

wantage parish

MOTHERING SUNDAY 30 March 2025

Choral Eucharist: Holy Communion in C (John Ireland) **Motet:** For the beauty of the earth (John Rutter) **Voluntary:** Fanfare (William Mathias)

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

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

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Saturday 29 March	4pm Evening Prayer (Holy Trinity)
Sunday 30 March	MOTHERING SUNDAY (FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT) 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 (PC) <i>Mothering Sunday will be celebrated at 9.15am and 10.30am services</i>
Monday 31 March	9.30am Eucharist (Parish Church) 7.30pm–9pm Home Group (<i>see What's On Where</i>)
Tuesday 1 April	9.30am Old Testament Bible Study Group (<i>see What's On Where</i>) 10.30am Care Home Communion (Stirlings) 5.45pm Bible Reading Book Club (Holy Trinity) <i>Refreshments 5.30pm</i> 7pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity)
Wednesday 2 April	<u>NO Holy Half Hour</u> 3pm–6.00pm Around Table (Holy Trinity) <i>Last orders at 5.30pm</i>
Thursday 3 April	10am Wantage CE School Year 5 Passion Play (Parish Church) *8pm* Lent Group: Exploring faith through poetry (<i>see What's on Where</i>) 8pm Julian Prayer Group (Zoom) See notice below
Friday 4 April	12 noon Eucharist (Parish Church) 9pm Compline (Parish Church)
Saturday 5 April	4pm Vigil (Holy Trinity)
Sunday 6 April	PASSIONTIDE 8am Eucharist (Parish Church) 9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) <i>Preacher: Bertie Finch</i> 10.30am Choral Eucharist (Parish Church) <i>Preacher: Bertie Finch</i> 5pm Tenebrae: a choral service of words & music for Passiontide (PC)

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

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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: Exodus 2.1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Gospel: John 19.25b-27

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

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This child is the light to enlighten the nations and the glory of your people Israel

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Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Taizé Chant: Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est

15 Ubi caritas



Post-Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; 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, Baby Annabelle Lax, Tony Rusher, Sidney Rusher

Readings & Hymns for next Sunday:

Isaiah 43.16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3.4b-14, John 12.1-8

Hymns at PC: NEH 393, 294, 83, 461

Hymns at HT: NEH 95, 393, 294, 83, 461

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:



MESSY CHURCH will take the Easter Story as its theme on **Monday 14 April from 10.30am-12.30pm** at Holy Trinity Church. Children aged 2-12 years and their families are welcome to come and join in the fun activities including craft, singing, food and celebration. Please register via [Ticketsource.co.uk/wantage-parish](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wantage-parish), or chat to James (james.parishasst@wantageparish.com).

CAKES AND EGG-BOXES are needed for the Easter Messy Church on **Monday 14 April**. Contributions of empty egg-boxes for craft activities can be left in a designated box in either church and please let James know if you are able to bake a cake for refreshments - or drop one into Holy Trinity on the day.

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.

WANTAGE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL PASSION PLAY will be held on **Wednesday 3 April at 10.00am** in the Parish Church. All welcome to come along and witness this special event.

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.

If you are eligible, please return your form as soon as possible to enable compilation of the new Electoral Roll before the **deadline of 27 April**.

If you have any queries, please contact Bridget Procter (bridget_procter@icloud.com).

JULIAN PRAYER GROUP will meet online on **Thursday 3 April at 8pm**. See the eNews or What's on Where for the Zoom link or use log in details: Meeting ID: 813 0133 1517, Password: 500385.

TRINITY TOTS: on **Monday 14 April from 9am-11am** at Holy Trinity. A relaxed play session for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and their parents/carers, with refreshments for all. £3.00 per family. Booking via [Ticketsource/wantage-parish](https://www.wantageparish.com/ticketsource/wantage-parish) or see the link in the eNews.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ELMBROOK COURT FRIENDSHIP CAFÉ will be open on **Monday 31 March at 2pm** for refreshments, conversation and Bingo! All welcome. Please notify Sam if you would like to come and join the fun (01235 617617 or email: clientrelations.ec@oaklandcare.com).

FOODBANK VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS: Wantage & Grove Foodbank has delivered over 270 parcels so far this year. Could you help with delivering food (one 2-hour shift per fortnight) or moving stock between sites (two half-hour shifts a week)? You will need to be able to lift and carry, and ideally use your own car. Please contact wantageandgrovefoodbank@gmail.com. Donations of food (non-perishable tins and packets), toiletries and sanitary items also welcome at any drop-off point including Sainsbury's, Waitrose, and the Parish Church.

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