

Holy Trinity
Headington Quarry



The Second Sunday of Advent

8th December 2024

Welcome to Holy Trinity Headington Quarry—the ‘village’ church in the city. Wherever you are on your walk with God, we hope you will feel welcome here. If you have questions or need help with anything, please speak to one of the welcomers at the door. It’s easy to worry about what to do in church, but the most important thing is that you find time to be with God. The words of the service are in this booklet—please join in the responses in **bold**.

Advent is a time of waiting, watching and joyful preparation. It anticipates the coming of Christ from three different perspectives: as the Christ-child in Bethlehem, in our hearts daily, and in glory at the end of time. The season offers the opportunity to share in the ancient longing for the coming of the Messiah, and to be alert for Christ’s Coming among us.

As we keep this time of watching and waiting, may we become more deeply aware of the presence of Christ in the quietness and in the darkness—and may the Holy Spirit prompt us to a loving awareness of the presence of Christ in unexpected places and situations.

A prayer as you prepare for worship:

O gracious and holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive you,
intelligence to understand you, diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you
a heart to meditate on you, and a life to proclaim you;
through the power of the Spirit of
Jesus Christ our Lord.

(St Benedict, 480-543)

Words of welcome. After we light the Advent wreath, children are welcome to join the Forest Sunday school taking place

Hymn 46

Please stand

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent sets thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

Jordanis oras praevia

Charles Coffin (1676-1749) translated by John Chandler (1806-1876)

The president says

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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

On each Sunday of Advent, we light a new candle on the Advent Wreath.

Advent 2: Prophet voices (Hymn 26)

**Prophet voices loudly crying,
making pathways clear;
glimpsing glory, self-denying,
calling all to hear.
Through their message—challenged, shaken—
hearts awaken: God is near!**

After the candle is lit:

The people who walked in darkness
Have seen a great light
Jesus is the light of the world
A light no darkness can ever put out.

Prayers of Penitence

The deacon introduces the prayers of penitence

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

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.**

Kyrie

Andante

10 Organ *mp* Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy. *mf* Christ have
mp mer-cy, Christ have mer-cy. Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy.

The president says

The almighty and merciful Lord
 grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins
 time for amendment of life,
 and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray:

Almighty God,
 purify our hearts and minds,
 that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
 judge and saviour
 we may be ready to receive him,
 who is our Lord and our God.
Amen.

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Baruch 5

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God.
Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;
for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.
For God will give you evermore the name,
'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'.

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look towards the east,
and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.
For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;
but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.
For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills
be made low
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.
The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God's command.
For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Please stand.

Gospel Reading

We repeat the chant (600) as the gospel book is carried forwards:

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.**

The gospel is announced

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

Gospel reading: Luke 3.1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,
'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." '

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

Sermon

Revd Prof Rob Gilbert

The Nicene Creed

Please stand

Let us declare our faith in our coming Lord

**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. These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

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, Janet, Mollie Wilson, Maureen,
Helen Day.*

Those who have died recently:

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

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Albert Allcock, Alan Carter, Jean Berryman, Isobel Hodgson.

And at the end

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

Please stand

In the tender compassion of our God,
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

Hymn 593

At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now:
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation
sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces,
all the hosts of light,

thrones and dominations,
stars upon their way,
all the heavenly orders,
in their great array.

Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious
when from death he passed:

Bore it up triumphant
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory,
of that perfect rest.

Name him, Christians, name him,
with love strong as death,
but with awe and wonder
and with bated breath:
he is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted, and adored.

In your hearts enthrone him;
there let him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true:
crown him as your Captain
in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you
in its light and power.

Surely, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory,
with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877)

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.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For when he humbled himself
to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed long ago
and opened for us the way of salvation.
Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory
for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Moderato

10 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly_ Lord, God of_

19 power and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in_ the

high - est. Bles-sed is he, O bles-sed is_ he who comes in the name of the Lord._

28 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na_ in _ the high - est.

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.

Deacon: Christ is the bread of life:

Acclamation

Moderato *mp*

When we eat this bread and drink this cup we pro-claim your

10 *mf* *ff*

death, Lord Je - sus, un - til you come in glo - ry, un - til you come in glo - ry.

