Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

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

Remembrance Sunday

8th November 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

In the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit
Amen

Words of welcome and any notices are given.

We meet in the presence of God,
to commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith
for reconciliation between the nations,
that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all who, in bereavement, disability and pain
continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow
those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present,
have been given and taken away.

Please stand

Hymn 746

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748) based on Psalm 90

The Greeting

The president says

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

Prayers of Penitence

A minister says

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; its pride, its selfishness, its greed;
its evil divisions and hatreds.
Let us confess our share in what is wrong,
and our failure to seek and establish that peace
which God wills for his children.

Silence is kept

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

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,
And to all his people, peace.
Heav'nly King, almighty Father,
May our worship never cease;
May our voices ever thank you,
Songs of blessing ever send,
May we always live to praise you,
For your glory without end.

Jesus, Son of God the Father,
Merciful beyond compare,
All our sin, by you forgiven;
Lamb of God, receive our prayer.
Jesus, you alone are holy,
Jesus, you alone are Lord,
With the Holy Spirit reigning,
And the Father—glorious God!

Tune: Blaenwern

The Collect

Silence is kept.

Let us pray.

God our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Amos 5. 18-24

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!
    Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light;
    as if someone fled from a lion,
    and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
    and was bitten by a snake.
Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
    and gloom with no brightness in it?
I hate, I despise your festivals,
    and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings,
    I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
    I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
    I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like waters,
    and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Please stand. We repeat the refrain.

CELTIC ALLELUIA



Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel reading: Matthew 25. 1-13

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they

took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

The Revd Martin Little

Please stand

The Apostles' Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Set Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel.

On this Sunday we remember all who have given their lives in war, especially members of our families, and members of this parish.

The response to the words 'May God give peace' is **God give peace.**
May God give peace. **God give peace.**

We pray for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war or terror, each one known to God. We remember their courage and self-sacrifice, and we pray for those who mourn their loss.
May God give peace. **God give peace.**

We pray for all who suffer physical or mental disability as the result of conflict, and we pray for those who care for them.
May God give peace. **God give peace.**

We pray for all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, and all who await their safe return.
May God give peace. **God give peace.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ commanded us to love our enemies. We pray to be delivered from hatred and the spirit of revenge.
May God give peace. **God give peace.**

We pray for the leaders of the nations. May they work for peace, and govern with justice and integrity. May they be mindful of their accountability to you, O God.

May God give peace. **God give peace.**
So be it. **Amen.**

The Peace

Jesus said, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.'

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 635 *(Tune: 291 Westminster Abbey)*

For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator-God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

Fred Kaan (1929-2009)

Preparation of the Table

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.
Amen.

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, our duty and our joy,
that we should always sing of your glory,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
For you are the hope of the nations,
the builder of the city that is to come.
Your love made visible in Jesus Christ
brings home the lost,
restores the sinner
and gives dignity to the despised.
In his face your light shines out,
flooding lives with goodness and truth,
gathering into one in your kingdom
a divided and broken humanity.
Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation
we glorify your name,
for ever praising you and saying:

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!

Music: Hymn 661

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

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:

