Holy Trinity

Headington Quarry



Bible Sunday

27th October 2024

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

Hymn 379 (t.721)

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

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

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

George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959)

The president says

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

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

cf Hebrews 4.12

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 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

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

Please be seated

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 55.1-11

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Please stand. We repeat the refrain.



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

Gospel reading: John 5.36b-end

The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

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

Sermon

Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

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: Robert Twycross, Adam Owen.

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Mavis Reade, Susan Lloyd, Jennifer Croxford, Graham Young, Samantha Kent, Alfred Ramsey, Marian Simmons, David Prince.

And at the end

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

The Peace

Please stand

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Let the peace of Christ rule in 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 741

O Christ the same, through all our story's pages, our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears; eternal Lord, the King of all the ages, unchanging still, amid the passing years: O living Word, the source of all creation, who spread the skies, and set the stars ablaze, O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation, we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide, still as of old upon Your body bearing the marks of love, in triumph glorified: O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven, O Prince of Life, in all Your saving power, O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given, we bring our thanks for this the present hour.

O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping our lives and loves, our days and years remain, our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping, our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain: O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows, for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee, O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows, we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Lord Jesus, you nourish us at the table of your word and the table of your sacrament; as we feed on you, the bread of life, may we daily grow into your likeness. **Amen**.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please sit or stand as you are most comfortable

The Lord be with you and also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is your eternal and creative Word, through whom all things came into being; the Word made flesh who dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. He fulfils the Law and the Prophets, dying for our sins and rising again in accordance with the Scriptures. He stands among us in his risen power, opening to us his living word, and making himself known in the breaking of the bread.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

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.

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

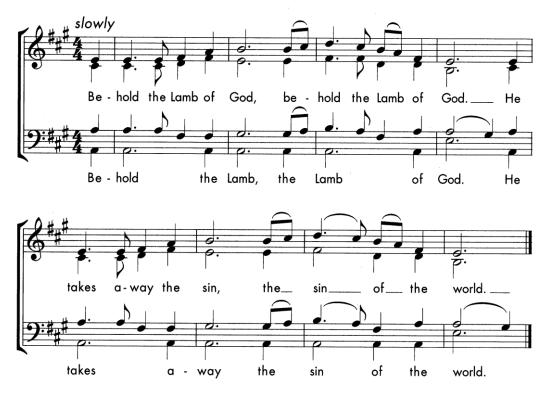
Please sit or kneel

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 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 stewards. We will form two lines to receive communion – the bread is distributed from the chancel step, and the wine is distributed from the lady chapel step. Please return to your pew via the north aisle. Stewards will be on hand to direct you!

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 669

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

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

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

Horatius N. Bonar (1808-1889)

Prayer after Communion

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; 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

Hymn 507

We have a gospel to proclaim, good news for all throughout the earth; the gospel of a Saviour's name:

we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem not in a royal house or hall but in a stable dark and dim, the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary, hated by those he came to save; in lonely suffering on the cross; for all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn: empty the tomb, for he was free. He broke the power of death and hell that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand, by all creation glorified. He sends his Spirit on his church to live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King: Jesus is Lord of all the earth. This gospel-message we proclaim: we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Edward Joseph Burns (b. 1938)

Please stand

The Blessing

Go now in peace, knowing that you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God; 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.

Voluntary: A Trumpet Minuet - *Alfred Hollins (1865-1942)*

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Please join us for refreshments, served at the back of church. 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. 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. If you would like to sign up to regular monthly giving, please visit <u>www.hthq.uk/giving-to-the-church</u> for more information.

Notices: October 27th

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 October 27th: Bible Sunday

8am Holy Communion President: Revd Dr Laura Biron-Scott 10am Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School President: Revd Peter Boulton-Lea Preacher: Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex Deacon: Revd Dr Laura Biron-Scott Organist: Andrew Patterson

Midweek Services

Morning Prayer: *Please note there will be no Morning Prayer during half term* Midweek Communion: 10am Wednesdays

Sunday November 3rd: All Saints' Day

8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School 6pm All Souls service

Please note that from November, our **pattern of Morning Prayer** will be shifting to **Tuesday and Thursday** mornings at 9am. This will enable us to keep a steady pattern of worship into the vacancy. All the books for morning prayer are available in the Lady Chapel for use by anyone – you are welcome to use these for prayer with or without clergy present.

A prayer for the end of the project:

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 thank you for guiding us through to the completion of the building project. Keep us united in vision and focus as we celebrate this milestone, and grant us your peace. in the name of Jesus Christ our Cornerstone. Amen.

URGENT HELP NEEDED TODAY at 6.30pm to clear the Coach house main room in preparation for resurfacing floor works commencing 8am Monday 28th October. We need to move the chairs, tables and piano into another part of the building. Some will go in the store room and there is room in the Jackson room. **We do urgently need some help** with this as the firm will not do the job unless the room is clear. Please will you consider helping as many hands make light work! Contact Churchwardens Margaret and Linda. Thank you.

