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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT** 9 March 2025

**Choral Eucharist:** Mass for four voices (William Byrd) **Motet:** Deep river (Michael Tippett) **Voluntary:** Wem in Leidenstagen (Peter Hurford)

**Hymns at PC**: NEH 67, 383, 70, 74

**Hymns at HT:** NEH 67, 385, 383, 70, 74

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

**Saturday 8 March** 10.30am-3.45pm Spiritual Art Workshop (Holy Trinity)

4pm Vigil (Holy Trinity)

**Sunday 9 March** **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

*Preacher at all morning services: the Vicar*

8am Eucharist (Parish Church)

9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity)

10.30am Choral Eucharist (Parish Church)

5pm Stations of the Cross (Parish Church)

**Monday 10 March** 9.30am Eucharist (Parish Church)

*Followed by Parish Breakfast*

9am-11am Trinity Tots (Holy Trinity)

7.30pm-9pm Home Group *(see What’s on When)*

**Tuesday 11 March** 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 March** 12 noon Holy Half Hour (Parish Church)

3pm–6.00pm Around Table (Holy Trinity) *Last orders at 5.30pm*

**Thursday 13 March** 7:30pm Lent Group - Exploring faith through poetry (see notice below)

**Friday 14 March** 12 noon Eucharist (Parish Church)

9pm Compline Parish Church)

**Saturday 15 March** 4pm Evening Prayer (Holy Trinity)

**Sunday** **16 March** **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

*Preacher at all morning services: the Vicar*

8am Eucharist (Parish Church)

9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity)

10.30am Choral Eucharist (Parish Church)

5pm Sung Evening Prayer (Parish Church)

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

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

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AI-generated content may be incorrect.**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, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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: Deuteronomy 26.1-11**

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.’ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. **8**The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

**Psalm: 91.1-11**

**Response: Keep me as the apple of your eye**

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High

and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,

Shall say to the Lord, ‘My refuge and my stronghold,

my God, in whom I put my trust.’ **R/.**

For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler

and from the deadly pestilence.

He shall cover you with his wings

and you shall be safe under his feathers;

his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler. **R/.**

You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,

nor of the arrow that flies by day;

Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness,

nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday. **R/.**

Though a thousand fall at your side

and ten thousand at your right hand,

yet it shall not come near you.

Your eyes have only to behold

to see the reward of the wicked. **R/.**

Because you have made the Lord your refuge

and the Most High your stronghold,

There shall no evil happen to you,

neither shall any plague come near your tent**.**

For he shall give his angels charge over you,

to keep you in all your ways. **R/.**

**Second Reading: Romans 10.8b-13**

‘The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

**Gospel: Luke 4.1-13**

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

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

The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts.

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

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.’ Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “One does not live by bread alone.”’ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, ‘To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.’ Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.”’ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you”, and “On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.”’ Jesus answered him, ‘It is said, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

**Post-Communion Prayer**

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; 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

**Please also pray for:** 9 March is the national COVID day of reflection; pray for those bereaved by covid and those still living with its consequences.

**Readings & Hymns for next Sunday**:

Genesis 15.1-12 & 17-18, Psalm 27, Philippians 3.17-4.1, Luke 13.31-end

Hymns at PC: NEH 238, 439, 382, 381

Hymns at HT: NEH 238, 76 (omit \*), 439, 382, 381

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOMING A PREACHER ON PLACEMENT:** We will be joined for at least a couple of services during Lent by Robert Finch, mostly known as Bertie. He is currently a youth worker at Marcham parish, and is exploring ordination. He will be preaching on Sunday 6 April. Please keep him in prayer.

**THURSDAY LENT GROUP** - Exploring faith through poetry. Thursdays at 7.30, 7 St Michael’s, Priory Road, OX12 9DE. More details from Frances at curate@wantageparish.com

**T Bar** will be on **Friday 14th March 2-4pm.** Tea, cake and chat, all inside warm and welcoming Holy Trinity. All are welcome.

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

**NECTAR CARD POINTS** If you collect Nectar points but never use them, please consider letting Around Table use them for you. If you would like to donate your points please see Janet Kingdon, janet.churchwarden@wantageparish.com

**ONLINE PRAYER GROUPS**

**Contemplative Prayer** **Group:** Next meeting: **Thursday 6 March**. Meeting on Zoom **Meeting ID:** 786 0328 1776 **Passcode:** 7GvVWD

**Intercessory Prayer Group:**  Next meeting: **Thursday 20 March**.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

**FRAMLANDS CHRISTIAN CARE HOME OX12 9EB** has various events and activities planned for March. See the **News & Events** page on our website or the church noticeboard for more information.

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