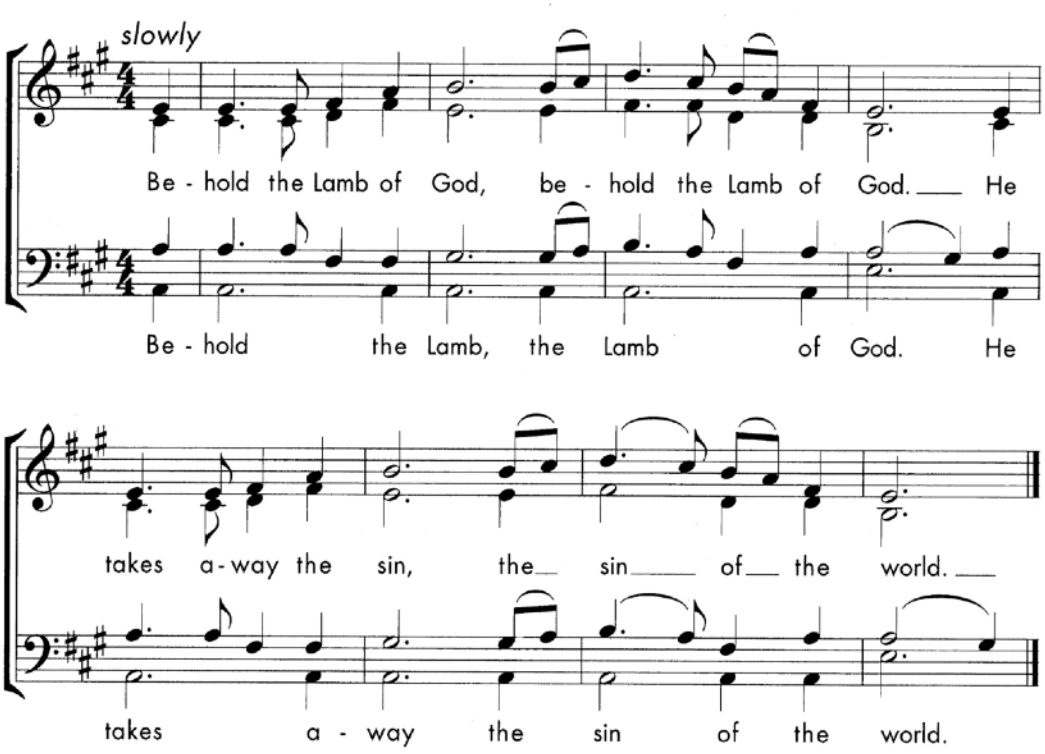
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,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

Agnus Dei



Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

This is God's table and all are welcome. Regular communicants of their own tradition are invited to receive communion. The bread is distributed from the chancel step and the wine from that of the Lady Chapel, to the left. You may receive the bread only. Please do not dip your wafer in the chalice. Please inform a steward if you wish to receive communion in your seat. If you would prefer a blessing, please come up bringing this order of service with you.

Hymn 475

Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.

King of our hearts, Christ reigns in us;
kingship with him his servants gain;
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
this world of time to consecrate,
our world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.
Prophets of Christ, we hear his word:
he claims our minds, to search his ways;
he claims our lips, to speak his truth;
he claims our hearts, to sing his praise.

We are his Church, he makes us one:
here is one hearth for all to find;
here is one flock, one Shepherd-King;
here is one faith, one heart, one mind.

James Quinn, SJ (1919-2010)

Prayer after Communion

We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples.
Amen.

Procession to the War Memorial

Please follow the procession, beginning with those seated at the back of church for the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial.

Act of Remembrance

Let us remember before God,
and commend to his safekeeping
those who have died for their country in war
those whom we knew, and those whose memory we treasure,
and all those who have lived and died in the service of the peoples of the world.

Let us remember in particular the people of this parish who gave their lives in the two World Wars:

The names of those from Headington Quarry who died in the two World Wars are read out.

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.
We will remember them.

The Last Post is played
Silence is kept
The Reveille is played

The Kohima Epitaph is said:

When you go home
tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrow
we gave our today.

A wreath of poppies is laid on the War Memorial by a member of Holy Trinity Church.
Members of 7th Headington Brownies place their tributes on the war memorial.

Prayers

Let us pray.

O God of truth and justice
we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,
and those whose names we will never know.
Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,
and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.
As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future:
for you are the source of life and hope, now and forever.
Amen.

Most holy God and Father,
hear our prayers for all those who strive for peace and all who fight for justice.
Help us, who today remember the cost of war, to work for a better tomorrow; and as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict, bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence;
through Christ our Lord
Amen.

