

Holy Trinity
Headington Quarry



Christ the King
24th November 2024

Voluntary: "In dir ist Freude" (BWV 615) *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

Introit: O Radiant Dawn – *James MacMillan (1959-)*

Words of welcome.

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

Hymn 766

Please stand

Praise, my soul the King of heaven,
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia,
glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes;
Alleluia, alleluia,
widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise with us the God of grace.

Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

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

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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

Gloria

Firmly (♩ = 108) *f*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on
6 earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-might-y God and
10 Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
14 glo-ry. *mf* Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the
20 Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
25 world: *p* have mer-cy on us; *cresc.* you are sea-ted at the
29 right hand of the Fa-ther: *f* re-ceive our prayer. For
33 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
37 you a-lone are the most high, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly
41 *ff* Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - - men.

The Collect

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
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

First Reading: Revelation 1.4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come,
and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus
Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the
kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us
to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and
dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was
and who is to come, the Almighty.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

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: John 18.33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

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 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:

Joan Miles, Benedict Alexis, Arthur Miller, Robert Twycross.

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Robert Harvey, Kym Grey, Sheila Dunsmuir, Gemma Richardson

And at the end

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

The Peace

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 489

From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served, but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said. *This is our God...*

Come, see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered. *This is our God...*

So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Blessed be God,
who enthrones us with Christ in the heavenly realms.
May we feed upon the bread of God
and drink the royal wine of heaven.
Blessed be God for ever.

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.

For with the oil of gladness
 you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,
 to be our great high priest and king of all creation.
 As priest, he offered himself once for all
 upon the altar of the cross
 and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace.
 As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,
 that he may bring before your infinite majesty
 a kingdom of truth and life,
 a kingdom of holiness and grace,
 a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

And so with angels and archangels
 and all the heavenly host,
 we proclaim your glory
 and join their unending hymn of praise:

Easily (♩ = 100) *mp* UPPER VOICES ONLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

mf ALL *cresc.*

God of power and might, God of power and might,

f

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

ff

san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Quiet and reflective (♩ = 100) *p*

Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the

mp warmly

Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the

p hushed

high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of 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.

Bells are rung

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

Bells are rung

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life
and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.
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.**

Agnus Dei

Gently flowing (♩ = 63)

mf CONGREGATION



Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.
p Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
a little slower
Grant us, grant us peace.

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.

Choir Anthem If ye love me – Thomas Tallis (c1505 – 1585)

Please join in with the hymn

Hymn 604

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

Richard A.M. Gillard (b. 1953)

Prayer after Communion

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through 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

Liturgy of Farewell and New Beginnings

The vicar says:

As I journey onward, I give thanks for those with whom I have lived and worshipped alongside here for these past five years – for the people of this parish whose fellowship has enriched, encouraged and taught me so much.

Glory be to God

I now lay down my ministry in this place.

The Vicar hands over the church keys to the Churchwardens

I return these keys to your hands as a symbol of the responsibility we have shared that I now return to you and the people of this church.

I pray that you would know God's presence with you and be strengthened by the gift of God's Spirit.

Glory be to God

The congregation prays:

**As we enter this time of vacancy,
we commit to supporting the Church Wardens
and one another,
that we might enter the new chapter of our life together
united in faith, hope, and love.**

The vicar prays:

As I move to begin a new ministry, I pray to be faithful in all
God asks of me.

Glory be to God

The congregation prays:

**As you begin this new stage in your life, we pray that
you may grow and flourish in every way, and bear fruit
for God.**

**As you walk through the good times and the bad,
We pray that you may never lose sight
of the shelter of God's loving arms.**

**We praise and thank you,
God of the journey,
for all that is ending and beginning now for Laura.
We thank you for all she has been to us.
We entrust her into your loving care,
knowing that you are always the faithful traveller
and companion on the Way.
Shield and protect her from harm and anxiety.
Grant her the courage to meet the future
and grace to let go into your new life.
Through Christ our Saviour.
Amen**

Hymn 365

Please stand

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
*all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus :
all are welcome...

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
all are welcome...

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
all are welcome...

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter :
all are welcome...

