

# wantage parish



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

## Order of Mass & Newsletter

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Mthr Mary Harwood celebrant and preacher at 5pm  
Fr Benji Tyler, celebrant & preacher 8, 9.15 & 10.30

This booklet contains all you will need to follow today's Mass.  
Everyone is encouraged to join in the text in **bold**.

If you normally receive Holy Communion, you are welcome to do so this morning. If you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer at Communion, please indicate this to one of the stewards before the service.

Please see the end of this booklet for our Covid-19 precautions.



May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

*All* **Amen.**

## **Gloria**

*We say the Gloria together*

*All* Glory to God in the highest,  
**and peace to his people on earth.**  
**Lord God, heavenly King,**  
**almighty God and Father,**  
**we worship you, we give you thanks,**  
**we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**  
**Lord God, Lamb of God,**  
**you take away the sins of the world:**  
**have mercy on us;**  
**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**  
**receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**  
**you alone are the Lord,**  
**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**  
**with the Holy Spirit,**  
**in the glory of God the Father.**  
**Amen.**

## **The Collect**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit  
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:  
grant that your people may be fervent  
in the fellowship of the gospel  
that, always abiding in you,  
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Readings

*Sit*

#### **First Reading: Isaiah 50.4–9a**

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backwards.

I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put  
to shame; he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

All of them will wear out like a garment;  
the moth will eat them up.

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 116.1–8**

*R/I* will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

I love the Lord,  
for he has heard the voice of my supplication;  
because he inclined his ear to me  
on the day I called to him.

The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pains of hell took hold of me;  
by grief and sorrow was I held. *R/*

Then I called upon the name of the Lord:  
'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.'  
Gracious is the Lord and righteous;  
our God is full of compassion. *R/*

The Lord watches over the simple;  
I was brought very low and he saved me.  
Turn again to your rest, O my soul,  
for the Lord has been gracious to you. *R/*

For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.  
I will walk before the Lord  
in the land of the living. *R/*

## **Second Reading: James 3.1–12**

A reading from the Letter of James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

*At the end the reader says*  
This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

*An acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.*

Alleluia, alleluia!

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord: and to sing praises unto your name, O Lord most high.

*All* **Alleluia!**

**Gospel Reading: Mark 8.27–end**

*When the Gospel is announced, the priest says*

The Lord be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

*At the end the priest says*  
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**The Creed**

*All* **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,  
*Bow [until 'and was made man']*  
 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.**

*Kneel or sit*

### **Prayers of Intercession**

**Intention** *(for inclusion, please contact the Parish Administrator)*  
 Janice, John, Sarah, Cohen, Howard, Michael, Margaret

	<i>This response is used:</i>	<i>or</i>
	Lord, in your mercy,	Lord hear us
<b>All</b>	<b>hear our prayer.</b>	<b>Lord, graciously hear us</b>

*And at the end:*  
 Merciful Father,  
**All accept these prayers  
 for the sake of your Son,  
 our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*Stand*

### **The Peace**

*A sentence of introduction is used*

The peace of the Lord be always with you

*All* **and also with you.**

*The altar is prepared and the celebrant invites the people to pray.*

Pray brothers and sisters,  
that this my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

*All* **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name, for our good,  
and the good of all his holy Church.**

### **Prayer over the Offerings**

Grant, we beseech you, O Lord our God: that this saving victim may  
effectually avail, both for the cleansing of our souls from all their sins, and  
for the obtaining of the favour of your almighty power.

*All* **Amen.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The celebrant praises God for his mighty acts.*

*At the 10.30am Mass the choir sings the Sanctus & Benedictus from  
Communion Service in C (John Ireland)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.*

Great is the mystery of Faith.  
**Christ has died**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

*The prayer continues leading to the doxology*

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us  
*All* Our Father, **who art in heaven,**  
**hallowed be thy name;**  
**thy kingdom come; thy will be done;**  
**on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread.**  
**And forgive us our trespasses,**  
**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**  
**And lead us not into temptation;**  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,**  
**for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Fraction**

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.**

*At the 10.30am Mass the choir sings the Agnus Dei from Communion Service in C (John Ireland)*

## **Agnus Dei**

O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.

