

# wantage parish

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 23 March 2025

**Choral Eucharist:** Missa Aeterna Christi munera (Giovanni da Palestrina) **Motet:** Like as the hart (Herbert Howells) **Voluntary:** Fantasia in C minor, from BWV 537 (J S Bach)

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

**Hymns at HT:** NEH 333, 360, 339, 94, 437

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<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>
<b>Monday 24 March</b>	9.30am Eucharist (Parish Church) <i>Followed by Parish Breakfast</i> 9am–11am Trinity Tots (Holy Trinity) <i>See What's on Where</i> 7.30pm–9pm Home Group ( <i>see What's on Where</i> )
<b>Tuesday 25 March</b>	<b>THE ANNUNCIATION</b> 9.30am Old Testament Bible Study Group ( <i>see What's on Where</i> ) 5.45pm Bible Reading Book Club (Holy Trinity) <i>Refreshments 5.30pm</i> 7pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity) <i>Followed by PCC Meeting</i>
<b>Wednesday 26 March</b>	12 noon Holy Half Hour (Parish Church) 3pm–6.00pm Around Table (Holy Trinity) <i>Last orders at 5.30pm</i>
<b>Thursday 27 March</b>	7.30pm Lent Group: Exploring faith through poetry ( <i>What's on Where</i> )
<b>Friday 28 March</b>	12 noon Eucharist (Parish Church) 9pm Compline (Parish Church)
<b>Saturday 29 March</b>	4pm Evening Prayer (Holy Trinity)
<b>Sunday 30 March</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT &amp; MOTHERING SUNDAY</b> 8am Eucharist (Parish Church) 9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) <i>Preacher: the Curate</i> 10.30am Choral Eucharist (Parish Church) <i>Preacher: the Curate</i> 5pm Contemplative Evening Prayer with music from Taizé <i>Mothering Sunday will be celebrated at 9.15am and 10.30am services</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).

**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 most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 55.1-9**

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

### **Psalms 63.1-9**

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

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;  
my soul is athirst for you.  
My flesh also faints for you,  
as in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water. **R/.**

So would I gaze upon you in your holy place,  
that I might behold your power and your glory.  
Your loving-kindness is better than life itself  
and so my lips shall praise you. **R/.**

I will bless you as long as I live  
and lift up my hands in your name.  
My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness,  
and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lip. **R/.**

When I remember you upon my bed  
and meditate on you in the watches of the night.  
For you have been my helper  
and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice. **R/.**

My soul clings to you;  
your right hand shall hold me fast. **R/.**

## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.1-13**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

## **Gospel: Luke 13.1-9**

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.

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At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; 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, Veronica, Aubrey.

**RIP:** Martin Law

**Our Patrons,** the College of St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle, will be praying for our Parish this week.

## Readings & Hymns for next Sunday:

Joshua 5.9-12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5.16-end, Luke 15.1-3 & 11b-end

Hymns at PC: NEH 413, 185, 63, 186

Hymns at HT: NEH 413, 66, 185, 63, 186

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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).

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