

wantage parish

MOTHERING SUNDAY 15 March 2026 (9.15am and 10.30am services)

Holy Trinity Sung Eucharist: New People's Mass (Dom Gregory Murray)

Hymns: NEH 413, 66 (459), 185, 63, 186

Parish Church Choral Eucharist: Mass for the quiet hour (George Oldroyd) **Motet:** The Lord bless you and keep you (John Rutter) **Voluntary:** Divertissement Op.31, No.11 (Louis Vierne)

Hymns: NEH 336, 185, 66, 186

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Saturday 14 March	4pm Vigil Mass (Holy Trinity)
Sunday 15 March	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 8am Eucharist (Parish Church) <i>Preacher: the Vicar</i> 5pm Service of Refreshment with Taizé chants and time of silent meditation (Parish Church) MOTHERING SUNDAY 9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) <i>Preacher: the Vicar</i> 10.30am Choral Eucharist (Parish Church) <i>Preacher: James Clarke</i>
Monday 16 March	<i>*Note: No Morning Eucharist*</i> 3.30pm-4.30pm TBG: Teens' Bible Group (Parish Church)
Tuesday 17 March	9.30am Old Testament Bible Study Group (<i>see What's On Where</i>)
Wednesday 18 March	JOSEPH OF NAZARETH 3pm-6pm Around Table (Holy Trinity) <i>Last orders at 5.30pm</i> 7pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity) 8pm 'Fully-Booked' Book Club (Bear Hotel) <i>See What's On Where</i>
Thursday 19 March	8pm Online Intercessory Prayer Group (<i>see What's On Where</i>)
Friday 20 March	12 noon Eucharist (Parish Church) 9pm Compline (Parish Church)
Saturday 21 March	4pm Vigil Mass (Holy Trinity)
Sunday 22 March	PASSION SUNDAY 8am Eucharist (Parish Church) <i>Preacher: the Curate</i> 9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) <i>Preacher: the Curate</i> 10.30am Choral Eucharist (Parish Church) <i>Preacher: the Curate</i> 5pm Tenebrae (Parish Church) <i>See notice below</i>
Morning Prayer:	Please be aware that Morning Prayer may not take place every morning during the Pilgrimage.

Eucharist at the Convent: Tuesday-Saturday at 10am, all welcome (space permitting).

What's On Where: For information about regular church groups and activities, see the church noticeboard, the link in the eNews, or scan the QR code:



READINGS & PRAYERS

First Reading: Exodus 2.1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Psalm 127

Response: Lord you bless us with your gifts.

Unless the Lord builds the house
those who build it labour in vain
Unless the Lord keeps the city,
the guard keeps watch in vain. **R/.**

It is in vain that you hasten to rise up early
and go so late to rest, eating the bread of toil,
for he gives his beloved sleep. **R/.**

Children are a heritage from the Lord
and the fruit of the womb is his gift.
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior,
so are the children of one's youth. **R/.**

Happy are those who have their quiver full of them,
they shall not be put to shame
when they dispute with their enemies at the gate. **R/.**

Second Reading: Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in

you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel: John 19.25b-27

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

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Blessed be the womb that bore the son of God,
but more blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it.

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Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

For Your Prayers: Sarah Clark, Lizzie, Beth, Natalie, Sirma, Chris, Pat and Dave, Alan and Dawn, Rachel, Niamh and Orlaith, Aubrey, Kathryn, Becky, Pat, Suzan Clark, Diane Dyche, David, Gordon, Peter, Alastair, Joe, Peter, John, Elda, Karen, Angela, Tracey.

RIP: Vernon Brett, Michelle Wilkins.

Please also pray for: Church Flower Teams, the Parish Pilgrimage.

Readings & Hymns for next Sunday:

Readings: Ezekiel 37.1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45

Hymns at HT: NEH 79 (128ii), 95, 90*, 82, 86

Hymns at PC: NEH 393, 294, 358, 461 (Corvedale)

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TENEBRAE SERVICE: 5pm Sunday 22 March. Tenebrae - Latin for "shadows" or "darkness" - is based on a solemn Christian Holy Week service, combining traditional readings with hymns and music from the choir.

VIA DOLOROSA – The Way Of Suffering. Join the choir for a reflective evening of music and readings for Lent and Passiontide as we follow the journey of Christ's Passion on **Saturday 28 March at 7pm** in the Parish Church. The programme includes music by Handel, Pergolesi, Stainer and Ola Gjeilo, alongside readings from poets and writers including Gerard Manley Hopkins, John Donne and T S Eliot.

Tickets: £12, concessions: £10, under-18s: free, sold in aid of Wantage Parish Music Guild. To book, scan the QR code or head to: www.ticketsource.co.uk/wantage-parish-music-guild.



PARISH PILGRIMAGE is underway. You can follow their progress on the parish website at <https://wantageparish.com/services/spiritual/pilgrimage>. Please pray for the pilgrims as they pray for the mission of the parish and for the new Archbishop of Canterbury.

EASTER FLOWERS & EASTER FIZZ: Donations are invited towards our Easter celebrations, as well as towards Easter eggs for the children! Donations can be made in church or online, via a one-off donation on the Parish Giving page or by bank transfer to: ECC of the PCC of St Peter and St Paul Wantage, Sort Code: 40-52-40, A/C: 00036295. Please put 'Easter' as the reference. If you would like your donation to be in memory of somebody special, please email the Parish Office.

ELECTORAL ROLL & ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING: Forms are available from **15 March**. The annual meeting with election of churchwardens and PCC members is taking place in May. If you are new to the congregation, or have not yet signed up on the electoral roll, please do so **between 13 March and 23 April**. Application forms will be available in both churches. Please also note that the clergy and churchwardens will be approaching members of the congregation about different roles, and are more than happy to be pro-actively approached if you are interested in a particular position or area of the church's work.

WANTAGE PARISH MAGAZINE: The Spring edition of the Wantage Chronicle is out now and available in both churches. The focus of this edition is 'Beauty'. The magazine is free, but a donation of £2 would cover the cost for you and another.

PEWS FOR SALE: The PCC has a number of redundant pews available for disposal. Varying in cost (30% discount for members of the congregation) look for blue posters at both churches to see what's available or contact Vince Wilkins buildings@wantageparish.com Sales on first come first served basis.

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