

wantage parish

## **Order of Mass & Newsletter**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

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

## WELCOME TO THIS MASS

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.

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.

### Our Covid-19 precautions

The precautions we have taken in our churches will remain in place for the time being. Please continue to:

- Wear face coverings (unless you are exempt)
- Sanitise your hands on entering and leaving church and before receiving Holy Communion
- Provide your name and contact details on arrival, or log in using the NHS-Covid-19 app
  - Maintain social distancing

We have rearranged pews and seats in the Parish Church a little, seeking to maximise the space available as numbers at Mass increase. Please work with our stewards to optimise the use of the space available.

One positive change is the opportunity to mingle outside of church after Mass, in numbers up to thirty. Please do take advantage of this opportunity to meet and greet each other, but resist the temptation to mingle in church. And, of course, please avoid blocking pathways in the churchyards.



Lord, have mercy  
**Lord, have mercy**

Kyrie, eleison  
**Kyrie, eleison**

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

## **Gloria**

*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**

Let us pray.  
Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good things:  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us with all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
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: Jeremiah 23.1-6**

A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

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

#### **Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23**

***R/*The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures

and leads me beside still waters.

He shall refresh my soul

and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ***R/***

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ***R/***

You spread a table before me  
in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil  
and my cup shall be full. *R/*

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. *R/*

## **Second Reading: Ephesians 2.11-end**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

*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!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,  
says the Lord,  
I know them and they follow me.

*All* **Alleluia!**

### **Gospel Reading: Mark 6.30-34, 53-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.**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

*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

*This response is used*  
Lord, in your mercy,  
*All* **hear our prayer.**

*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

Christ is our peace.  
He has reconciled us to God  
in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and share his peace.

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 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

Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord,  
as she makes her prayer to you,  
and grant that, when consumed by those who believe,  
they may bring ever greater holiness.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
*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 and all respond by saying:*

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer*

Great is the mystery of faith:  
*All* **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.**

## **Agnus Dei**

*All* **Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

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.*

## **Communion Antiphon**

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord.  
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me,  
I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.

## Prayer after Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,  
ever giving himself that the world may live:  
may we so receive within ourselves  
the power of his death and passion  
that, in his saving cup,  
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Any notices are given.*

## The Dismissal

*Stand*

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

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
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.**

*Organ voluntary: Choral No.3 in A minor – César Franck*

*Please remember to clean your pew or seat. Wipes are available from the stewards if you didn't bring any.*

*Please leave church beginning from the rear of the building, one pew at a time. (At the 10.30am Mass only, please use both doors).*

*You are very welcome to meet and greet people outside, in numbers up to thirty, but please do not mingle in church.*

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

**Monday 19 July** – *Gregory and Macrina*

9.30am Mass (Parish Church)

**Tuesday 20 July**

7pm Mass (Holy Trinity)

**Wednesday 21 July**

9.30am Mass (Parish Church)

8.00pm Contemplative Prayer (Parish Church)

**Thursday 22 July** – *Mary Magdalene*

9.30am Mass (Parish Church)

**Friday 23 July**

12pm Mass (Parish Church)

**Saturday 24 July** – *James the Apostle*

5pm Vigil Mass (Holy Trinity)

**SUNDAY 25 July** – **James the Apostle**

8am Mass (Parish Church)

9.15am Mass (Holy Trinity)

10.30am (Parish Church)

Morning Prayer: Monday - Saturday at 9am (Parish Church)

Evening Prayer is said privately.

Sacrament of Penance (Confession) is arranged by appointment.

*Next Sunday's Readings:*

Acts 11.27-12.2

Psalm 126

2 Corinthians 4.7-15

Matthew 20.20-28

## **NOTICES**

### **This Newsletter**

Items for inclusion should be sent to the Parish Administrator, Pamela Allen, by 9am on Thursdays. She may be contacted by email or by telephone: 01235 764533.

### **COVID Guidance**

Church of England guidance, following the lifting of COVID restrictions, is expected this week and we will respond once published.

### **9.15am Mass**

Numbers will be limited to twenty (20) individuals at Holy Trinity due to social distancing requirements. Booking is ESSENTIAL and will be via the Parish Office. If you wish to attend you should contact the Parish Administrator, Pamela Allen, by email or telephone (764533) by 3pm on the preceding Thursday.

### **Live-streaming Mass**

The 10.30am Mass will be live-streamed on our Facebook page. We are currently committed to providing this until 18<sup>th</sup> July and thank all our live-streaming volunteers who are facilitating this service.

### **Julian Prayer**

Julian Prayer is taking a summer break and will resume in September.

### **Open the Book**

This week's story is quite a timely one, focusing on the healing power of Jesus – remotely! We don't know what the Centurion's servant was suffering from, or whether Jesus would have used Zoom to aid his work had it been available, but if you would like to see how Jesus healed the suffering servant, click on the link in the e-newsletter.

This is the last Open the Book video for the term, and we are hopeful that we will be able to visit the school again next term. If not, we now have the skills to carry on providing this service for the school. Since March 2020 we have produced 32 story videos, many of which were written by the team due to copyright restrictions on the usual material. We have gained a new member of the team, bringing the group to eight, and over the last 16 months we have also been supported by eight children and two additional storytellers in France, all filmed at home. Overall, our videos have been viewed around 1000 times by members of the school community and church. We hope that you have enjoyed them – we have certainly had a lot of fun making them!

## **Thokoza**

There will be a stall to raise money for Thokoza school on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July from 8am to 12noon outside Greggs or in the West End. Help is needed to set up at 8am at the Parish Church and put away at 12noon, or on the stall itself. Please contact Sue Thwaite 07769 875628 if you are able to help.

## **Incidents on the North side of the church**

There have been several instances recently of young people gathering on the North side of the church. The most recent incident turned violent, with police called to the King Alfred's Head. We have been advised by the Neighbourhood Action Group not to confront anyone acting inappropriately around the church, but to report this to the police. The Churchwardens are actively engaging with the police, the Town Council and the Wantage Neighbourhood Action Group to address this issue.

## **Chaplaincy Team Leader**

I am delighted to tell you that The Vale Academy Trust and the churches in and surrounding the Wantage Area in conjunction with the Community of St Mary the Virgin are pleased to announce that we have appointed Rachel Woods as Chaplaincy Team Leader to work and minister in this area beginning on 1<sup>st</sup> September. Rachel will be working in the schools and with the local churches, setting up a team and network to give pastoral support, encourage wellbeing and deepen spirituality. Rachel will bring her creative gifts and her deep faith in the Lord Jesus to serve the Lord with us in our schools.

I do hope you and your church fellowships will be willing to receive a visit from Rachel and myself to see how you might support this with your prayers, time and perhaps even financially. John Durant (Vicar of Vale Benefice)

## **Little People**

Does anyone have girl's uniform for Charlton School for a girl who is 9 but needs clothes of a 13-year-old size?

Also needed: clothes suitable for girls going to Wantage Primary Academy, sizes 4-5 years and 7 years?

White polo shirt with or without logo or plain white buttoned shirt; school purple jumper or cardigan with logo; navy trousers, pinafore, shorts or skirt; checked purple gingham summer dress (from April until October half term); navy or white socks or tights.

For PE: House-coloured T-shirt for PE with school logo; black shorts

Please contact Jacky if you can help: [jackymattam@btinternet.com](mailto:jackymattam@btinternet.com). Thank you.

**Prayer** (*for inclusion, please contact the Parish Administrator*)  
Janice, Shirley, John, Sarah, Cohen, Michael

**RIP**

Audrey McGovern

**Year's mind**

George Ridgway, priest

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