

# wantage parish



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

## Order of Mass & Newsletter

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity *Battle of Britain Sunday*

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.

*Please stand when the bell is rung.*

Be merciful unto me O Lord, for I will call upon you daily: for you, O Lord, are good and gracious, and of great mercy to all those who call upon you.

✠ In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

*The celebrant welcomes the congregation.*

### **Prayers of Penitence**

Brothers and sisters,  
Let us acknowledge our sins,  
And so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

*All* Almighty God, **our heavenly Father,**  
**we have sinned against you,**  
**and against our neighbour,**  
**in thought, and word, and deed,**  
**through negligence, through weakness,**  
**though our own deliberate fault.**  
**We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins.**  
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**  
**who died for us,**  
**forgive us all that is past**  
**and grant that we may serve you in newness of life**  
**to the glory of your name.**  
**Amen.**

Lord, have mercy                      *or*                      Kyrie, eleison  
*All* **Lord, have mercy**    **Kyrie, eleison**

Christ, have mercy                      Christe, eleison  
**Christ, have mercy**    **Christe, eleison**

Lord, have mercy                      Kyrie, eleison  
**Lord, have mercy**    **Kyrie, eleison**

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: Mass of Ss Peter & Paul (John Ridgway)*

*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**

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers  
of your people who call upon you;  
and grant that they may both perceive and know  
what things they ought to do,  
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;  
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: Wisdom 1.16–2.1, 12–22**

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

But the ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death;  
considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him,  
because they are fit to belong to his company.  
For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves,

‘Short and sorrowful is our life,  
and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end,  
and no one has been known to return from Hades.

‘Let us lie in wait for the righteous man,  
because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions;  
he reproaches us for sins against the law,  
and accuses us of sins against our training.  
He professes to have knowledge of God,  
and calls himself a child of the Lord.  
He became to us a reproof of our thoughts;  
the very sight of him is a burden to us,  
because his manner of life is unlike that of others,  
and his ways are strange.  
We are considered by him as something base,  
and he avoids our ways as unclean;  
he calls the last end of the righteous happy,  
and boasts that God is his father.  
Let us see if his words are true,  
and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;  
for if the righteous man is God’s child, he will help him,  
and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.  
Let us test him with insult and torture,  
so that we may find out how gentle he is,  
and make trial of his forbearance.  
Let us condemn him to a shameful death,  
for, according to what he says, he will be protected.’

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

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

### **Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 54**

*R/I* will praise your name, for it is gracious.

Save me, O God, by your name  
and vindicate me by your power.  
Hear my prayer, O God;  
give heed to the words of my mouth. *R/*

For strangers have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless seek after my life;  
they have not set God before them. *R/*

Behold, God is my helper;  
it is the Lord who upholds my life.  
May evil rebound on those who lie in wait for me;  
destroy them in your faithfulness. *R/*

An offering of a free heart will I give you  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is gracious.  
For he has delivered me out of all my trouble,  
and my eye has seen the downfall of my enemies. *R/*

### **Second Reading: James 3.13–4.3, 7–8a**

A reading from the letter of St James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

*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!

O sing unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvellous things.

*All* **Alleluia!**

**Gospel Reading: Mark 9.30–37**

*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.**

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent,

for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

*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

#### **RIP**

William McMichael

*This response is used:*

	Lord, in your mercy,	<i>or</i>	Lord hear us
All	<b>hear our prayer.</b>		<b>Lord, graciously hear us</b>

*And at the end:*

All Merciful Father,  
**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, O Lord, we pray, that by the protection of your holy sacraments,  
we may ever be defended against all the assaults of the devil.

*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  
Collegium Regale (Herbert Howells)*

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 Collegium Regale  
(Herbert Howells)*

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 Beati quorum via (Charles Villiers Stanford)*

## **Communion Antiphon**

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts

## **Prayer after Communion**

Almighty God,  
you have taught us through your Son  
that love is the fulfilling of the law:  
grant that we may love you with our whole heart  
and our neighbours as ourselves;  
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.*

*O THOU who camest from above,*

**O thou who camest from above  
the fire celestial to impart,  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
on the mean altar of my heart!**

**There let it for thy glory burn  
with inextinguishable blaze,  
and trembling to its source return  
in humble prayer and fervent praise.**

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
to work, and speak, and think for thee;  
still let me guard the holy fire,  
and still stir up the gift in me.**

