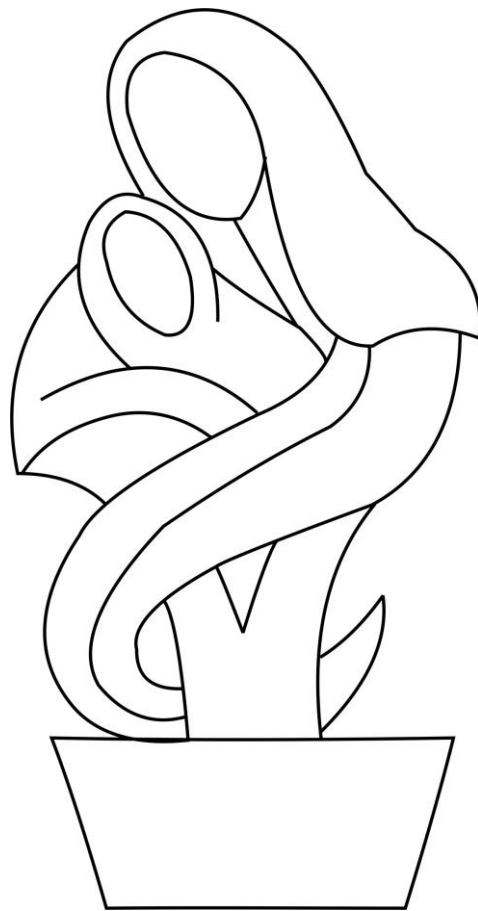




Holy Trinity Headington Quarry

An open door between heaven and earth,
showing God's love to all



Mothering Sunday

Sunday 30th March 2025

Words of welcome

Hymn 739

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Nun Danket, trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Greeting

Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

Opening Prayer

**Lord Jesus, as we gather in your name
to sing your praise,
to hear your story,
and to receive your gifts,
fill us with your love,
your peace and your joy.
Amen.**

Receiving God's Forgiveness

Please sit

Let us call to mind the ways in which we have
failed to love one another as Christ loved us,
and let us seek the embrace of God's forgiveness and peace.

Silence for reflection

Your love gives us life from the moment of conception,
yet we fail to live as your children.
Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

You call us to do good,
yet we seek our own good.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

You hear us when we cry for help,
yet we ignore the cries of others.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

The president says

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by the Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Prayer for the Day

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Reading Exodus 2:2-10

The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She saw that the baby was healthy and beautiful, so she hid him for three months. When she couldn't hide him any longer, she took a reed basket and sealed it up with black tar. She put the child in the basket and set the basket among the reeds at the riverbank. The baby's older sister stood watch nearby to see what would happen to him.

Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe in the river, while her women servants walked along beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds, and she sent one of her servants to bring it to her. When she opened it, she saw the child. The boy was crying, and she felt sorry for him. She said, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children."

Then the baby's sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Would you like me to go and find one of the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?"

Pharaoh's daughter agreed, "Yes, do that." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I'll pay you for your work." So the woman took the child and nursed it. After the child had grown up, she brought him back to Pharaoh's daughter, who adopted him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I pulled him out of the water."

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading

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

Gospel Reading: John 19:25b-27

Jesus' mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene stood near the cross. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

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

Talk

Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

Affirmation of Faith

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

As children of a loving God
let us pray to the Lord who is our refuge and stronghold.

This response is used

God of love

Hear our prayer

We pray for those who are sick or in particular need:

Grace, Josie, Kitty Datta, Atmadeep Novo Datta, Bob Southgate, Benjie, Pam, Madeline Tarrant, Hunter Merritt, Maureen, Elizabeth, Christine, Janet Lever.

Those who have died recently:

Owen Tollman, Kenneth Sanders, Tony Buttolph, Enid Owens.

