Holy Trinity Headington Quarry



Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity

1st September 2024

Words of welcome.

During the opening hymn, children are welcome to join the forest Sunday school taking place outside.

Hymn 713

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy, be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, be there at our labours and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace, be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm, be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Joyce Placez, (Jan Struther) (1901-1953)

The president says

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

Amen

The Greeting

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

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.

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

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 God's kingdom, 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

Almighty God, whose only Son hath opened for us a new and living way into thy presence: grant that, with pure hearts and constant wills, we may worship thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please be seated

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: James 1: 17-end

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank

growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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 Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel reading: Mark 7. 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

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

Sermon

Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

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. The following response may be used:

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those who are sick or in particular need:
Grace, Josie, Kitty Datta, Atmadeep Novo Datta, Bob Southgate,
Benjie, Caroline Winwood, Enid Owens, Pam, Madeline Tarrant,
Veronika, Kenneth Sanders.

Those who have died recently:

Baby Victoria, Astrid Brooke, Naomi Lawrence.

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:
Albert Arnold, Frederick Bartlett, Patrick Martineau.

And at the end

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

Please stand

To crown all things there must be love to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our 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 585

All I once held dear, built my life upon, all this world reveres, and wars to own all I once thought gain I have counted loss; spent and worthless now, compared to this.

Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you, there is no greater thing. You're my all, you're the best, you're my joy, my righteousness, and I love you, Lord.

Now my heart's desire is to know you more, to be found in you and known as yours. To possess by faith what I could not earn, all-surpassing gift of righteousness

Oh, to know the power of your risen life, and to know you in your sufferings. To become like you in your death, my Lord, so with you to live and never die.

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

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:



Hymn 418

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.

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.**

Please sit or kneel

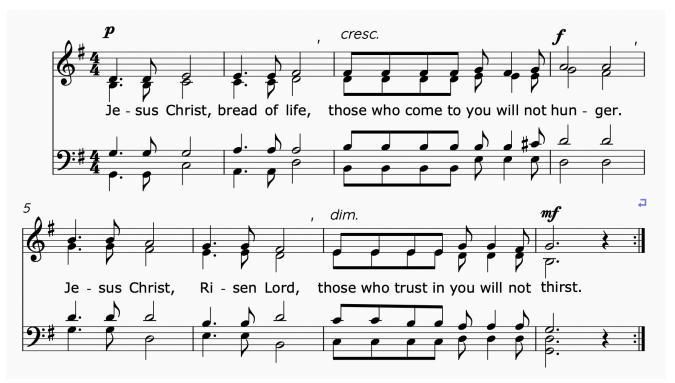
As our saviour taught us, so we pray

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

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.



Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

Jesus Christ is holy,

Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

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 602

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to dwell in lowliness with men, their pattern and their King;

Still to the lowly soul he doth himself impart, and for his dwelling and his throne chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be; give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple meet for thee.

John Keble (1792-1866) and others

Prayer after Communion

O Lord God, who art the source of all truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and in the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 484

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace, and the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you. There'll be shouts of joy, and the trees of the field shall clap, shall clap their hands, and the trees of the field shall clap their hands, and the trees of the field shall clap their hands, and the trees of the field shall clap their hands, and you'll go out with joy.

Stuart Dauermann (b. 1944) based on Isaiah 55.12

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.**

The Dismissal

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

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Voluntary: Sonata No. IV, 1st Movement, *Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy* (1809-1847)

Please join us for refreshments in the Coach House!
Please take this booklet away with you, and recycle it when you have finished with it. We no longer pass the collection plate around during the service, but you are welcome to use the collection plate at the back of church, or the contactless machine, if you would like to make a donation to support the work of our church.

Notices: September 1st

Please read the weekly notices to find out about upcoming events and services. Clergy will highlight some of these notices in their brief welcome. If there is something you would particularly like highlighted at the start of the service, please notify the clergy (by email or phone) in good time before the service, or speak to them before the service starts if this is not possible.

Sunday September 1st: The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion

President: Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

10am Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School

President: Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex Preacher: Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

Organist: Andrew Patterson

Midweek Services

Morning Prayer: Monday 2nd September at 9am in the Coach house Tots Morning: Tuesday 3rd September at 10am in the Coach house

Eucharist Service: Wednesdays at 10am

Saturday September 7th at 2pm David Farrar and Romana Cerna's Wedding.

Sunday September 8th: The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity 8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School

The flowers in church this past week have been in memory of Pat Green, Diana Harrison's mother who died 26yrs ago. A wonderful Grandmother to William and Ruth, she so often came to HTHQ.

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. Building project update: We are so grateful that our building project is progressing smoothly and the new extension is looking wonderful already! Due to the unpredictable weather in recent months, we are slightly behind schedule with the completion of the building work. Please continue to pray for the project as we mark these final weeks, and look forward with joy to the Bishop's visit on September 15th.

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.

Please pray for our confirmation candidates: Martha, Abby, Katie, Juliet, Sophie, Melissa, Lewis, and Sophie, as they prepare to be confirmed by the Bishop of Oxford on Sunday 15 September.

