

wantage parish

THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT 16 February 2025

Choral Eucharist: Missa brevis Rorate coeli de super (Josef Haydn) **Gloria:** Gloria from Mass of St Thomas (David Thorne) **Motet:** Os justi (Anton Bruckner) **Voluntary:** Rhosymedre (Ralph Vaughan Williams)

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

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

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Saturday 15 February *4pm Evening Prayer* *Note change of services*

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*

Monday 17 February 9.30am Eucharist (Parish Church)
7.30pm–9pm Home Group (*see What's on Where*)

Tuesday 18 February 9.30am Old Testament Bible Study Group (*see What's on Where*)
2.30pm Care Home Communion (Sanctuary)
5.45pm Bible Reading Book Club (Holy Trinity) *refreshments 5.30pm*
7pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity)

Wednesday 19 February 12 noon Holy Half Hour (Parish Church)
3pm–6.00pm Around Table (Holy Trinity) *Last orders at 5.30pm*
8pm "Fully Booked" Book Club at The Bear Hotel, Market Place.

Thursday 20 February 8pm Online Intercessory Prayer Group (*see notice below for link*)

Friday 21 February 11am Care Home Communion (Elmbrook)
12 noon Eucharist (Parish Church)

Saturday 22 February 4pm Vigil (Holy Trinity)

Sunday 23 February **SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**
8am Eucharist (Parish Church)
9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) *Preacher: Mary Harwood*
10.30am Choral Eucharist with Baptism (Parish Church)

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

Eucharist at the Convent on 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

Collect

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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: Jeremiah 17.5-10

Thus says the Lord: cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse — who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Psalm 1

Response: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.

Their delight is in the law of the Lord
and they meditate on his law day and night. **R/.**

Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither,
whatever they do, it shall prosper.

As for the wicked, it is not so with them;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away. **R/.**

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement,
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall perish. **R/.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Gospel: Luke 6.17-26

Alleluia

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Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Post-Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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

Readings & Hymns for next Sunday:

Genesis 2.4b-9 & 15-end, (*Not 10.30am*: Psalm 65, Revelation 4), Luke 8.22-25

Hymns at PC: NEH 354, 439, 312, 466

Hymns at HT: NEH 354, 191, 439 (omit *), 312, 466

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PARISH PANTOMIME RETURNS! (O yes, it does!) with a sparkling production of **DICK WHITTINGTON** 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.

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 the month at 8pm. The next meeting: **Thursday 6 March**.

***Intercessory Prayer Group**, praying mainly for our church and local community, will meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 8pm, commencing **Thursday 20 February**.

These are new ventures and you will be able to shape how the meetings develop. 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 with the Revd Catherine Lomas. Learn about the history and spirituality of icons, with 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 are interested in being involved (curate@wantageparish.com).

'FULLY BOOKED' Book Club: the first book is 'Small Pleasures' by Clare Chambers. Meeting on **Wednesday 19 February at 8pm** at The Bear Hotel in the Market Place. Contact David Richardson for more information (dcrwantageparish@gmail.com).

COMMUNITY NEWS

CONCERT FOR PEACE on Saturday 22 February at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church, Witney, performed by the highly-regarded North Cotswold Chamber Choir, with cellist Nicola Tait Baxter. The concert includes works by John Tavener, Tchaikovsky and other eastern European composers. Several of our own Parish choir will be singing at this concert. Tickets from nc3.org.uk/tickets or on the door.

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