**Ready for all thy perfect will,  
my acts of faith and love repeat;  
till death thy endless mercies seal,  
and make the sacrifice complete.**

*Charles Wesley*

*Organ voluntary (10.30am Mass) – Prelude & fugue in F major (Flor Peeters)*

*The 10.30 service is followed at 12 noon by a Service of Commemoration of the Battle of Britain, with the laying up and blessing of Standards.  
All are welcome to attend.*

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

**Monday 20 September** – *John Coleridge Patterson*

9am Morning Prayer (Parish Church)

9.30am Mass (Parish Church)

**Tuesday 21 September** – **Matthew the Apostle**

9am Morning Prayer (Parish Church)

7pm Mass (Holy Trinity)

7.30pm Confirmation Class iii (Holy Trinity)

7.30pm MAGs Meeting (Parish Church)

**Wednesday 22 September** – *Ember Day*

9am Morning Prayer (Parish Church)

9.30am Mass (Parish Church)

8pm Exposition and Benediction

**Thursday 23 September**

9am Morning Prayer (Parish Church)

9.30am Mass (Parish Church)

**Friday 24 September** – *Ember Day*

12pm Mass (Parish Church)

**Saturday 25 September** – *Lancelot Andrews, Bishop*

5pm Vigil Mass (Holy Trinity)

**SUNDAY 26 September** – **17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

8am Mass (Parish Church)

9.15am Mass (Holy Trinity)

10.30am Mass with Baptisms & Confirmations (Parish Church)

12.30pm Holy Baptism

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

*Readings next Sunday:*

Numbers 11.4–6, 10–16 ~ Psalm 19.7–end

James 5.13–end ~ Mark 9.38–end

# OUR SEARCH FOR A NEW INCUMBENT –

## IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

There will be a **Parish Consultation Meeting** in the Parish Church, on the evening of **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October** (time to be confirmed), **to help inform and direct our search for a new incumbent.**

All parishioners are warmly invited. We are in discussion with Charles Chadwick, the Parish Development Adviser, about the exact form this will take.

To ensure that everyone has an opportunity to be involved, and mindful that some will have reservations about a face-to-face meeting, we shall run an accompanying Parish-wide survey, accessible to all. Look out for more details next week, but for now, please hold the date.

Jan and David (Churchwardens)

## NOTICES

### **Harvest Fest! Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

Let us together make this year's festival one to remember! There is so much for which to give God thanks, not only a good harvest and seasonal weather but also our health and preservation through the pandemic. All donations of fresh fruit and vegetables, plus the usual tins and jars will be warmly received at both churches, either in advance or on the day. Also greenery and flowers. You may have a glut of plums or apples (etc.) that could be brought for a 'bring and share' – don't hold back! Donations will be made to the Wantage Mix and distributed to all who are in need.

### **Harvest fest! will include a**

**Harvest Fest! Lunch** at 12.30pm at Holy Trinity Church. It will be the first opportunity for the Parish Family to gather socially for some 18 months and will be a celebration not just of Harvest but of looking to the future together. If you are planning to attend, please contact Angie Rushton (01235 763187 / [angierushton@googlemail.com](mailto:angierushton@googlemail.com)) or Jane Haine (01235 763157 / [jane.haine.jh@googlemail.com](mailto:jane.haine.jh@googlemail.com)) for place reservations and for offers of food. There will also be a raffle, and if you would like to donate a gift for this please contact Angie.

### **Concert– “Stand” with Sharon Tedford**

*You are invited* Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30pm, Wantage Baptist Church (doors open at 7pm). Join for an inspiring evening of songs, stories and scriptures from Sharon's latest album and book. Entry is free, with an opportunity to donate to Wantage and Grove Street Pastors. Booking is required, either by email: [wantageandgrove@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:wantageandgrove@streetpastors.org.uk) or by phoning WGSP admin: 07554 655 594.

### **Ride & Stride**

Thank you to all who welcomed Riders & Striders at the Parish Church and at Holy Trinity on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>. We had nearly 20 visitors at both churches. Also to Simon Jones and friends who cycled on behalf of our parish. Please let Andrew and Ann Gregory or Simon have any sponsor monies (or follow Simon's instructions for paying directly) by the end of October.



The churchwardens 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.

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.

Our PCC met on 15<sup>th</sup> September to review all our Covid precautions. More news to follow.

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## **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 box as you leave church.*

**GO IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**



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