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

Michael Dibdin, Clint Townsend, Anne Wilcock, Christopher Hewetson, Joy McCallum

Loving God, accept these our prayers,
and through them transform us and all creation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Peace

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says,
'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'
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 747

O, God, you search me, and you know me
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze
When I walk or lie down, you are before me
'Ever the maker and keeper of my days

You know my resting and my rising
You discern my purpose from afar
And with love everlasting, you besiege me
In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord
You have known its meaning through and through
You are with me beyond my understanding
God of my present, my past and future, too

Although your Spirit is upon me
Still I search for shelter from your light
There is nowhere on Earth I can escape you
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight

For you created me and shaped me
Gave me life within my mother's womb
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

Preparation of the Table

The President takes the bread and wine and says

With this bread that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body,
wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.
We shall remember Jesus.

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:

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.

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

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.

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 587

Timeless love! We sing the story,
 praise his wonders, tell his worth;
 love more fair than heaven's glory,
 love more firm than ancient earth!
 Tell his faithfulness abroad:
 who is like him? Praise the Lord!

By his faithfulness surrounded,
north and south his hand proclaim;
earth and heaven formed and founded,
skies and seas, declare his Name!
Wind and storm obey his word:
who is like him? Praise the Lord!

Truth and righteousness enthrone him,
just and equal are his ways;
more than happy, those who own him,
more than joy, their songs of praise!
Sun and Shield and great Reward:
who is like him? Praise the Lord!

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926) based on Psalm 89.1-18

Prayer after Communion

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed
by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever.

Amen.

A Maori version of the Lord's Prayer, from the New Zealand Prayer Book

The Sending Out

Hymn

As truly as our father,
God is our mother too:
she bore the whole creation,
her beauty shining through.
'I am the light and grace', she says,
'which is all blessed love.
From darkest void I formed you,
the blossom and the bud'.

Our God, she is the eagle
who shelters us from harm;
and safe beneath her feathers
is comfort, hope, and calm.
'I am the unity', she says,
as gathered 'neath her wings
we find again, together,
the wholeness that she brings.

Our mother God is with us
to teach us how to be
one world entwined together
in all diversity.
'I am the trinity', she says,
'that living dance of love;
come further in, and learn to dance
below as we above'.

'I am the living water,
the well within the Word.
Your thirst is never-ending;
your restless hearts still yearn.
'It is I that make you love', she says,
'it is I that make you long,
and I that call you onwards
to your eternal home'.

In God is love eternal,
in which we once were formed.
Our end, as our beginning;
the hope to which we're called.
'I am the true eternal fulfilment of desire,
the three-in-one, the light, the way,
the all-consuming fire'.

Emily Hockliffe Essex

The Blessing

May the Lord who brought us all to birth,
strengthen us for daily life.
May the Lord who provides for all our needs
sustain us day by day.
May the Lord whose steadfast love is for all,
send us out to live and work for others.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Dismissal

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

Please do collect a daffodil posy outside of church. You are welcome to take one to remember your mother or any mothering influence in your life, or to give to someone you think would appreciate it. Our grateful thanks to Bernie and Frances Farrar for making the posies.

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Notices: Mothering Sunday

Sunday Mar 30th: Mothering Sunday

8am Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

10am All-Age Eucharist

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Deacon: Revd Canon Margaret Whipp

Organist: David Knight

Midweek Services

Morning Prayer: 9am Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Lady Chapel.

Sunday Apr 6th: Passion Sunday

8am Holy Communion

10am Parish Eucharist

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.

Lent Course: This Wednesday **6-7pm** in church with refreshments served from 5.45pm. Come along to explore together the landscape of prayer and reflect on how we can deepen our relationship with God.

