

wantage parish

EASTER SUNDAY 20 April 2025

Choral Eucharist: Missa brevis in B flat (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart) **Motet:** Now the green blade riseth (Simon Lindley) Hallelujah Chorus (George Frideric Handel) **Voluntary:** Transports de Joie (Olivier Messiaen)

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

Hymns at HT: NEH 110, 107, 103, 117, 120

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Saturday 19 April 10am–12.30pm The Big Church Clean (Parish Church) *See below*
1pm–3pm Easter Garden Workshop (PC) *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 & Easter Egg Hunt
(Parish Church)

NO SERVICES Monday 21 April – Saturday 26 April. Services resume Sunday 27 April

Wednesday 23 April 3pm–6.00pm Around Table (Holy Trinity) *Last orders at 5.30pm*

Sunday 27 April **LOW SUNDAY**
Preacher at all services: the Venerable David Tyler
8am Eucharist (Parish Church)
9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity)
10.30am Sung Eucharist (Parish Church)

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:

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 10.34–43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of

all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

(Not 10.30am) **Psalm: 118.14-24**

Response: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good

The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation. **R/.**

Joyful shouts of salvation
sound from the tents of the righteous:
'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds;
the right hand of the Lord raises up;
the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.' **R/.**

I shall not die, but live
and declare the works of the Lord.
The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he has not given me over to death. **R/.**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it. **R/.**

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone. **R/.**

This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it. **R/.**

(Not 10.30am) **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.19-26**

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end,

when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Gospel: John 20.1-18

Alleluia

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I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;

I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

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Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Post-Communion Prayer

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; 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, Alex.

Please also pray for: those being baptised today

RIP: Pat Johns

Readings & Hymns for next Sunday:

Acts 5.27-32, Psalm 150, Revelation 1.4-8, John 20.19-end

Hymns at PC: NEH 332 (omit *), 113, 389, 468

Hymns at HT: NEH 332 (omit *), 124, 113, 115, 468

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VE80 CHORAL EVENSONG 'in praise of peace': Sunday 4 May at 5pm in the Parish Church. Celebrating and Commemorating the 80th anniversary of the end of WWII in Europe.

WHITSUN CAKES & ALE FESTIVAL: Saturday 7 June at the Parish Church

Archaeozymology: 12 noon

Free talk on ancient brewing, with Dr Hannah Caroe. Lunch and specially brewed local beer on sale until 2pm. Entry free but booking advised via the Wantage Parish Ticketsource page or email administrator@wantageparish.com.

Ceilidh: 7pm – 9pm.

Folk music, a ceilidh, sword-dancing and beer! In partnership with The Royal Oak and Indigenous Brewery. £8 for adults (includes your first half-pint plus a piece of cake!), £6 for under-18s (soft drinks only). Tickets available on the Wantage Parish Ticketsource page.

LAW FAMILY CHALLENGE: 13 members of the Law family, including David and 101-year old Kay, completed a 5km swimming challenge on Monday to raise money for the **Motor Neurone Disease Association** in memory of David's son. Martin contracted the disease at the end of last year and was sadly taken from them very quickly. If you would like to make a donation to the charity in memory of Martin, please see the eNews for the Just Giving link or chat to David or Kay

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.

ELECTORAL ROLL: Paper forms are 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 no later than **Sunday 27 April**.

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

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