Marty Haughen (b. 1950)

The Blessing

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,
that you may reign with him in glory;
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

A minister says

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

Voluntary: Fugue in Eb "St Anne", BWV 552 *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

The exit voluntary is a little longer than usual (7 mins), and is selected to honour our departing vicar, along with the choral selections in today's service. The music team and choir have been very grateful for Laura's magnificent support and involvement in the music at HTHQ. This attractive fugue has become known as the "St Anne", because the opening theme sounds like William Croft's hymn tune "O God our help in ages past", but in fact Bach composed it before Croft lived. The fugue is in three parts, following the symbolism of the Holy Trinity, with the Father described in the opening section, the Son in the lighter middle section; and Holy Ghost bringing the themes together in the triumphal conclusion. *Andrew Patterson*

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Notices: November 24th

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 November 24th: Christ the King

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School

President: Revd Laura Biron-Scott

Preacher: Revd Laura Biron-Scott

Deacon: Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

Organist: Andrew Patterson

Sunday December 1st: Advent Sunday

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School

President: Revd Margaret Whipp

Preacher: Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

Deacon: Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

Organist: Andrew Patterson

6pm Advent Carol Service

Midweek Services

Morning Prayer: 9am Tuesday and Thursdays in the Lady Chapel

Midweek Communion: 10am Wednesdays

Laura's last service at Holy Trinity is **today** at the **10am** Service. There will be a lunch celebration in church after the service. All are welcome.

Please sign the cards at the back of church to say goodbye to Laura.

Save the date The Bishop of Oxford formally license Laura to her new post at Balliol College Chapel on Sunday January 19th at 5.30pm. All are welcome to attend the service of Choral Evensong. We ask for God's blessing upon Laura and we pray for her ministry in her new calling.

A prayer to celebrate 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.

Bake-a-thon Fundraiser for HTHQ Eco initiatives and for WWF raised £110.35 with all cakes bought! Our thanks to the girls from our *Empowered* Group for their hard work and for everyone who supported the event.

Advent Carol Service a service of readings and music for Advent will be held at **6pm on Sunday 1 December**. All are welcome as we look forward in hope to the coming of Christ.

Christmas as Holy Trinity 2024:

Carol Singing Pilgrimages

Wednesday 18 December & Friday 20 December beginning at 4.30pm

All-age Nativity Service

Sunday 22 December at 10am

Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 22 December at 6pm

Christingle Services

Christmas Eve at 2.30pm & 4pm

Midnight Mass

Christmas Eve at 11.30pm

Christmas Day

8am Said Communion

10am Family Eucharist

Hearing Loop Update: This is now up and running for all services.

Headington Fairtrade closure. It is with great sadness that Headington Fairtrade which has been trading for nearly 15 years is to close at the beginning of January. Headington Fairtrade (formally known as The Windmill) was started by a group of people with a passion for Fairtrade - 3 of the original 5 directors came from Holy Trinity and it grew out of a monthly church Traidcraft stall. Due to a combination of factors outside our control, the time has come to cease trading. Please do support the shop during the last few months of trading and carry on buying Fairtrade goods in the future; it really does make a difference. Rachel Walding.

Posada 2024. What is Posada all about? During the evenings leading up to Christmas Day, a nativity set of Mary and Joseph travel around the parish, visiting a different member of our church family every night. This provides a great opportunity to meet new church members or get to know others a little better as you transport Mary and Joseph to the next home on the rota. There is a prayer to say as you welcome them into your home and as you set them off on their journey to the next one. If you would like to offer Mary and Joseph a home for the night this Advent, please contact Helen Dancer at helen@nsolve.com or phone: 07854173016 (text probably best), giving me suitable dates and I will add you to the rota. I have also given Helen Day access to the rota (Parish Office), so you can contact her to take part. I will have the rota with me in church, so catch me after the service to sign up. I hope there will be room in your inn this year! Helen Dancer

Christingle oranges Our thanks for the generous offers of donations to pay for the oranges. Helen will be in touch shortly with more information.

HTHQ 175 Talking History the HTHQ175 committee have put together a programme of talks celebrating Holy Trinity's 175th Anniversary year:
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 be paid by Christmas. Frances Farrar. - frances.farrar23@gmail.com

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.

This week's Eco Tips: Warm Spaces: Don't wait for the official ones to be announced! Reduce the use of fossil fuels and/or the pressure on the National Grid and brighten up someone's day by inviting them round to your 'Warm Space'. *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.*

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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