

wantage parish

**Order of Mass & Newsletter**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
**James the Apostle**

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

*Please stand when the bell is rung*

*At the 10.30am the choir sing the Processional Hymn, 'Come down, O Love divine'.*

### **Entrance Antiphon**

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee,  
Jesus saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother  
mending their nets and he called them.

✠ 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	<i>or</i>	Kyrie, eleison
<b>All Lord, have mercy</b>		<b>Kyrie, eleison</b>
Christ, have mercy		Christe, eleison
<b>Christ, have mercy</b>		<b>Christe, eleison</b>
Lord, have mercy		Kyrie, eleison
<b>Lord, have mercy</b>		<b>Kyrie, eleison</b>

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

**All Amen.**

## **Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest,  
**All 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**

Almighty ever-living God, who consecrated the first fruits of your Apostles  
by the blood of Saint James, grant, we pray, that your Church may be  
strengthened by his confession of faith and constantly sustained by his  
patronage. Through our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Readings

*Sit*

#### **First Reading: Acts 11.27-12.2**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

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

#### **Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145.10–19**

***R/I will bless you and praise you for ever, O God my King.***

All your works praise you, O Lord,  
and your faithful servants bless you.  
They tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your mighty power, ***R/***

To make known to all peoples your mighty acts  
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.  
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;  
your dominion endures throughout all ages. ***R/***

The Lord is sure in all his words  
and faithful in all his deeds.  
The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up all those who are bowed down. ***R/***

**R/I will bless you and praise you for ever, O God my King.**

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,  
and you give them their food in due season.  
You open wide your hand  
and fill all things living with plenty.  
The Lord is righteous in all his ways  
and loving in all his works. **R/**

The Lord is near to those who call upon him,  
to all who call upon him faithfully. **R/**

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4.7-15**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of 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!  
I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord,  
to go and bear fruit that will last.

**All Alleluia!**

## **Gospel Reading: Matthew 20.20-28**

*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.**

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.' He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.'

When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

*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.**

*At the 10.30am Mass during the Offertory the choir sings the hymn  
'Just as I am'*

*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**

Cleanse us, Lord, by the saving baptism of your Son's Passion, so that  
on the Feast of Saint James, whom you willed to be the first among the  
Apostles to drink of Christ's chalice of suffering, we may offer a sacrifice  
pleasing to you. 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.**

*At the 10.30am Mass the choir sings the Sanctus and Benedictus from 'Missa Aeterna Christi Munera' - Palestrina*

*The celebrant praises God for his mighty acts*

*(Translation)*

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 and the choir sings*



Great is the mystery of faith:  
Christ has died: Christ is ris-en: Christ will come a-gain.

*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.**

*At the 10.30am Mass the choir sings the Agnus Dei from 'Missa Aeterna Christi Munera' - Palestrina*

*(Translation)*  
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.*

*At the 10.30am Mass during Communion the choir sings 'Panis Angelicus' – César Franck*

## **Communion Antiphon**

They drank the chalice of the Lord,  
and became the friends of God.

## Prayer after Communion

Help us, O Lord, we pray, through the intercession of the blessed Apostle James, on whose feast day we have received with joy your holy gifts.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*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.**

*At the 10.30am Mass – Organ voluntary: Allegro Marziale – Harold Greenhill*

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

**Monday 26 July** – *Anne & Joachim, parents of the BVM*  
9.30am Mass (Parish Church)

**Tuesday 27 July**  
7pm Mass (Holy Trinity)

**Wednesday 28 July**  
9.30am Mass (Parish Church)  
8.00pm Eucharistic Exposition (Parish Church)

**Thursday 29 July** – *Mary, Martha and Lazarus*  
9.30am Mass (Parish Church)

**Friday 30 July**  
12pm Mass (Parish Church)

**Saturday 31 July**  
5pm Vigil Mass (Holy Trinity)

**SUNDAY 1 August**  
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:*  
Exodus 16.2–4, 9–15  
Psalm 78.23–29  
Ephesians 4.1–16  
John 6.24–35

## **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.

### **From Fr Benji**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to my postponed ordination, whether through presence and prayers, serving, sides-personing, singing and making music, live-streaming and in many other ways. All combined to make a service that was immensely special and memorable. I would also like to thank all who gave so generously towards my ordination gift - the chasuble is now in the design process and I look forward to using it for ministry in the parish and for the greater glory of God. I feel very blessed.