Robert Twycross Our dear friend Robert died in the early hours of Monday morning. The whole family had come to be with Deirdre as she nursed him through the last hours of what had become an increasingly debilitating illness. Robert achieved so much during his lifetime of work in palliative care. I want to pay tribute to him as a deeply loving and caring man and very good friend. Robert was never afraid to shed tears about so many things that distressed or upset him both at the personal and at the national and international level. When David and I arrived at Holy Trinity in 2008, Robert and Deirdre were the first couple that we got to know. They welcomed us for meals and David and Robert would enjoy long theological chats. Robert was a rock for me when David was dying and put us in contact with the great palliative care services that operate through Michael Sobell House. Over the years I have kept good contact with Robert and I was always struck by his deeply personal faith Christian faith which he loved to talk about. In the early days of our being at Holy Trinity Robert and Lionel Tarasenko were leading courses for any of us to join to explore the Christian faith more deeply and they were wonderfully rich evenings.

I rarely saw Robert without Deirdre at his side and their love for each other and the people they welcomed into their home from all over the world was beautiful to experience.

We will miss him and we will have Deirdre and their family so much in our minds and hearts over these next weeks and months. Sue Saville.

Autumn Fair Thank you to everyone who donated items or came to the Fete last Saturday. We were so lucky with the weather. We banked just over £1,312 in cash to which we can add £110 taken on the card machine. The completed Gift Aid forms are estimated to raise about another £260 to add to the total. *Our thanks to the hardworking Fete organisers*

Fete committee: Derek and Margaret Taylor (765051), Mike and Lisa (768077), Linda & Howard (765003), Janet Foot (762450)

All Souls Service 3rd November 6pm If you would like to have a name read out, please write this on the list at the back of church. Thank you.

Date for your diary Laura's last service at Holy Trinity will be the 10am Service on November 24th. There will be a lunch celebration in church after the service, so look out for more updates in the notices.

Church Cleaning team members needed Now that the extension is complete, and we have more space to keep clean, we are looking for people to augment the cleaning teams. We currently have teams of 2, who clean every 5th week. Could you help in this role? If so please speak to Janet Masters or the wardens to find out more to see if you can help out.

Julian Group. The November meeting will be on Friday 1st November 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 01865-769630 **HTHQ 175 Talking History** the HTHQ175 committee have put together a programme of talks celebrating Holy Trinity's 175th Anniversary year: **Wednesday 6 November** Remembrance Commander John Drummond **Wednesday 4 December** Blessed Virgin Mary Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex **Wednesday 8 January** C.S. Lewis's Oxford Prof Simon Horobin *Further dates to be announced.*

The evening begins with refreshments at 6.45pm, the talk beginning at 7pm, and discussions close at 7.45pm. All are welcome in church.

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe is coming to Aylesbury Waterside Theatre in 2025! I have reserve seats for **Saturday 11th** October 2025 at 2pm seat cost £28 each please let me know if you're interested as a deposit will have to paid by Christmas. Frances Farrar. - <u>frances.farrar23@gmail.com</u>

Laura to leave Holy Trinity. All who attend worship at Holy Trinity, and all who listen to broadcasts of our services whether at home or from hospital, will welcome the good news that the building work has very nearly been completed. We, therefore, feel great gratitude to our Vicar, the Revd. Laura Biron-Scott, whose faith, prayerfulness, perseverance, dedication and capacity to get along with other people, have guided us safely to so happy a conclusion. However, one of Laura's predecessors at Holy Trinity used to say that the reward for good work is more work, and that proves to be true in Laura's case as well. Laura will, in fact, be leaving the Parish at the end of November to take on a role of ministry in an academic environment as Chaplain of Balliol College, Oxford. So our joy is tinged with sadness at her departure, but a sadness relieved by the thought that she will remain close by and we still might hope to see her from time to time. We ask for God's blessing upon Laura and we pray for her ministry in her new calling.

Tots Mornings open to all babies, toddlers, and preschoolers in term time in the Coach House on **Tuesdays**. Stay & Play will be 10-11am and Story & prayers 11am – 11.15am. No need to book just come along. All are welcome.

Hearing Loop Update: we're very sorry that our loop system is not working at the moment. We expect to have it back in action by the end of the month. Our sincere apologies for the inconvenience.

This week's Eco Tips: Although most tea bags are made from natural plant fibres, some brands use polypropylene (a kind of plastic) to heat-seal them. Some use plastic in the bag itself. Avoid tea bags which come with plastic, and use leaf tea instead. Or why not get creative and brew your own blend? Try fresh mint leaves with lemon grass and/or slices of fresh ginger or lemon. *Hilary Rollin, Eco Group*

Save the Date: Our next Eco Talk: On Thursday November 14th Judy Webb, local ecologist and Chair of Friends of Lye Valley will give a presentation on **Restoring the rare Lye Valley fen**, this precious asset, right on our doorstep. Venue: The Coach House, starting at 7.30, with refreshments at 7.15pm Hilary Rollin, HTHQ Eco Group

Eco Resources Autumn/Winter 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: <u>https://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources/</u>

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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