David Farrar and Romana Cerna's Wedding next Saturday 7th September at 2pm Many of us know both Bernie, Len and Frances, David's Mum, Dad and sister. We are warmly invited to the Wedding service to join in with singing the hymns and to witness the marriage of David and Romana.

Tots Mornings open to all pre-School children on Tuesdays in term time in the Coach House starting next **Tuesday 3rd September**. Stay & Play will be 10-11am and Story & prayers 11am – 11.15am. No need to book just come along. All are welcome.

Church volunteers a big thank you to everyone who came on Wednesday and successfully sorted out the Jackson room prior to moving all church property back into church after the formal handover from Kingerlee. More help will be needed in the coming weeks with a variety of tasks so please respond if you can with an hour or more of your time if you're able to do this.

Julian Group. The September meeting will be on **Friday 6th September at 2.30 pm at 3 Barton Road, Headington.** We meditate for half an hour on a passage provided by one of us and then discuss it before having a social time with tea/coffee and biscuits. New members are very welcome. Please contact me for further details: **Sheila Allcock 769630**

Autumn Fete 12th October After the celebrations for our wonderful new extension, we will be looking forward to the Autumn Fete. It is going to be really important to try to raise as much money as we can to help with finalising the extension. We would ask you to donate only items which can be sold, so nothing half-used, in poor condition or out of date. We would be happy to receive good quality books, toiletries, toys, nearly new gifts, plants and cakes. Other donations of wine for the Water to Wine, an item for the Tombola or a £2 donation to buy a prize, would be welcomed. Last year's Gift Aid claim raised £225 so we would urge you to complete a Gift Aid form with your donations. It makes a real difference. Do come along with family, friends and neighbours to enjoy this happy fundraising event. Fete committee: Derek and Margaret Taylor (765051), Mike and Lisa (768077), Linda & Howard (765003), Janet Foot (762450)

Flower Fund I really appreciate the floral arrangements week by week at Holy Trinity, Margaret Woodcock and her team do a great job. I like to dedicate the flowers in memory of someone special or to celebrate a special occasion. Fresh cut flowers are quite expensive and the flower fund is getting low. Could you make a contribution to top up the fund ? I know the Flower arranging Team would really appreciate it Many thanks in advance Margaret Jackson.

Stay and Play: a huge thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time and energy to make the two weeks of Stay and Play sessions such a success. During that time we welcomed around 80 babies and children from more than 50 different families. A huge service to the community and a real reflection of our mission, this was so appreciated. Thank you all.

A 'Quarry' homegroup meets once a month usually on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the home of a group member. We chat over a cuppa, study the bible and prayer together. We welcome new members, if you would like to find out more please speak to a member of the clergy, or myself, Janet Masters.'

Requests for help for Open Weekend 14/15th Sept. We are looking for the following help for our open weekend to make it a success and to celebrate all we have been working towards over the past months. If you feel you are able to contribute in any way, a board will be at the back of the church for names 1. Welcomers for the visitors and tea servers for our new kitchen. 2. Cakes – if you feel you could contribute a cake to use over the weekend for teas that would be really helpful. If you feel you can help with any of these roles it really would be much appreciated. Margaret Taylor and Linda Davies (Church Wardens)

Holy Trinity Open Weekend: All are welcome! Do take posters/fliers to put up!

Saturday 14 September

11am – 4pm Open Doors: displays & refreshments in church

Narnia trail for children & families

7pm Evening Concert, showcasing Holy Trinity musicians

(£10 entry, including wine and nibbles at interval)

Sunday 15 September

10am Parish Eucharist with Confirmations and Blessing of the

church building by the Bishop of Oxford

2pm – 4pm Open Doors: displays & refreshments in church

Intercessions training: We are seeking to add to our rota of wonderful volunteers who read and lead prayers on a Sunday morning. If you have ever wondered about learning to write intercessions, please join us **10.30am-12noon on Saturday 28 September**. Existing volunteers are also encouraged to join to share tips and experiences. Contact Emily for more information (curate@hthq.uk).

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.

This week's Eco Tips: New season, new outfits? Herein food for thought! The fashion industry accounts for 10% of global emissions, whereas aviation accounts for 2%. How to reduce the 10%? Choose better clothes, wash them less often and at a lower temperature and they will last longer. Don't just dump unwanted clothing in the bin. Someone else might love your clothes when you no longer do. If they are still in good condition, start with charity shops and you'll know they are being appreciated. Many retailers take back clothes they have sold, offering a voucher towards a new purchase. NB All textiles can be recycled, including torn items, and that reduces the amount of waste sent to landfill. *Hilary Rollin, Eco Group*

Viridor's Energy Recovery Plant Tour

Curious about what happens to your rubbish after collection? Viridor's Energy Recovery Plant in Ardley offers free tours, giving you a firsthand look at how waste is transformed into energy for around 60,000 homes, diverting waste from landfill.

Visit www.viridor.co.uk to book in a tour and see how rubbish is turned into a valuable resource.

Eco Resources Summer 2024

If you are looking for information on ECO matters, you might like to follow the link below for ideas on book titles, links to Zoom sessions (live and recorded), talks etc. Hilary Rollin, Eco Church Group Go to: https://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources/

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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