### **Live-streamers wanted!**

We're recruiting for new members of the Livestreaming team to help with the regular broadcast of our 10.30 service at the Parish Church in the months to come. It has emerged that the practice is not beyond human comprehension, and applicants will be given three consecutive Sundays of supportive, hands-on training before they join the vibrant, friendly and helpful team. Live-streamers always work in twos.

Please look out for an upcoming questionnaire about the live-streaming of the parish mass. The PCC would like your views, to help decide whether there is a continuing demand for this service. Even if there is a demand, it may prove difficult to sustain weekly broadcasts, as the number of volunteers has reduced.

Why not drop Andrew Gregory a line on [awl\\_gregory@hotmail.com](mailto:awl_gregory@hotmail.com) and he will provide full details.

### **Music**

We shall not yet resume congregational singing but will keep this under review. The choir will offer music as part of worship in the 10.30 Mass and at Choral Evensong at the Parish Church. In the immediate future the choir has been invited to sing on: 25 July (10.30 Mass); 15 August (10.30 Mass); 21 August (concert); and 22 August (10.30 Mass and Choral Evensong at 18.00).

A choir "Stavecation". Who could have come up with that pun! The Parish choir, having missed the chance of any sort of tour, at home or abroad in

recent months, we have come up with the idea of a 'Staycation tour' in Wantage. From 14<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August, we are planning a range of musical and social activities, and will be rehearsing in church daily. As well as the Masses listed above, we will be giving a short concert at the Church of the Holy Rood, Sparsholt on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> in the evening, and a 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert at the Parish Church on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August during the afternoon. We do hope members of the congregation will join us for either or both of our concerts. Please watch out for further details.

### **Flower donations**

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

### **Prayer Space**

Prayer Space is an initiative that provides school children with an opportunity to take time out of their busy lives to reflect and pray through the medium of simple, thought-provoking activities. Supported by BeSpace in Oxford, this is run by volunteers from churches and we have offered this to the Church School for many years. A number of you will have kindly given up some of your time to support this in the past.

Last year it proved disappointingly impossible to run Prayer Space at the school, so we were keen to try to do something for them this year. Although rather different to the way we normally operate, a small group of volunteers put together a programme of activities, on the theme of God's Wonderful World, for Years 5 and 6, which we delivered in the church. In the heat of a summer's day and after two years when outings have been extremely limited, this proved popular with children and staff and the children responded very positively to the activities we provided. We have made a small display of the children's work under the tower in the Parish Church, which will be in place until early next week, so do call in to take a look.

Many thanks to those who volunteered to come and lead these sessions. They have been very much appreciated by the school.

### **Church School Leavers' service**

We are delighted that it was possible to welcome the Year 6 Leavers from the Church School for their Leavers' Service this week. Sadly, it was not possible for parents to attend but Fr Benji conducted a beautiful mass for them, and they lit their candles in the traditional way.

*Mr Browne (Headteacher) writes:*

"Thank you so much to the members of SS Peter and Paul who helped us with our beautiful Leavers' Service at the end of term. Fr Benji gave

the most lovely address to our pupils, and we were blessed to be so well looked after by the church wardens and server. We are so looking forward to returning to our regular services with you next term.”

### **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.

### **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)

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

Janice, John, Sarah, Cohen, Howard, Michael, Angela

### **RIP**

Fred Orpwood, John Weight



## **Our Covid-19 Precautions**

We continue to maintain Covid-19 precautions, mindful that infection rates remain high and that some worshippers may be particularly vulnerable.

This guidance, which has been agreed by the Churchwardens and PCC, represents our initial response to the evolving national position on Covid. It reflects Church of England advice, which recognises that “there is likely to be a range of feeling about risk, both to ourselves and to others” and that no set of guidelines can hope to be well-liked by all. We shall keep the arrangements under careful review.

### **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.

### **Distancing and social interaction**

We will continue with the current arrangement of seating for now and ask worshippers to be sensitive to each other's feelings, as regards social distancing. If, on entering church, you need help finding a place in which you feel secure, please see a Steward.

We shall not yet resume coffee after the Sunday morning (9.15 and 10.30) Masses.

Please feel free to meet, greet and converse with friends, within the guidance here and ideally in the open air.



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