

wantage parish

Order of Mass & Newsletter

Sunday 2nd May 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

5pm Vigil Mass, 8am & 9.15am Masses

*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.

Please observe the following instructions to ensure we are Covid-19 secure:

Please use the QR code or give your name and telephone number to the steward to assist with the Government's Track and Trace system (all data will be destroyed after 21 days).

Sanitise your hands when entering and exiting the building.

At the point of Holy Communion, please wait until invited to come forward by a steward and sanitise your hands before receiving.

Holy Communion will be given in one kind only (i.e. just the Host).

Please remember to clean your seat or pew. Bring your own wipes if possible, otherwise see a steward. If you feel that you may struggle to clean your pew or seat, please inform a steward.

At the end of Mass, you should leave church one pew/row at a time, beginning with those sitting at the rear.

You are asked not to stay in church and have conversations.

Face coverings are mandatory.

Please stand when the bell is rung

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

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

All **Amen.**

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

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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,
through 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.**

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

Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

Christe, eleison
Christe, eleison

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.

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;

through Jesus Christ our risen 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: Acts 8.26-end

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was

passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22.25-end

R/ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the Lord shall praise him;
their hearts shall live for ever. *R/*

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
For the kingdom is the Lord's
and he rules over the nations. *R/*

How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship,
or those who go down to the dust kneel before him
He has saved my life for himself; my descendants shall serve him;
this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.
They shall come and make known his salvation, to a people yet unborn,
declaring that he, the Lord, has done it. *R/*

Second Reading: 1 John 4.7-end

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess

that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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!
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.

All **Alleluia!**

Gospel Reading: John 15.1-8

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

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me

you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life. 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

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who 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 God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
And the blessing of almighty God,
✠ the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you for ever.

All **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

At 9.15am and 10.30am Masses the Regina Caeli is said

Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven, **alleluia**;
He whom thou wast meet to bear, **alleluia**;
As he promised, hath arisen, **alleluia**;
Pour for us to God thy prayer, **alleluia**;

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia
All **For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**

Let us pray.

O God, who by the Resurrection of Thy Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ, didst vouchsafe to give joy to the whole world;
grant, we beseech Thee, that through His Mother, the Virgin Mary, we
may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

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 asked to leave the church and churchyard promptly, and not to mingle.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Monday 3 May

9.30am Mass (Parish Church)
10.45am Julian Prayer (via Zoom)

Tuesday 4 May – *English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation*

7pm Mass (Holy Trinity)

Wednesday 5 May

9.30am Mass (Parish Church)
8.00pm Eucharistic Exposition (Parish Church)

Thursday 6 May

9.30am Mass (Parish Church)

Friday 7 May

12noon Mass (Parish Church)

Saturday 8 May – *Julian of Norwich*

5pm Vigil Mass (Holy Trinity)

SUNDAY 9 May – *6th Sunday of Easter*

8am Mass (Parish Church)
9.15 Mass (Holy Trinity)
10.30 Mass (Parish Church with live-streaming)

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 10.44-end

Psalm 98

1 John 5.1-6

John 15.9-17

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.

9.15am Mass

We are delighted to announce that the 9.15am Sunday Mass will be returning to Holy Trinity from Sunday 9th May. Numbers will be limited to twenty (20) individuals 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. Please do not attend unless your place has been confirmed by Pamela. You will need to book each week and block bookings will not be accepted. If you are not successful in obtaining a place you may wish to attend the 5pm Vigil Mass also at Holy Trinity. Thank you to you all for your continued perseverance and patience during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Live-streaming Mass

From Sunday 9th May the 10.30am Mass will be live-streamed on our Facebook page, rather than the 9.15am Mass. We are currently committed to providing this until 20th June and thank all our live-streaming volunteers who are facilitating this service.

Julian Prayer meeting

There is no Julian Prayer meeting this week. Next meeting is on May 10th at 10.45 via Zoom. See the e-newsletter for the link.

The church is open

The Parish Church will now be open from 10am until 12noon every day. This is primarily for private prayer.

The parish choir & serving

We are planning for the choir and altar servers to return to the 10.30am Mass next Sunday, 9th May.

Contemplative Prayer & Eucharistic Exposition

The contemplative prayer group has resumed on Wednesdays at 8pm in the Parish Church, and alternates with a 30-minute service of Eucharistic Exposition, led by the clergy. 5th May is for Contemplative Prayer. All are very welcome to attend both of these times of prayer.

Annual Meetings elections

At the Annual Meeting of Parishioners Jan Ralston and David Richardson were elected as Churchwardens. At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting Simon Jones and Peter King were elected to the PCC, and Ann Gregory as a Deanery Synod Representative. The PCC have co-opted Ivie Johnson and Ben Mabbett for one year.

PCC secretary

No one has volunteered to take on this important role in the life of the Parish, consequently the PCC has not been able to appoint a Secretary. Please consider if you could do this role. More information is available from the outgoing Secretary, Lesley Royan, or Fr Philip.

Open the Book

The Open the Book Team are continuing to film a weekly story for the church school pupils and have enjoyed being back together, filming in the garden rather than separately in our own homes.

This week the story is of Jesus getting left behind in Jerusalem. The cast includes one of our junior storytellers and the film is shared with their parents' permission. If you would like to watch The Boy in the Temple, follow the link in the e-newsletter. For more information about Open the Book or if you feel inspired to join the team, please contact Jan Patten or Sue Hunter via the Parish Office.

Greenfields School, Thokoza

Please would you leave in the Parish Church any unwanted tins or boxes in good condition that Judy Tren can pack with biscuits to sell at the Dickensian Evening or other fund-raising events. Perhaps friends or neighbours might have some too? Many thanks.

Prayer *(for inclusion please contact the Parish Administrator)*

Janice, Shirley, Anne, Howard, John, Sarah, Cohen

RIP

Megan Price, Debbie Godfray

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