Julian Group. The April meeting will be on **Friday 4th April 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**

Concert - Saturday April 5th – 2pm -4pm. A young talented violinist has offered to perform for us. She is local and would like to give something back to the community. Her name is Skye El-shirbiny and she is a pupil at the Royal Academy of Music, and attended the local schools. The concert will include pieces on the violin and also a performance from our own Emily. It is aiming to make this inclusive to families. There will be a refreshment interval and the concert is free, but donations to the church will be welcome. Please put this date in your diary and come and bring any friend to support this lovely young musician who has made this offer. Margaret Taylor (01865 765051)

Early Warning: We plan to hold a Fundraising Spring Tea for Christian Aid again this year on Saturday 10 May. If you would like to contribute plants or other things, now is a good time to get growing/making! Also please let me know if you would like to help run a stall or something else. Diane Mason (dem2010@live.co.uk)

A big **thank you** for the generous new large mat at the church entrance from a kind member of the congregation.

Easter flowers If you would like to contribute to the flower fund to help our wonderful team beautify the church for Easter, you can speak to Margaret Woodcock or contact the Parish Office. We are always grateful for any donations.

Electoral Roll - Preparing for the Annual Church Meeting 14 May 2025
EVERYONE needs to do this! This is the year in which the Church of England decrees that our electoral roll (list of members) be scrapped, and that we prepare a completely new one.
So no matter when you first joined the roll, whether 60 years or a couple of months ago, you need to fill in a new application form. Printed forms are available in church and can be returned either to church or direct to me at 3 New Cross Road. The form is also available on the church website, and can be

downloaded, filled in online and emailed to me – it does not need to be physically signed if it comes from your email address.

If you have not been listed on our roll before – please sign up. It gives you a vote at the meeting and helps us to know how many of us there are. The only qualifications are that you have been baptised (in any Christian denomination) and that you either live in the parish or have attended Holy Trinity regularly over the past six months. **Your applications must reach me by the end of Sunday 13th April!** If you have any problems or questions please get in touch! Thank you.

Joan Jones, Electoral Roll Officer, electoralroll@hthq.uk , 07710611250

The Parish Office please send any notices for the week on Tuesdays or information requests by email only office@hthq.uk Many thanks.

Wood Farm Community Projects a number of projects are beginning in the Wood Farm area of our parish, including monthly litter picks, planting bulbs around the estate, and organising a community fete to take place in August. If you might be interested in helping out or want to find out more, speak to Emily.

HTHQ 175 Talking History

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

Wednesday 9 April Racial Justice Revd Emily Hockliffe Essex

Wednesday 7 May Morris Dancing Michael Heaney

Wednesday 4 June Our changing church Revd Canon Dr Margaret Whipp

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

Our Community Café is now up and running: **9.30am-11.30am on Tuesday mornings**. All are welcome, and most especially families with young children, as the meeting room will be set up for tots to play.

Marston Eco Hub at St Nicholas Church, Old

Marston, <https://stnicholasmarston.org.uk/eco-hub> is open 8.00-21.00 daily. Those missing Headington Fair Trade Shop, please note that we have an arrangement whereby members of Holy Trinity may use the self-service Eco Hub with its large range of eco products. Just take along your purse and clean empty refillable bottles, marked with how many millilitres they hold.

This week's Eco Tip: Mothering Sunday means flowers! Until the 1950s, most flowers sold in the UK were grown in the UK, then came the 'Flying Dutchman' flower lorries in the 80s. and today 86% of all cut flowers sold in the UK are imported. Fine specimens indeed, bred to have ruler-straight stems, and be fragrant-free since the effort to smell sweet uses energy that could otherwise increase vase-life. Flowers are for enjoying, but these qualities are achieved by the use of pesticides, and often in countries where workers' rights are less regulated. Something to take into account... Hilary Rollin, Eco Group

Eco Resources for Spring 2025: For suggestions on information re Eco Matters, including reading material, links to Zoom sessions etc. 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, Anne Tarassenko, or Ruth Wooldridge.

Regular Giving at HTHQ If you currently give regularly via a Standing Order or another way, please consider cancelling that and switching to the Parish Giving Scheme. To start giving through the Scheme: (i) access the Scheme's website through the QR code below and click on "Regular Giving," or visit <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/headington-quarry-holy-trinity-oxford/> (ii) call the Scheme on 0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm, and they will take all of the information needed to complete a new Direct Debit instruction for you.



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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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