

wantage parish

PASSIONTIDE 6 April 2025

Choral Eucharist: Mass for five voices (William Byrd) **Motet:** I am the Resurrection and the life (Orlando Gibbons): **Voluntary:** Toccata and Fugue in D Minor (J S Bach)

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

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Saturday 5 April	10am–12 noon The Cross Art Exhibition (Parish Church) <i>Until Maundy Thursday 17 April</i> 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)
Monday 7 April	9.30am Requiem Eucharist (Parish Church) 7.30pm–9pm Home Group (<i>see notice below</i>)
Tuesday 8 April	9.30am Old Testament Bible Study Group (<i>see notice below</i>) 5.45pm Bible Reading Book Club (HT) <i>Refreshments 5.30pm</i> 7pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity)
Wednesday 9 April	12 noon Holy Half Hour (Parish Church) 3pm–6.00pm Around Table (Holy Trinity) <i>Last orders at 5.30pm</i>
Thursday 10 April	7.30pm Lent Group: Exploring faith through poetry (<i>What's on Where</i>)
Friday 11 April	12 noon Eucharist (Parish Church)
Saturday 12 April	4pm Evening Prayer (Holy Trinity)
Sunday 13 April	PALM SUNDAY 8am Eucharist (Parish Church) <i>Joint services: no separate service at Holy Trinity</i> 10am Liturgy of the Palms (Market Place) 10.30am Choral Eucharist with enacted Passion (Parish Church) 5pm Improvisations on the Cross by John Ridgway (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).

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

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 43.16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Psalm 126

Response: The Lord has done great things for us.

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter
and our tongue with songs of joy. **R/.**

Then said they among the nations,
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
The Lord has indeed done great things for us,
and therefore we rejoiced. **R/.**

Restore again our fortunes, O Lord,
as the river beds of the desert.

Those who sow in tears
shall reap with songs of joy. **R/.**

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed,
will come back with shouts of joy,
bearing their sheaves with them. **R/.**

Second Reading: Philippians 3.4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my

own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: John 12.1-8

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

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Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above every name.

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Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **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: Sidney Rusher

Readings & Hymns for next Sunday:

8am service: Isaiah 50.4-9a, Psalm 118.19-24, Philippians 2.5-11, Luke 19.28-40

In the Market Place: Luke 19.28-40

Choral Eucharist: Philippians 2.5-11, Psalm 31.9-16, Passion: (Luke 22.39-23.49)

Hymns at PC: NEH 509 (omit *), 273, 86, 511

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CROSS EXHIBITION: Art, photos, music and video exploring the meanings of the Cross for the Christian faith. **10am -12 noon from Saturday 5 April until Maundy Thursday 17 April** in the Parish Church, with extended opening times on **Passion Sunday 6 April , Saturday 12 April and Palm Sunday 13 April from 10am – 5pm.**

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, 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 BeSPACE SCHOOL EVENT: Monday 19 May – Friday 23 May 9am–2:30pm. If you can spare any time this week to help out at Wantage CE School, please contact James at james.parishasst@wantageparish.com.

EASTER DONATIONS: If you would like to make a donation towards **Easter Flowers and Fizz**, you can do so either in church or online, by making a one-off donation on the [Parish Giving page](#) or by bank transfer to: ECC of the PCC of St Peter and St Paul Wantage, Sort Code: 40-52-40, A/C: 00036295. Please put 'Easter' as the reference. If you would like your donation to be in memory of someone special, please send their name to Cathryn in the Parish Office (administrator@wantageparish.com); the names will be displayed in the churches at Easter.

OUTCOME OF PCC MEETING on 25 March, the Feast of the Annunciation. The main focus of the meeting was Safeguarding and we were joined by Matt Godfrey, Safeguarding Officer, for the mandatory annual revision of safeguarding policies. Most were re-approved, with some further changes to be made to one document. We also revised Health and Safety and related policies in preparation for an Archdeacon's Inspection in May.

Other items included:

- The first draft of the Annual Report for 2024, which will need to be finalised before the APCM in May.
- A discussion on how we could reduce printing costs for pewsheets (look out for more details on this after Easter!)
- Further details about the bid application to the Diocese to fund the Children and Families role.

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).

COMMUNITY NEWS

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 the Parish Church, Sainsbury's and Waitrose.

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