

Holy Trinity
Headington Quarry



Harvest Festival
Sunday 6th October 2024

The Gathering

Music Group Introit: Come all ye people (DETAILS)

Words of welcome

Hymn 282

Please stand

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home:
all be safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest-home!

All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
grant, O harvest Lord, that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall purge away
all that doth offend, that day;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

Then, thou Church Triumphant, come,
raise the song of harvest-home;
all be safely gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there for ever purified
in God's garner to abide:
come, ten thousand angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home!

Henry Alford (1810-1871)

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.

Opening Responses

From the rising of the Sun to its going down
the name of the Lord be praised.

Lord of the heavens, for the wonder of Creation
we praise you

Lord of all nations, for the richness and variety of our harvest
we praise you

Lord of all our lives, for the power and promise of your love
we praise you.

**Lord of this place, we give you thanks
for creating, sustaining and enriching all life.
Amen**

Prayers of Penitence

We gather in thanksgiving for the many blessings of this life:
for food, shelter, family, friends and all that we are grateful for.

And we gather in sorrow for the ways in which we have failed to
share God's abundant harvest with others.

God has blessed us,
but still God's children go hungry.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

God has blessed us,
but still the poor cry out for justice.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

God has blessed us,
but still we see inequality and oppression in the earth.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The God of all mercies forgive you your sins,
and pour upon you the healing spirit of love, peace and
gentleness. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father.
To God be glory forever
To God be glory forever
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen

Glory to God, Glory to God, Son of the Father.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Son of the Father.
To God be glory forever
To God be glory forever
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen

Glory to God, Glory to God, glory to the Spirit.
Glory to God, Glory to God, glory to the Spirit.
To God be glory forever
To God be glory forever
Alleluia Amen
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Peruvian Liturgical Text, ed. John Ballantine (1945)

The Prayer for the Day

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Gospel Reading

Please stand. We repeat the refrain.

CELTIC ALLELUIA



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

Gospel reading: Matthew 6:25-33

Jesus said, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field,

which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Anansi Story

The Anansi stories come from Ghana, in Africa. Anansi is sometimes a spider and sometimes a man.

It was market day, and all the animals were spending their wages. Anansi saw his friend Rat, scurrying along, carrying a brown paper bag. Anansi, being a curious sort of spider, wanted to know what was in it. “Good morning, Rat!” he said. “I see you have bought something in the market.” “I have bought a bunch of bananas,” said Rat. “You are lucky,” said Anansi. “I have no bananas, but you have a whole bunch. I have no food for the little ones and baby spiders are always hungry.”

Rat felt sorry for Anansi. “I suppose I could give you these bananas,” he replied. He held out the brown paper bag and Anansi looked inside. “Oh, dear!” he cried. “There are only four bananas – but there are five spiders in my family. My wife, myself and our three children.” “Well, I only have four bananas,” said Rat. “I will take them, thank you very much,” said Anansi. He grabbed the brown paper bag and set off for home.

“Look what I’ve brought you from the market!” said Anansi, holding up the bunch of bananas. “They look delicious, Anansi. But there are only four bananas,” replied his wife. “There are five of us.” “Oh, don’t worry about me,” said Anansi. “I will go hungry today. Eat one banana yourself, and give the other three to the children.”

“You are so kind, my dear Anansi. Always thinking of other people! But you must eat! You can have half of my banana.”

“And you can have half of mine,” squeaked the oldest spider baby.

“And half of mine!” squawked the middle spider baby.

“And half of mine!” squealed the youngest spider baby.

Each of them gave Anansi half a banana. And he ate every single bit.
"Mmmmmm!"

How many bananas did Anansi eat altogether?

That's right – two! Two whole bananas!

And his wife, and the oldest spider baby, and the middle spider baby,
and the youngest spider baby, only had half a banana each. Clever
Anansi!

Talk

Andrena Palmer, Church Army Officer

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel

These responses may be used

Lord of the harvest
Hear our prayer

Please 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, Robert Twycross.*

Those who have died recently:
Adam Owen.

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:
Thomas Blake, William Blake, Kathleen Baker, Alan Jeffcote,
Clare Ritchie, Agnes Day, Lorna Wallace.

The Peace

Please stand

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Hymn 290

We plough the fields, and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand:
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes, and the sunshine,
and soft, refreshing rain.
*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.*

He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.
All good gifts...

We thank thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts.
All good gifts...

Matthias Claudius (1740-1815) tr. Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878)

Taking of the Bread and Wine Prayer

Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

Please remain standing or sit or kneel, as you are most comfortable

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator,
loving and faithful,
holy and strong.
You made us
and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.
You send your Spirit
to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.
And so we join the angels
to celebrate and sing:

**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!**

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

Bells are rung

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Bells are rung

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

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.

