

wantage parish

FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT 9 February 2025

Choral Eucharist: Missa dixit Maria (Hans Leo Hassler) **Gloria:** Gloria from Mass of St Thomas (David Thorne) **Motet:** Lead me, Lord (Samuel Sebastian Wesley) **Voluntary:** Nun danket alle Gott (Sigfrid Karg-Elert)

Hymns at PC: NEH 345, 146, 353, 361

Hymns at HT: NEH 433 (omit *), 200, 146, 353, 361

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

- Saturday 8 February** 4pm Vigil (Holy Trinity)
- Sunday 9 February** **FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**
8am Eucharist (Parish Church)
9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) *Preacher: the Vicar*
10.30am Choral Eucharist (Parish Church) *with the Street Pastors*
- Monday 10 February** 9.30am Eucharist (Parish Church)
7.30pm–9pm Home Group (*see notice below*)
- Tuesday 11 February** 9.30am Old Testament Bible Study Group (*see notice below*)
5.45pm Bible Reading Book Club (Holy Trinity)
Refreshments from 5.30pm
7pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity)
- Wednesday 12 February** 12 noon Holy Half Hour (Parish Church)
3pm–6.00pm Around Table (Holy Trinity) *Last orders 5.30pm*
- Friday 14 February** 12 noon Eucharist (Parish Church)
2pm–4pm T Bar (Holy Trinity)
- Saturday 15 February** 4pm The Well (Holy Trinity)
- Sunday 16 February** **THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**
8am Eucharist (Parish Church)
9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) *Preacher: David Richardson*
10.30am Choral Eucharist (PC) *Preacher: David Richardson*

Morning Prayer is said in the Parish Church at 9am Monday–Friday.

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

READINGS & PRAYERS

Collect

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

Psalm: 138**Response: Your loving kindness O Lord, endures forever**

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods will I sing praise to you.

I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name
and your word above all things. **R/.**

In the day that I called to you, you answered me;
you put new strength in my soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth. **R/.**

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly;
as for the proud, he regards them from afar. **R/.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you will preserve me;
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand will save me.

The Lord shall make good his purpose for me;
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;
forsake not the work of your hands. **R/.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be

called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God, I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Post-Communion Prayer

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Your Prayers: Sarah Clark, Lizzie, Beth Hirst, Natalie, Rowland Jenkins, Sirma, Sybil Smith, Phoebe, Mary, Chris, Sharon, Glauce, Steve West, Pat and Dave, Amanda, Angela, Martin Law, Deirdre, Danielle, Alan and Dawn.

RIP: Heather Howell, Ursula Kent

Please also pray for: the Street Pastors; General Synod, 10-14 February.

Readings & Hymns for next Sunday:

Jeremiah 17:5-10, Psalm 1, 1 Corinthians 15:12-20, Luke 6:17-26

Hymns at PC: NEH 333, 342, 114, 375

Hymns at HT: NEH 333, 341, 114, 342, 375

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH PANTOMIME RETURNS! (Oh yes, it does!) with a sparkling production of **DICK WITTINGTON** on **Saturday 1 March** (matinee at **2.30pm** and an evening performance at **7pm**) in the Parish Church. Written by our own Sheenagh Dernie and produced by Wantage Parish Music Guild, the pantomime tells the story of how Wantage's most famous son-in-law, Dick Whittington (and his cat), take on King Rat and his minions. Fun for all the family! Tickets available from Ticketsource (<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wantage-parish-music-guild>), or see the link in the eNews.

CHRISTMAS FUND-RAISING: Thank you to everyone who donated their money, time and effort to raise a total of £2,148 at the Dickensian Evening for parish funds, and £2,772 (including Gift Aid) for our Christmas charities: BeSpace (providing spirituality resources for local schools), Sobell House Hospice and the British Red Cross Gaza Appeal.

TWO NEW MONTHLY ONLINE PRAYER GROUPS which you are invited to join on either a regular or occasional basis:

***Contemplative Prayer Group**, with an emphasis on Julian prayer, will be held on the **1st Thursday of each month at 8 pm**, commencing this coming week: **Thursday 6 February**.

***Intercessory Prayer Group** will meet on the **3rd Thursday of each month at 8 pm**, commencing **Thursday 20 February**. For further information or to request the online links, contact Susie Lapwood at pdp@wantageparish.com.

SPIRITUAL ART WORKSHOP Saturday 8 March 10.30am–3.45pm at Holy Trinity. Led by the Revd. Catherine Lomas, who is trained in traditional iconography and produces spiritual art in a range of styles. Learn about the history and technique of icons, and praying with icons, followed by an opportunity to create our own artistic responses to scripture in the afternoon. There will be a service at 4pm for those who wish to stay. Cost £30 to include a light lunch and materials. Places are limited; contact the Parish Office (administrator@wantageparish.com) to book.

THE CROSS EXHIBITION (during Passiontide): Frances would be glad if more people would be willing to have their crosses photographed and tell him the story about them. Please talk to him or email him if you're interested in being involved (curate@wantageparish.com).

AROUND TABLE : Due to holidays and family commitments, Around Table is short of volunteers on **Wednesday 19th February from 4pm–5.30pm**. If you are able to help, please contact Graham on 01235 765258 or email g.stoter@btinternet.com.

The team would also be grateful for clean, lidded food-storage containers (e.g. ice-cream or take-away containers). Donations can be left in either church. **Please note** the new Around Table hours: **3pm–6pm** on Wednesdays (last orders at 5.30pm).

TRINITY TOTS: Monday 10 February from 9am–11am at Holy Trinity. A relaxed play session for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and their parents/carers, with refreshments for all. £3.00 per family. Booking via the Wantage Parish events page at Ticketsource and on our website.

'FULLY BOOKED': a new Book Club for Christians of all denominations. The first book is 'Small Pleasures' by Clare Chambers which we will discuss at the next meeting on **Wednesday 19 February at 8pm** at The Bear Hotel in the Market Place. Contact David Richardson for more information (dcrwantageparish@gmail.com).

OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY GROUP: Tuesday mornings at 9.30am at Felicity's house: 24 Smith's Wharf, Wantage, OX12 9GQ. Email sheenagh.dernie@btinternet.com for more information.

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