

wantage parish

LOW SUNDAY 27 April 2025

Sung Eucharist: Mass of St Thomas (David Thorne) **Voluntary:** Improvisation–Sortie (John Ridgway)

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

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

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Saturday 26 April	NO SERVICE
Sunday 27 April	LOW SUNDAY <i>Preacher at all services: the Venerable David Tyler</i> 8am Eucharist (Parish Church) 9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) 10.30am Sung Eucharist (Parish Church)
Monday 28 April	9.30am Eucharist (Parish Church) <i>followed by Parish Breakfast</i> 9am–11am Trinity Tots (Holy Trinity) <i>see What's On Where</i>
Tuesday 29 April	9.30am Old Testament Bible Study Group (<i>see What's On Where</i>) 5.45pm Bible Reading Book Club (Holy Trinity) <i>Refreshments from 5.30pm</i> 7pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity)
Wednesday 30 April	<i>From Easter, Holy Half Hour is no longer taking place on a Wednesday.</i> 3pm–6.00pm Around Table (Holy Trinity) <i>Last orders at 5.30pm</i>
Thursday 1 May	8pm Julian Prayer Group (Zoom) <i>See What's On Where</i>
Friday 2 May	12 noon Eucharist (Parish Church)
Saturday 3 May	4pm Vigil (Holy Trinity)
Sunday 4 May	THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER 8am Eucharist (Parish Church) <i>Preacher: the Curate</i> 9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) <i>Preacher: the Curate</i> 10.30am Choral Eucharist with Baptism (PC) <i>Preacher: the Vicar</i> 5pm Choral Evensong 'in praise of peace' (Parish Church) <i>marking the 80th anniversary of VE Day.</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 Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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: Acts 5.27–32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Psalm 150

Response: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord

Alleluia.

O praise God in his holiness;
praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him for his mighty acts;
praise him according to his excellent greatness. **R/.**

Praise him with the blast of the trumpet;
praise him upon the harp and lyre.
Praise him with timbrel and dances;
praise him upon the strings and pipe. **R/.**

Praise him with ringing cymbals;
praise him upon the clashing cymbals.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Alleluia. **R/.**

Second Reading: Revelation 1.4–8

John said to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel: John 20.19–end

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Alleluia

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

For Your Prayers: Sarah Clark, Lizzie, Beth Hirst, Natalie, Rowland Jenkins, Sirma, Sybil Smith, Phoebe, Mary, Chris, Sharon, Glauce, Pat and Dave, Amanda, Angela, Deirdre, Danielle, Alan and Dawn, Rachel, Veronica, Aubrey, Alex.

RIP: Pat Johns, Allan Green

Please also pray for: the late Pope Francis and the Catholic Church in its process of discerning the next Pope; local elections taking place in the coming week.

Readings & Hymns for next Sunday:

Acts 9.1-20, (*not 10.30am*: Psalm 30; Revelation 5.11-end), John 21.1-9

Hymns at PC: NEH 345, 400, 294, 486

Hymns at HT: NEH tbc

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELECTORAL ROLL DEADLINE: All paper electoral roll forms must be submitted by **TODAY**. Forms are available in both churches, or can be returned via email if preferred. Please see Katherine's recent email for further information and download links.

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

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SCHOOL PRAYER SPACE 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.parihasst@wantageparish.com.

CALLING ALL YOUNG MUSICIANS! Would you like to come and perform solo or in a small group in a concert in front of family and friends? On the afternoon of **Saturday 10 May**, Wantage Parish Music Guild is hosting a concert in the Parish Church for under-19s of all abilities. For information and to sign up, please contact Barbara Kennedy at organist@wantageparish.com. Tickets to come and see the concert will be free, but donations to the work of the Music Guild in supporting young musicians will be welcomed.

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

Lunch & Anglo-Saxon Brewing talk: 12 noon

Free archaeological talk "Drunk monks and a lake of beer!" with Dr Hannah Caroe. Lunch and specially brewed Parish Ale 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 Parish Ale! 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, have completed a 5km swimming challenge 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,, please see the eNews for the Just Giving link or chat to David or Kay

TRINITY TOTS: on **Monday 28 April & 12 May** 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 the Wantage Parish events page at Ticketsource (<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wantage-parish>) or via the parish website.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ELMBROOK FRIENDSHIP CAFÉ is next open on Monday 28 April at 2pm. With the 80th anniversary of VE day fast approaching they will be having a VE Day/World War II related quiz. Tea and cake as usual of course - no rationing!

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