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The tempo is marked 'slowly'. The lyrics are: 'Be - hold the Lamb of God, be - hold the Lamb of God. — He' and 'Be - hold the Lamb, the Lamb of God. He'. The second system of the score continues with the lyrics: 'takes a - way the sin, the sin of the world. —' and 'takes a - way the sin of the world.'.

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.

Music Group

We shall break bread (Words and music: John L Bell)
God bless to us our bread (DETAILS)

Hymn 284

For the fruits of all creation,
thanks be to God;
for the gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Prayer after Communion

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards of those good things
which we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**God of power,
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,
may the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve and
worship you
now and always.
Amen.**

The Sending Out

Hymn 656

Please stand

He's got the whole world in his hand.
He's got the whole wide world in his hand.
He's got the whole wide world in his hand.
He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got you and me, brother, in his hand.
He's got you and me, brother, in his hand.
He's got you and me, brother, in his hand.
He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got you and me, sister, in his hand.
He's got you and me, sister, in his hand.
He's got you and me, sister, in his hand.
He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got everybody here in his hand.
He's got everybody here in his hand.
He's got everybody here in his hand.
He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got the whole world in his hand.
He's got the whole wide world in his hand.
He's got the whole wide world in his hand.
He's got the whole world in his hand.

African-American traditional song

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace,
be of good courage; hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak; help the afflicted;
honour everyone; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
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: Trumpet Voluntary – John Stanley (1712-1786)

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 www.hthq.uk/giving-to-the-church for more information.

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Notices: 6th October

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 6th: All Age Harvest Festival

8am Holy Communion

President: Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

Preacher: Andrena Palmer, Church Army Officer

10am All Age Parish Eucharist

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Preacher: Andrena Palmer, Church Army Officer

Deacon: Revd Dr Laura Biron-Scott

Organist: Andrew Patterson

6pm Harvest Choral Evensong

Preacher: Revd Dr Laura Biron-Scott

Readings: Deuteronomy 8.6-17; Matthew 4.23-5.20

Psalm 65

Hymns: 541 (t.231), 24

Canticles: Dyson in F

Anthem: Thou visitest the Earth – Greene

Responses: Ayleward

Midweek Services

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

Midweek Communion: Wednesdays at 10am

Sunday October 13th: Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist and Forest Sunday School

A prayer for the end of the building 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.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service we encourage everyone to make a donation to a local foodbank on this occasion when we remember to give thanks for the blessings we have and the need to share them more justly.

Details here: <https://www.givefood.org.uk/needs/at/community-emergency-oxford/donationpoint/waitrose-headington/>

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.

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)

HTHQ175 Talking History the HTHQ175 committee have put together a programme of talks celebrating Holy Trinity's 175th Anniversary year:

Wednesday 16 October Our Church Building Revd Dr Laura Biron-Scott

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 talking beginning at 7pm, and discussions close at 7.45pm. All are welcome in church.

Frideswide Pilgrimage CANCELLED we are sorry to announce that due to recent heavy rainfall making pilgrim routes unsafe, the Cathedral have taken the decision to cancel the pilgrimage on Saturday 19 October.

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 on Tuesdays 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: With winter approaching, why not make a draft-excluder 'sausage' to put at the bottom of an exterior door? All that's needed is a length of fabric about 10cms longer than the width of the door and 25cms wide (an eco choice would be left-over curtain fabric), a needle, thread, some stuffing. No need for shop-bought stuffing; improvise with clean old tights/ old towel. Fold your fabric lengthways with the right sides together, and stitch them along one end and the open side (by hand if you've no sewing machine, or are helping a child). Turn your sausage right side out. Insert your stuffing. Stitch up the other end.
NB There is still time to make one or more for sale at the Autumn Fete!
Hilary Rollin, Eco Group

Save the Date: The Autumn Eco Talks Series starts with water engineer David Ramsbottom speaking on: 'Floods, causes, alleviation and complications on **Wednesday October 23rd**. On Thursday November 14th Judy Webb of Friends of Lye Valley will give a presentation about Lye Valley SSSI- this very precious asset, right on our doorstep. Exact title tbc. Both talks will be in the Coach House, starting at **7.30pm** with refreshments at 7.15pm. Hilary Rollin, 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: <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.*



Open to all voice parts, the Choir meets for rehearsals on Thursday evenings. They currently aim to sing twice a month: at Choral Evensong and at our Parish Eucharist, plus special services at Christmas and Easter.

MUSIC AT HOLY TRINITY

Music is an important part of our worshipping life and we are always delighted to hear from musicians who would like to join us.

Music Group sings at our Parish Eucharist once a month. Combining chant, song, and world music, the Music Group is a more informal option, singing contemporary music in a variety of styles.



For more information, contact office@hthq.uk

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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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