

# wantage parish

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 16 March 2025

**Choral Eucharist:** Holy Communion Collegium Regale (Herbert Howells) **Motet:** O pray for peace Jerusalem (Herbert Howells) **Voluntary:** Plein Jeu (Louis-Nicolas Clérambault)

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

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

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<b>Saturday 15 March</b>	4pm Evening Prayer (Holy Trinity)
<b>Sunday 16 March</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <i>Preacher at all morning services: the Vicar</i> 8am Eucharist (Parish Church) 9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) 10.30am Choral Eucharist (Parish Church) 5pm Sung Evening Prayer (Parish Church)
<b>Monday 17 March</b>	<b>Patrick</b> 9.30am Eucharist (Parish Church) 7.30pm-9pm Home Group ( <i>See What's on Where</i> )
<b>Tuesday 18 March</b>	9.30am Old Testament Bible Study Group ( <i>See What's on Where</i> ) 2.30pm Care Home Communion (Sanctuary) 5.45pm Bible Reading Book Club (Holy Trinity) <i>Refreshments 5.30pm</i> 7pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity)
<b>Wednesday 19 March</b>	<b>Joseph of Nazareth</b> 12 noon Holy Half Hour (Parish Church) 3pm-6.00pm Around Table (Holy Trinity) <i>Last orders at 5.30pm</i> 8pm 'Fully Booked' Book Club (The Bear Hotel) <i>See What's on Where</i>
<b>Thursday 20 March</b>	7.30pm Lent Group: Exploring faith through poetry ( <i>See notice below</i> ) 8pm Intercessory Prayer Group (online) <i>See notice below</i>
<b>Friday 21 March</b>	11am Care Home Communion (Elmbrook) 12 noon Eucharist (Parish Church) 9pm Compline (Parish Church)
<b>Saturday 22 March</b>	4pm Vigil (Holy Trinity)
<b>Sunday 23 March</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 8am Eucharist (Parish Church) 9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) <i>Preacher: David Richardson</i> 10.30am Choral Eucharist (PC) <i>Preacher: David Richardson</i> 5pm Stations of the Cross (Parish Church) <i>Led by teenage members of our congregation</i>

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**

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **First Reading: Genesis 15.1-12 & 17-18**

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

### **Psalm 27**

#### **Response: My soul is athirst for God**

The Lord is my light and my salvation,  
whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life,  
of whom then shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,  
came upon me to eat up my flesh,  
they stumbled and fell. **R/.**

Though a host encamp against me,  
my heart shall not be afraid,  
and though there rise up war against me,  
yet will I put my trust in him. **R/.**

One thing have I asked of the Lord  
and that alone I seek:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
and to seek his will in his temple. **R/.**

To behold the fair beauty of the Lord  
and to seek his will in his temple.

For in the day of trouble  
he shall hide me in his shelter;  
in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me  
and set me high upon a rock. **R/.**

And now shall he lift up my head  
above my enemies round about me;  
Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness;  
I will sing and make music to the Lord. **R/.**

**Second Reading: Philippians 3.17-4.1**

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

**Gospel: Luke 13.31-end**

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

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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.**

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

**Post-Communion Prayer**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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, Deirdre, Danielle, Alan and Dawn, Rachel.

**RIP:** Martin Law.

**Please also pray for:** BeSpace on their anniversary

**Readings & Hymns for next Sunday:**

Isaiah 55.1-9, Psalm 63.1-9, 1 Corinthians 10.1-13, Luke 13.1-9

Hymns at PC: NEH 333, 339, 94, 437

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



**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:

**ELECTORAL ROLL:** The Electoral Roll is completely revised every 6 years and this is the year for that revision. This means that everyone who wishes to be on the Electoral Roll must complete a new form, regardless of whether they have previously been on the Electoral Roll.

Paper forms are now available in both churches, or forms can be returned via email. Please see Katherine's recent email for further information and download links.

Please return your form as soon as possible to enable compilation of the new Electoral Roll before the deadline of 27 April.

Anyone is entitled to have their name on the roll if they -

1) are baptised and aged 16 or over

2) have signed a form of application for enrolment:

*and either*

3) are a member of the Church of England or of any Church in communion with the Church of England being resident in the parish or (not being resident in the parish) have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the six months prior to the application for enrolment  
*or*

4) are a member in good standing of a Church (not in communion with the Church of England) which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity declaring themselves also to be members of the Church of England and having habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

If you have any queries, please contact Bridget Procter ([bridget\\_procter@icloud.com](mailto:bridget_procter@icloud.com)).

**LENTEN DEVOTIONS:** Every **Sunday at 5pm** in the Parish Church during Lent. See the eNews or parish website for information about the various opportunities for contemplation and prayer.

**THURSDAY LENT GROUP:** Exploring faith through poetry. **Thursdays at 7.30pm**, 7 St Michael's, Priory Road, OX12 9DE. More details from Frances at [curate@wantageparish.com](mailto:curate@wantageparish.com)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S WORK:** On **14 April 10:30am to 12:30pm** for Messy Church and between **19–23 May** at Wantage CE School. If you are interested in finding out more, please email [james.parishasst@wantageparish.com](mailto:james.parishasst@wantageparish.com).

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP:** Next meeting: **8pm on Thursday 20 March** on Zoom. **Meeting ID:** 739 1844 3373 **Passcode:** E4039M or see the link in the eNews.

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP:** Next meeting: **Thursday 3 April**.

For further information, contact Susie at [pdp@wantageparish.com](mailto:pdp@wantageparish.com).

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