Canon David Knight

Organist: The Revd Canon David Knight

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

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 that this service will come to an end. 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. The final 8am service takes place today **Sunday 11th October** to give thanks for all it has meant to us, and to look to the future.

Sue Saville it was with great sadness that at the 10am Eucharist service last week it was announced that Sue had died peacefully at home on Saturday 3rd October. She was a much loved and respected member of our church community and will be very much missed. Her funeral is at Holy Trinity on **Friday 30th October at 2pm.**

Curate for HTHQ! Some exciting news will be announced at the morning services this week!

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..

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.

The Parish Office will be closed from Thursday October 22nd. Please send any notices for Sunday 25th October and 1st November to Helen in the Parish office no later than **Thursday 15th October** Thank you.

Windmill Walk Today: We shall leave Shotover car park at 12.15, with a picnic lunch and water. Reminder: no flip-flops, mules or stilettos are allowed up the windmill. Dogs are allowed in the garden, but not up the windmill. No entry fee, but donations are welcome. NB The 400 bus runs from Wheatley to Headington- useful for anyone needing to return in a hurry. Hilary Rollin

"People's Emergency Briefing": If you missed seeing this very significant film at Brookes on Wednesday 7th you still have the opportunity to see it being screened by Highfield Residents Association and All Saints' Church at 7.30 on Friday 16th October in All Saints' Church, Lime Walk. All are welcome and no booking required. Hilary Rollin.

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. **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

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 An update will be given during the morning services today. 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.'

This week's Eco Tip: There's a lot of fun to be had from re-purposing or upcycling clothes and kit (e.g. making cushion covers from curtains that don't fit your current windows; re-using the fabric from an adult skirt to make a child's dress). But many brand new items in the shops are the result of recycling: bags made from plastic bottles, dresses ditto, and even.... furniture made from old washing machines. We should support these products.
Hilary Rollin (Eco Church Group)

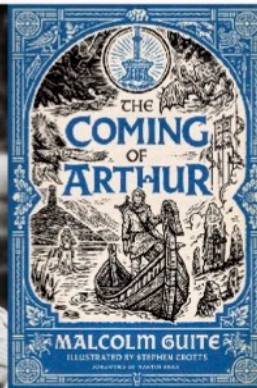
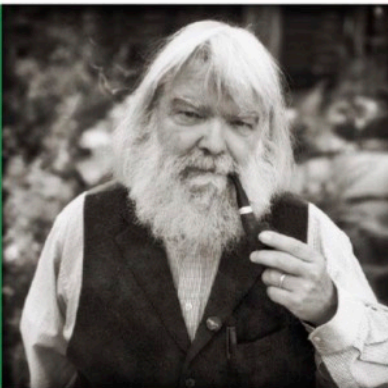
Pastoral care team Are you in need of support or would you like to talk to someone? We rely on you to let us know of anyone who is ill, or in hospital or who might welcome a visit from a member of the team. Please contact the clergy or the Parish Office in the first instance.

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/





Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

**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:

Contact us

Vicar: Revd Martin Little

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please note my day off is Friday

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