

HOLY TRINITY
HEADINGTON QUARRY



The Sunday after Ascension Day

Christian Aid Week

12th May 2024

Words of welcome

During the first hymn children are welcome to join the Forest Church taking place outside.

Hymn 223

The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened instead of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.

Bryn Rees (1911-1983)

The president says

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

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Prayers of Penitence

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
with healing for all.
Let us turn to the Lord, in sorrow for our sins,
seeking healing and salvation.

Silence is kept.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The president says

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive you your sins,
open your eyes to God's truth,
strengthen you to do God's will
and give you the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise
Of heavenly joy and earthly peace we sing.
We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,
Lord God, Almighty Father, heavenly King.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, your glorious victory won,
Receive our prayer, grant us your peace within.**

**Alone, O Christ, you are the only Lord,
At God's right hand, in majesty most high.
Who with the Spirit, worshipped and adored
With all the heavenly host, we glorify.**

Tune: 'Woodlands'

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone
before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit

New Testament Reading: Acts 1. 15-17,21-end

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two,

Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

Gospel Reading

We repeat the refrain:

CELTIC ALLELUIA



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

Gospel reading: John 17. 6-19

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the

world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Revd Dr Laura Biron-Scott

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.
**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who are sick or in particular need:

*Natalia Stoneman, Naomi Lawrence, Kate Samuel,
Grace, Josie, Kitty Datta, Atmadeep Novo Datta, Bob Southgate,
Benji, Astrid Brooke, Caroline Winwood, Enid Owens, Pam,
Margaret Bastock, Madeline Tarrant.*

Those who have died recently:

*Barbara Deane, Janet Patrick, Fr Christopher Hewetson,
Margaret Baker.*

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Michael Siggery, Gillian Reade, Marjorie Butler, Nigel Allington.

And at the end

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

The Peace

Please stand

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you
and also with you. Alleluia.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Hymn 232

Please stand

The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty Victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings and Lord of lords,
and heaven's eternal Light;

The joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love,
and grants his name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame,
with all its grace, is given;
their name, an everlasting name,
their joy, the joy of heaven.

They suffer with the Lord below,
they reign with him above,
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.

The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
we believe you, and all we have heard is true.
When you break bread
may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us, that we
may bring light to your world.

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, 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 our great high priest
who has entered once for all
into the heavenly sanctuary,
evermore to pour upon your Church
the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.

He is the one who has gone before us,
who calls us to be united in prayer
as were his disciples in the upper room
while they awaited his promised gift,
the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.
Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing
as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

**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!**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

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

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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 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

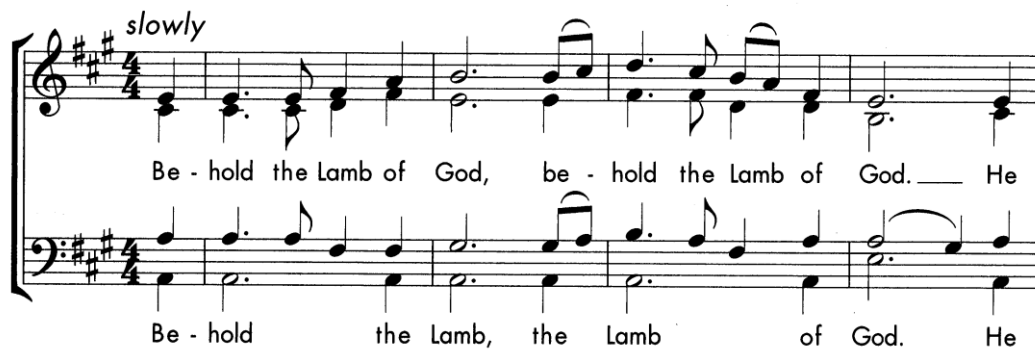
As our Saviour taught us so we pray
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,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

Breaking of the Bread

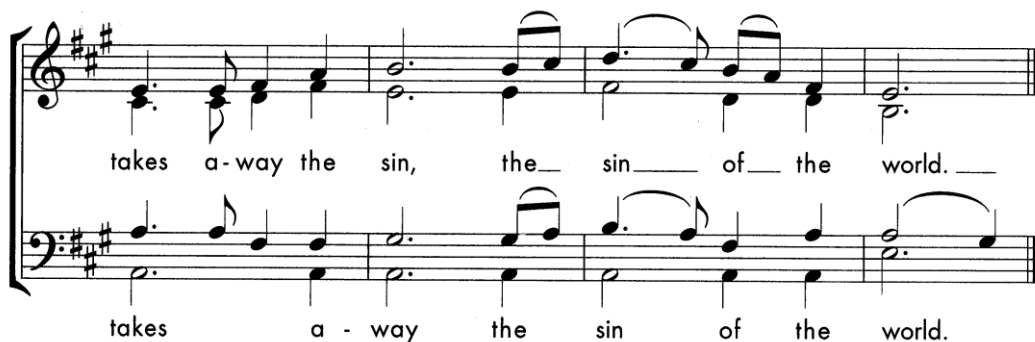
We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

Agnus Dei

slowly



Be - hold the Lamb of God, be - hold the Lamb of God. — He
Be - hold the Lamb, the Lamb of God. He



takes a - way the sin, the sin of the world. —
takes a - way the sin of the world.

Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

This is God's table and all are welcome. Please follow the directions of the steward. With the North aisle inaccessible, you will be directed down and back up the central aisle. To make this as smooth as possible, please allow everyone in your pew to come out before queueing. Those sitting towards the back on each side will be invited to come forwards first.

If you are wearing a mask, it is most practical if you remove it before receiving communion. 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.

Hymn 562

Please remain seated

Inspired by love and anger, disturbed by need and pain,
informed of God's own bias, we ponder once again:
'How long must some folk suffer? How long can few folk mind?
How long dare vain self-interest turn prayer and pity blind?'

From those forever victims of heartless human greed,
their cruel plight composes a litany of need:
'Where are the fruits of justice? Where are the signs of peace?
When is the day when prisoners and dreams find their release?'

To God, who through the prophets proclaimed a different age,
we offer earth's indifference, its agony and rage:
'When will the wronged be righted? When will the kingdom
come?
When will the world be generous to all instead of some?'

God asks, 'Who will go for me? Who will extend my reach?
And who, when few will listen, will prophesy and preach?
And who, when few bid welcome, will offer all they know?
And who, when few dare follow, will walk the road I show?'

Amused in someone's kitchen, asleep in someone's boat,
attuned to what the ancients exposed, proclaimed and wrote,
a saviour without safety, a tradesman without tools
has come to tip the balance with fishermen and fools.

John L. Bell (b.1949) and Graham Maule (b.1958)

Prayer after Communion

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Sending Out

Please stand

Hymn 227

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his piercèd feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)

The Blessing

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
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

With the risen life of Christ within you,
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Donations collected from this service will go to Christian Aid.

Please do join us for refreshments in the Coach House via the Quarry Road path. Please take this booklet away with you, and recycle it when you have finished with it.

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Notices: May 12th

Sunday May 12th: Sunday after Ascension: Christian Aid Sunday

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist

Sunday May 19th: Pentecost

8am Holy Communion

10am All Age Parish Eucharist

Midweek Services

Morning Prayer: 9am Monday and Tuesdays in the Coach House.

Eucharist Service: Wednesdays at 10am

Christian Aid Week 12th to 18th May

The **10am Eucharist today** will have a Christian Aid theme and you will be able to donate using envelopes or the card machine. Donations can also

be made the following Sunday or via the HTHQ website and the special QR code that we have this year which is also to be found on the board in the porch which gives the option of Gift Aiding your donation. Please take a copy of the Devotional leaflet to use at home.

The final opportunity to contribute will be a **Hunger Lunch** at 3 Barton Road on Friday **24th May** from 12 to 2pm. Do come along and bring your friends.

Barbara Deane who many will remember as a friend, member of our congregation and a resident of Emden House died last Sunday May 5th. Her funeral will be here in church with the date to be confirmed. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends at this time.

LAST CHANCE there are for some reason this year lots of seats still to fill on the coach for the **annual parish day out at Alum Chine beach at Bournemouth on 22nd June** @ £20 each. Deadline to book is May 19th and sadly if not enough seats are filled this great trip will have to be cancelled. email frances.farrar23@gmail.com

Pentecost Sunday May 19th May Traditionally we have members of the congregation taking the reading in a particular language of their own choice all at the same time! If you think you'd like to join them and have a language Helen in the office hasn't got please let her know by May 14th.

Celebrating thirty years of women priests: Sunday June 9th
Please join us for this special service! We are delighted to welcome Revd Christina Rees, CBE, former chair of WATCH (Women and the Church), as our preacher at the 10am Eucharist.

Housekeeping matters during the building work: Please kindly note that toilet facilities are available at the Coach House, and the vestry is now strictly out of use. Seating is more restricted inside the church - please be considerate when choosing a pew and allow space for latecomers if possible (**please consider filling up from the front!**). The back pews are reserved for children and families attending Sunday school. In the event of an emergency, fire exits are at the main church door and the chancel door. **Please remember to wrap up warm when you come to church because the heating is now switched off.** Fleece blankets are available from the welcomers if needed!

We are so grateful that the building work is progressing smoothly and to plan! We all look forward in faith and hope to the completion of the works in 2024. Please continue to hold the project in your prayers. As the psalmist writes: 'unless the Lord builds the house, those who labour build it in vain' (Psalm 127.1). We ask you all to pray especially for wisdom for our architect

and contractors, and for peaceful relations with our neighbours and local residents affected by the work.