## **Giving of Communion**

*All adore the sacred host*

Behold the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

*All* **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*Holy Communion is administered. If you normally receive Holy Communion then you are welcome to do so today.*

*If you would prefer to come forward for a blessing then please bring this order of service with you to indicate to the priest your intention.*

*Please wait until you are called forward by a steward and remember to sanitise your hands before receiving Holy Communion.*

*At the 10.30am Mass the choir sings The Call of Wisdom (Will Todd)*

## **Communion Antiphon**

The bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

## Prayer after Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;  
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,  
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,  
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*Any notices are given.*

## The Dismissal

*Stand*

The Lord be with you  
*All* **and also with you.**

*A blessing is given*  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*At the 9.15am and 10.30am Masses, everyone is welcome to join in singing the following hymn if they would like to. We ask that you continue to wear a face covering when singing.*

*Christ triumphant*

1. **Christ triumphant ever-reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King,  
Lord of heav'n, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing.**

*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown,  
the eternal name.*

2. **Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
Power and majesty concealing  
by your humble birth:**
3. **Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,  
victim crucified!  
Death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified:**
4. **Priestly King, enthroned for ever  
high in heaven above!  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love:**
5. **So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing  
this shall be our song**

*Michael Seward*

*Organ voluntary (10.30am Mass) – Postlude (Norman Gilbert)*

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

**Monday 13 September** – *John Chrysostom, bishop*

9.00am Morning Prayer (Parish Church)

9.30am Mass (Parish Church)

**Tuesday 14 September** – *Holy Cross Day*

9am Morning Prayer (Parish Church)

7pm Mass (Holy Trinity)

7.30pm Confirmation Class ii (Holy Trinity)

**Wednesday 15 September** – *Cyprian, bishop, martyr*

9am Morning Prayer (Parish Church)

9.30am Mass (Parish Church)

7pm Mass and PCC meeting (Holy Trinity)

**Thursday 16 September** – *Ninian, bishop*

9am Morning Prayer (Parish Church)

9.30am Mass (Parish Church)

**Friday 17 September** – *Hildegard, abbess*

12pm Mass (Parish Church)

**Saturday 18 September**

1pm Wedding of Karen and Colin (Parish Church)

5pm Vigil Mass (Holy Trinity)

**SUNDAY 19 September – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

8am Mass (Parish Church)

9.15am Mass (Holy Trinity)

10.30am (Parish Church)

Sacrament of Penance (Confession)  
is arranged by appointment with Fr Benji.

*Readings next Sunday:*  
Isaiah 50.4-9a ~ Psalm 116  
James 3.1-12 ~ Mark 8.27-end

## NOTICES

### **Covid precautions – next steps**

The churchwardens, Jan and David, are keeping our Covid precautions under review each week, mindful that infection rates remain high and that some worshippers may be particularly vulnerable. We continue to encourage people to wear face coverings in church and to use the hand sanitiser which is available.

Following the latest review of Covid precautions, the **centre aisle pews at the Parish Church** have been put back in their normal positions. If you are comfortable with this, it would be great to see them well used, freeing up the pews in the north and south aisles for those who would prefer to remain more socially distanced. If you need help finding a seat where you feel secure, please speak to a Steward.

**The livestreaming team are taking a break.** For the future, we are looking at the option of livestreaming regularly once a month, with the possibility of also livestreaming special services at times like Christmas and Easter. Watch out for news of when livestreaming will start again.

From Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September, both the 9.15am and 10.30am Masses will include one **hymn**. This will be at the end of the Mass for **everyone to join in singing** if they would like to, as an experiment ahead of discussion at the forthcoming Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting about resuming congregational singing. We should be grateful if you would continue to wear a face covering when singing the hymn.