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

Slowly

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy_ on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy_ on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant_ us peace.

Invitation to 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. If you wish to receive the chalice, please hold the base of the chalice and guide it towards your lips – the person administering the chalice will not let go of it in the process. 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 24

Earth was waiting, spent and restless,
with a mingled hope and fear,
faithful men and women praying,
'Surely, Lord, the day is near:
the Desire of all the nations —
it is time he should appear!'

Then the Spirit of the Highest
to a virgin meek came down,
and he burdened her with blessing,
and he pained her with renown;
for she bore the Lord's anointed
for his cross and for his crown.

Earth has groaned and laboured for him
since the ages first began,
for in him was hid the secret
which through all the ages ran —
Son of Mary, Son of David
Son of God and Son of Man.

Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)

Prayer after Communion

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

The Sending Out

Hymn 32

Come, Thou Redeemer of the earth,
And manifest Thy virgin birth:
Let every age adoring fall;
Such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will,
But of the Spirit, Thou art still
The Word of God in flesh arrayed,
The saviour now to us displayed.

From God the Father He proceeds,
To God the Father back He speeds;
Runs out his course to death and hell,
Returns on God's high throne to dwell.

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
And darkness glow with new-born light,
No more shall night extinguish day,
where love's bright beams their power display.

All praise eternal Son, to Thee,
whose advent sets Thy people free,
whom, with the Father, we adore,
and Holy Ghost, for evermore. Amen.

St Ambrose (340-397), trans. J.M. Neale (1818-1866)

The Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes 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

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary - Opening Movt. Sonata No.3 in A Major (Opus 65)
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Please do join us for refreshments at the back of church or in the warmer meeting room after the Service. 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: The First Sunday of Advent

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 December 8th: The First Sunday of Advent

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

Sunday December 15th: The Second Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion
President: Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex
10am Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School
President: Revd Prof Rob Gilbert
Preacher: Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex
Organist: Andrew Patterson

Midweek Services

Morning Prayer: 9am Tuesday and Thursdays in the Lady Chapel
Midweek Communion: 10am Wednesdays

Thank you from Laura: Thank you all so much for the wonderful send-off you organised on 24th November. Everything about it was so special - the music, speeches, amazingly generous presents, delicious food, and all the messages of love and gratitude. I feel so blessed to have served at Holy Trinity's Vicar and I will be holding you all in my prayers as I prepare to move. You are warmly welcome to my licensing service on January 19th at 5.30pm at Balliol College Chapel. With love and prayers, 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 for the vacancy:

God of vision and hope,
we thank you for all who have ministered here
throughout the history of this church.
In this time of vacancy,
may we continue to grow in love,
share in responsibility,
and seek your vision for our future,
in the name of Jesus Christ, our shepherd and our guide.
Amen.

Christmas at 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

Carol Singing on 18th and/or 20th December. All are welcome, but we would particularly appreciate some strong singers to lead us. All are very well known carols and we'll be stopping off at the houses of those who may not be able to get out to services with us this Christmas.

We will set off at **4.30pm** and finish with mulled wine/hot chocolate at 6pm. On Wednesday **18 Dec** we'll be leaving from URC Collinwood Road and journeying through Risinghurst; on **Friday 20 Dec** we'll be leaving from Holy Trinity Church and looping through Wood Farm.

Please let Helen know if you're able to join for either or both of these evenings. And do spread the word to anyone you think might like to come – all ages welcome. office@hthq.uk

Join us for some festive gingerbread cookie decorating on 15th
December **3 - 5pm** at the coach house.

All our welcome please RSVP by Wednesday 11th December so we have an idea of numbers. Any small donation towards costs is welcome.

frances.farrar23@gmail.com

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

The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe is coming to Aylesbury waterside theatre in 2025 I have the last few seats available for Saturday 11 October 2025 at 2pm seats are £28 each please let me know if you are interested by 22nd December as the booking needs confirming and paying for early January frances.farrar23@gmail.com

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

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.

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.

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.

This week's Eco Tips: Donating a goat to a family in poverty in the Third World has become common-place, but let's not forget that alternative of buying Christmas presents in charity shops - good for the charity, good for you, all round! *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 below) or Helen Day, Janet Masters, or Anne Tarassenko.

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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