God of vision and hope,
we thank you for our church building;
a place of prayer and pilgrimage,
witnessing to your love and presence in our midst.
We pray for our plans to develop the building
to further the work of your kingdom in this and future generations.
We pray for the guidance, resources and skills we need
to bring the project to completion,
and that we would be united in vision and focus
as we work towards this goal,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Cornerstone.
Amen.

Save the date: Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th September

This open weekend will be an opportunity to explore and celebrate our completed building work. On Saturday 14th September our church will be open to all from 10am to 4pm serving refreshments and showing displays on the theme of Holy Trinity's past, present, and future! During this time a Narnia trail will be available for children and families. That evening at 7pm will be a concert, showcasing some of the musical talent in our community.

The following morning, we are delighted that the Bishop of Oxford will be joining us for our 10am Parish Eucharist to bless our church building following completion of the building works. The Bishop will also be confirming several members of our congregation during this service. **If you are interested in exploring confirmation**, please get in touch with any of our clergy.

HTHQ175 A group has been formed to make plans for the parish to celebrate in the autumn the completion of the church building work, and the 175th anniversary of its consecration. We would like to create a photographic history of the people and events that have taken place at Holy Trinity over the years. If you have photographs of family/community events at the church that you would be willing to share with us please could you let the wardens know, and provide a copy with the event and date added. Thank you. Janet Masters

Hearing Loop Update: our loop system had to be disconnected during the work on the west end of church, we are really pleased that the contractors have found a way to reinstate it and it is now functioning. Please have a chat with a welcomer or one of the sound team if you are having problems.

Servers' Training: on **Saturday 18th May at 10.30am** the clergy will be offering a training session for our altar servers (including chalice serving), and extend a warm welcome to anyone interested in serving or finding out more about what's involved in this important ministry.

Churchyard Working Party on **Saturday 18th May from 10-12.** All are welcome but please bring gloves if you can. Susan Houlton.

Churches Together Ecumenical Prayers

To celebrate the revival of Churches Together in Headington, an informal Ecumenical Prayers by Zoom has restarted. It will be shared prayers from whoever is there. **Every Monday at 11 am for 20 minutes**, with the option to chat afterwards. Drop in if you are free, no need to RSVP.

The Zoom links is

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85259570164?pwd=GmpnS6RKDIBAWdGnJm5kBCBSAFbU3p.1>

APCM The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is coming up on **Wednesday 22 May at 7.30pm in church.** This APCM for our parish gives us the chance to review the past year, look ahead to the year to come, and elect the people who will take part in the making of decisions on parish matters. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Invitation to forthcoming events to mark the 550th Anniversary of laying of the Magdalen Chapel's Foundation Stone All are welcome from the Headington Quarry parish.

<https://www.magd.ox.ac.uk/chapel-550th/>

<https://artsfestivaloxford.org/whats-on/>

There are **Seminars** for all to enjoy – including a seminar on C.S. Lewis on Saturday 25th May - but you must register and book in advance.

New group for young women: Holy Trinity and Collinwood Road URC are joining together to run a series of meetings for girls aged 11-16 in our church community who wish to explore their faith in the context of their lives and experiences. We will meet on **Friday evenings 6.30-7.30pm** beginning 26 April for food and discussion. If you would like more details, contact Emily (curate@hthq.uk), and please pray for our time together.

Eco Film Night on Thursday 23 May, 7.15-8.45 p.m., showing 'Global Caring', based on Laudate Si' by Pope Francis, followed by informal discussion and refreshments. 'Global Caring' looks at the Christian response to ecological questions – caring about and caring for our common home, and features Carmody Grey (theologian) and Bishop John Arnold. No booking required. Entry free.

Venue: Corpus Christi Church, Margaret Rd, Headington, OX3 8AJ.

Eco Church Talk: On **Wednesday 29 May, 7.30-9pm** Tom Crook will give a presentation on 'The Great Stink: Victorian sewerage systems - and why we're still dumping sewage in rivers', to be followed by questions, discussion and refreshments. Venue: the Coach House. All are welcome. Hilary Rollin, for Eco Group

This week's Eco Tips: Of Concrete or Tarmac Driveways and Plastic Grass: These all prevent rainwater being absorbed into the ground naturally and feeding water to your own garden and in some cases to Lye Valley and the fens. Natural grass allows water to seep into the soil, as does limestone gravel, provided it doesn't have a waterproof and weed-proof underlay. *Hilary Rollin, Eco Group.*

Eco Resources Spring 2024

For suggestions about ECO Resources, including links to Zoom sessions (live and recorded), discussion groups, talks etc., go to: <https://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources/>. Hilary Rollin, Eco 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. Please contact any of the clergy (numbers on back page) or Helen Day, Janet Masters, or Anne Tarassenko.

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:

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