Our PCC is meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September and will review all our Covid precautions then, thinking about how things might evolve in future. This discussion will include the children's play area and refreshments after services. We are keen to hear what you think. **If you have any views or comments**, please speak to one of the churchwardens or the PCC secretary, Bob Chaplow, or send them an email by the end of today.

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## NOTICES

### **Education Sunday – today!**

Today is Education Sunday, run by the Churches of the Ridgeway Benefice. Go along to St Mary's, Childrey for an afternoon of readings and art by local school pupils. Starting at 3pm, with refreshments to follow.

### **Anniversary mass cancellation – from Fr Benji and the wardens**

Mindful of the risks that gathering in excessive numbers poses, it has been agreed to cancel the proposed anniversary mass on the 25<sup>th</sup> September. There are, however, other opportunities to celebrate together as a parish – at the confirmation service on the following day as well as the Harvest Lunch on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are sorry for any disappointment this may cause and are grateful to all who had offered to help in any way.

### **Harvest Lunch**

This will take place at 12.30pm on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October in Holy Trinity. It will be the first opportunity for the Parish Family to gather socially for some 18 months and will, we hope, be a celebration not just of Harvest but of looking to the future together. If you are planning to attend, please contact Jane or Benita, who will contact folk about contributions to the catering in due course.

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**Greenfields School Thokoza** is still performing well, but has problems with the water supply and electricity – facilities that no neighbours for a large distance south can enjoy and they cause serious problems by attempting to tap into the school's connections. We are not sending school uniform pullovers at the moment because so few people fly to Johannesburg, but still badly need to raise funds to solve these two problems. We need to attempt to raise more money than we have over the last year. Also, Judy would be grateful for empty jam jars with lids and tins or boxes in which she can sell biscuits in December.

Judy Tren: (01235) 769 515

### **Ride & Stride**

This took place yesterday, and we congratulate and thank our ride & striders and church welcomers respectively!

Simon Jones from the parish took part. If you would like to sponsor him, please decide on your donation (per mile, per church visited, or however

you choose) and pay via the PCC account. All the money is donated to OHCT and then they return a portion to each parish. Thank you!

Address: Barclays Bank, Market Place Wantage.

Account name: PCC of Wantage

Account number: 60696595

Sort code: 20-90-91.

Please ensure that you reference your donation 'Ride and Stride'.

### **Flower donations**

Any weekly donations of garden flowers and/or greenery for either church by Saturday morning would be gratefully received. For further details contact Fr Benji.

## **More Stewards required for our 10.30 Sunday Mass.**

Bill Jestico is looking for additional members of the congregation to include on the Stewards Rota.

Meet, Greet, Seat and Assist  
when people come forward to receive communion.

If you feel you could be a Steward on one Sunday a month,  
please contact Bill either in person,  
or by phone: 07716 014819 or by email: [jestico@btinternet.com](mailto:jestico@btinternet.com)

**Thank you**

## **OUR COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS**

### **When to stay at home**

Please do not come to church if you have had a positive test, have symptoms of Covid 19 or have been told to self-isolate.

### **Signing in**

You are encouraged to sign in on entering the church, using the Covid-19 app, or on paper.

### **Sanitising**

Hand sanitiser is available on entering / leaving church and before Communion.

### **Communion**

In line with many churches, we shall continue to offer Communion in one form only.

### **Face coverings**

You are encouraged to wear a face covering in church buildings, especially when entering, leaving or moving around the building, or when you are not distanced from others.

You can support the parish financially as you leave church using the contactless machine.

A basket is available if you are only able to use cash.  
Our preferred way of giving is by Direct Debit.

We use the Church of England's Parish Giving Scheme to manage our donations and Gift Aid. If you would like more information, please contact our Treasurer David Law.

*Please take this booklet home with you  
or place it in the recycling bin as you leave church.*

**GO IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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