

wantage parish

PALM SUNDAY (with enacted Passion) 13 April 2025

Choral Eucharist: Missa O magnum mysterium (Tomas Luis de Victoria) **Motet:** Hosanna to the Son of David (Thomas Weelkes) **Voluntary:** Toccata (Eugène Gigout)

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

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Saturday 12 April 10am–5pm The Cross Art Exhibition (Parish Church)
4pm Evening Prayer (Holy Trinity)

Sunday 13 April **PALM SUNDAY**
8am Eucharist (Parish Church)
Joint services: no separate service at Holy Trinity
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)

Monday 14 April 9.30am Eucharist (Parish Church) *followed by Parish Breakfast*
10.30am–12.30pm Messy Church (Holy Trinity) *See notice below*

Tuesday 15 April 7pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity)

Wed 16 April NO Holy Half Hour
3pm Stations of the Cross (Convent)
3pm–6pm Around Table (Holy Trinity) *Last orders at 5.30pm*
8pm 'Fully-Booked' Book Club (Bear Hotel) *See What's on Where*

Thursday 17 April **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
10am–12.30pm The Big Church Clean (Parish Church) *(see notice below)*
8pm The Lord's Supper (Parish Church)
The church will stay open for private prayer until 11pm

Friday 18 April **GOOD FRIDAY**
10.30am Good Friday Walk with other Wantage churches *(see notice below)*
Starting in Kingsgrove Square and finishing in the Market Place at 1pm
11.15am Short Good Friday reflection (Holy Trinity)
1.30pm–3pm Good Friday Liturgy (Parish Church)

Saturday 19 April **HOLY SATURDAY**
10am–12.30pm The Big Church Clean (Parish Church) *(see notice below)*
1pm–3pm Easter Garden Workshop (Parish Church) *for all the family*
10pm–midnight Easter Vigil (Parish Church) *starting outside with the New Fire*

Sunday 20 April **EASTER SUNDAY**
8am Mass of the Dawn (Parish Church) *Preacher: the Curate*
9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) *Preacher: the Curate*
10.30am Festal Eucharist with Baptisms and Easter Egg Hunt (PC)

There will be no services Monday 21 – Saturday 26 April. Services will resume Sunday 27 April

READINGS & PRAYERS

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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: Philippians 2.5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Psalm 31.9-16

Response: Into your hands I commend my spirit.

Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
my soul and my body also.
For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of my affliction,
and my bones are consumed. **R/.**

I have become a reproach to all my enemies
and even to my neighbours,
an object of dread to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they flee from me. **R/.**

I am forgotten like one that is dead, out of mind;
I have become like a broken vessel.
For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is on every side.
They scheme together against me, and plot to take my life. **(NO R/.)**
Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and save me for your mercy's sake.' **R/.**

Gospel: Enacted Passion from Luke 22.39-23.49.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. *(no response)*

See separate script and please join in the crowd scene as directed.

At the end: This is the Passion of the Lord *(no response)*

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **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.

Please also pray for: Those being baptised in Eastertide.

Readings & Hymns for next Sunday:

Acts 10.34-43, (8am & 9.15am: Psalm 118.14-24, 1 Corinthians 15.19-26) John 20.1-18

Hymns at PC: NEH 110, 103, 121, 120

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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:



THE CROSS EXHIBITION: Art, photos, music and video exploring the meanings of the Cross for the Christian faith. **10am -12 noon until Maundy Thursday 17 April** in the Parish Church, with extended opening times on **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](https://ticketsource.co.uk/wantage-parish), or chat to James (james.parishasst@wantageparish.com).

NOT TOO LATE TO BAKE! Cakes are still needed for the Easter Messy Church on **Monday 14 April.** Please let James know if you are able to bake one for refreshments - or drop one into Holy Trinity on the day.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK with the Wantage & Grove Church Partnership. Starting at 10.30am in Kingsgrove Square, walkers will call at churches on route, including Holy Trinity at 11.15am, where there will be a short Good Friday reflection. The walk will finish in the Market Place at 1pm with Hot Cross Buns.

BIG CLEAN AT THE PARISH CHURCH: It's time to give the Parish Church a spring clean for Easter. There will be two sessions: on **Maundy Thursday and on Holy Saturday**, both from **10am to 12.30pm.** Why not join the team on one or both days? Just come along when you can. For those able to wield our extendable cleaning poles to reach the high-level cobwebs, we will be starting earlier at 9.30am on both days. Further information from Alastair on 07785 371558 or alastair.churchwarden@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.

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.

OUTCOME OF PCC MEETING on 25 March. The main focus of the meeting was Safeguarding with the mandatory annual revision of safeguarding policies with Matt Godfrey, Safeguarding Officer. Health and Safety and related policies were also reviewed in preparation for an Archdeacon's Inspection in May. Other items on the agenda included:

- First draft of the 2024 Annual Report, 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

THE RAY COLLINS CHARITABLE TRUST is inviting people who would otherwise be on their own on **Easter Day** to a free Afternoon Tea at Grove Rugby Club between **12.30pm–2pm**. The charity can provide lifts for anyone who may need one. To book a place, please call Ray on 01235 762512 or call in to Euronics (Ledbury's) on Grove Street.

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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