For all Armed Forces
O God, we pray for the armed forces of all nations: give them courage and comfort in hardship and danger. May their efforts and sacrifices be made in the cause of justice and peace; to the honour of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

For pacifists and conscientious objectors
We pray for those with a different vision of how peace will come to our world. We pray for those who have taken a stand as pacifists and conscientious objectors that their work, too, may contribute to the peace of the world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Act of Commitment

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?
We will.

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?
We will.

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?
We will.

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us
that have not yet been cast out by love:
may we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people,
and live lives of justice, courage and mercy;
through Jesus Christ our risen redeemer.
Amen.

The Blessing

May God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to all humanity, peace and concord;
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The National Anthem

God save our gracious King!
Long live our noble King!
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King.

The Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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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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Please note Notices deadline for November 15th will be 6pm Nov 9th

Notices: November 8th

8 November: Remembrance Sunday
10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School
President Revd Martin Little
Preacher: Revd Martin Little
Organist: Andrew Patterson
10.50am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

15 November: Safeguarding Sunday
10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School
President Revd Canon David Knight
Preacher: 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 Holy Communion followed by refreshments

Please note that there is no longer an 8am service on Sundays.

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).

Posada 2026 What is the Posada all about? During Advent, a nativity set of Mary and Joseph travel around the parish, visiting a different member of our church family every night. This provides a great opportunity to meet new church members, or get to know others a little better. There is a prayer to say as you welcome Mary and Joseph into your home and off on their journey to the next one. Please contact Helen Dancer email helen@nsolve.com phone: 07854173016 (WhatsApp or text probably best), giving me suitable dates and I add you to the rota. I will have the rota with me in church, so catch me after the service to sign up. I hope there will be room in your inn this year!

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. If you don't want to buy a ticket, come and be a helper! We have an excellent team, but still we have need of people 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

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

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.'

This week's Eco Tip: On Remembrance Sunday we think of previous generations who lived through World War I and World War II, and the very different lives they led. What could we learn from them? Keeping snug under a thick blanket? Making draft excluders from random lengths of fabric to stop icy drafts blowing under the door, and 'digging for victory'?
Hilary Rollin (Eco Church Group)

Helen Day's Retirement - our beloved Parish Administrator, Helen, is retiring at the end of 2026 after nearly 20 years in post! Details of Helen's gift and thank you celebration will be announced soon. This also means we are recruiting (see below)

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.

Come and work with us!

Holy Trinity is looking for a Parish Administrator to provide admin support to the vicar and the parish. You'll be a welcoming first point of contact for all sorts of queries from all sorts of people. You'll need to have good people skills, good IT skills, a flexible attitude, and you'll be happy working on your own.

Hours: 10.5 hours/week over three days

Pay: £7,676 annually (£14.10/hour)

Location: The Parish Office, Coach House, Quarry Road, OX3 8NU

To download an application pack: www.hthq.uk/parish-administrator-2026/

Closing date for applications: 23 November 2026, 5pm

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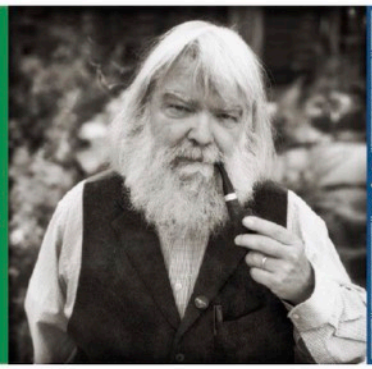
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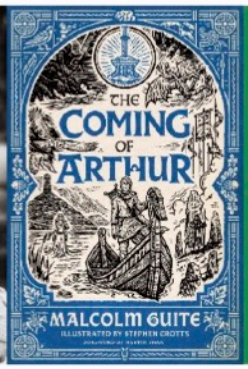
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a celebration of the arts and spirituality inspired by the legacy of C.S. Lewis

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





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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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