

wantage parish

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT 23 February 2025

Choral Eucharist: Missa brevis (Giovanni da Palestrina) **Gloria:** Gloria from Mass of St Thomas (David Thorne) **Motet:** Here is the little door (Herbert Howells) **Voluntary:** Sonata in D Major, 1st movement (Felix Mendelssohn)

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

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

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

- 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)
- Monday 24 February** 9.30am Eucharist (Parish Church)
Followed by Parish Breakfast
9am–11am Trinity Tots (Holy Trinity)
7.30pm–9pm Home Group (*see below*)
- Tuesday 25 February** 9.30am Old Testament Bible Study Group (*see below*)
5.45pm Bible Reading Book Club (Holy Trinity)
Refreshments from 5.30pm
7pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity)
- Wednesday 26 February** 12 noon Holy Half Hour (Parish Church)
3pm–6.00pm Around Table (Holy Trinity) *Last orders at 5.30pm*
- Friday 28 February** 12 noon Eucharist (Parish Church)
- Saturday 1 March** **David**
2.30pm Parish Pantomime: Dick Whittington (*see below*)
4pm Evening Prayer (Holy Trinity)
7pm Parish Pantomime: Dick Whittington (*see below*)
- Sunday 2 March** **SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**
Preacher at all morning services: the Curate
8am Eucharist (Parish Church)
9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity)
10.30am Choral Eucharist (Parish Church)
5pm Choral Evensong and Benediction

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

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

Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 2.4b-9 & 15-end

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground—then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore, a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

(At 4pm and 8am only) **Psalm 65**

Response: Happy are they whom you choose to dwell in your courts

(Not 10.30am) **Second Reading: Revelation 4**

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy,

holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.' And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

Gospel: Luke 8:22-25

Alleluia, Alleluia

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord

No-one comes to the Father except through me

Alleluia

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

Post-Communion Prayer

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; 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: Ursula Kent, and Rosemary Ryland at her year's mind.

Please also pray for: Raizel, Penelope and Harper being baptised today; our schools returning after half-term break; Pope Francis in his current ill health; Bishops-Designate Mary Gregory and Dave Bull as they are consecrated at Canterbury Cathedral on Thursday 27 February at 11am.

Readings & Hymns for next Sunday:

Exodus 34.29-end, Psalm 99, 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2, Luke 9.28-36

Hymns at PC: NEH 234, 400, 389, 377

Hymns at HT: NEH 234, 343, 400, 374, 377

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 from Ticketsource (<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wantage-parish-music-guild> (or see the link in the eNews)). Also available on the door.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday 7th March at St John Vianney RC Church at **2.30pm**. 'I made you wonderful': a service written and arranged by the women of the COOK ISLANDS.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY: Change of time! This year's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party will be on **Tuesday 4 March** at Holy Trinity ***starting at 5.30pm*** Pancakes served until 6.45pm, followed by an informal Eucharist at 7pm and the burning of Palm Crosses to make ash for Ash Wednesday. *Please note there is no Bible Reading Group on this day.*

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.

PALM CROSSES: Please bring last year's palm crosses to church for burning for ash for Ash Wednesday; they can be left on either church welcome table.

THE CROSS EXHIBITION: Frances and Christopher Howson will be taking photographs of your crosses for the Passiontide Exhibition after mass at St Peter & St Paul on **Sunday 2 March**, and after mass at Holy Trinity on **Sunday 9 March**. Please bring your crosses with you to be photographed on one of those days.

SUMMARY OF PCC MEETING: The PCC met on 5 February to discuss a Financial Sustainability Plan and begin to look at ways to increase our income. We also agreed to bring to an end the trial of the new services The Well and Storytime Service, which have not taken off as hoped. These services will be replaced for now with Evening Prayer whilst we explore further options for outreach and families' ministry. The design of the external notice board at the Parish Church was finalised and we will be applying for the relevant permissions. We have not yet identified a location for the board at Holy Trinity. Last but not at all least, a big welcome and thank you to **Erica Mackay** who is our new PCC secretary. She can be contacted at pcc.secretary@wantageparish.com. See the parish website for the full meeting summary.

TWO NEW MONTHLY ONLINE PRAYER GROUPS

***Contemplative Prayer Group** with an emphasis on Julian prayer, on the 1st Thursday of the month at 8pm. Next meeting: **Thursday 6 March**.

***Intercessory Prayer Group**, praying for our church and local community, on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 8pm. Next meeting: **Thursday 20 March**.

For further information or to request the online links, contact Susie Lapwood at pdp@wantageparish.com.

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