

# wantage parish

## THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER 4 May 2025

**Choral Eucharist:** Communion Service in E (Harold Darke) **Gloria:** Gloria from New People's Mass (Dom Gregory Murray) **Motet:** Most glorious Lord of life (William Henry Harris) **Voluntary:** Largo, Sonata No. 2 in C minor (J S Bach)

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

**Hymns at HT:** NEH 345, 276, 400, 294, 486

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

**Saturday 3 May** 4pm Vigil (Holy Trinity)

**Sunday 4 May** **THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER**  
8am Eucharist (Parish Church) *Preacher: the Curate*  
9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) *Preacher: the Curate*  
10.30am Choral Eucharist with Baptism (PC) *Preacher: the Vicar*  
5pm Choral Evensong 'in praise of peace' (Parish Church)  
*Marking the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day, followed by refreshments*

**Monday 5 May** **Early May Bank Holiday:** No service

**Tuesday 6 May** 9.30am Old Testament Bible Study Group (*see What's On Where*)  
10.30am Care Home Communion (Stirlings)  
5.45pm Bible Reading Book Club (Holy Trinity) *Refreshments 5.30pm*  
7pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity)

**Wednesday 7 May** 3pm–6.00pm Around Table (Holy Trinity) *Last orders at 5.30pm*

**Friday 9 May** 12 noon Eucharist (Parish Church)  
2pm–4pm T Bar (Holy Trinity) *see What's On Where*

**Saturday 10 May** 4pm Evening Prayer (Holy Trinity)

**Sunday 11 May** **FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER**  
8am Eucharist (Parish Church) *Preacher: the Vicar*  
9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) *Preacher: the Vicar*  
10.30am Choral Eucharist (Parish Church) *Preacher: Mary Harwood*

**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, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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: Acts 9.1-20**

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.'

*(8am only)* **Psalm 30**

**Response: O Lord, my God, I will give you thanks for ever.**

*(Not 10.30am)* **Second Reading: Revelation 5.11-end**

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

**Gospel: John 21.1-19**

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.

### **Alleluia**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

**RIP:** Pat Johns, Allan Green, Sr Mary Bernard SPB, Sr Phoebe Margaret CSMV

**Please also pray for:** Rosie and Alex on their baptism

### **Readings & Hymns for next Sunday:**

Acts 9.36-end, Psalm 23, Revelation 7.9-end, John 10.22-30

Hymns at PC: NEH 374, 463, 307, 390

Hymns at HT: NEH 374, 457, 376, 307, 390

### NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**YOUNG MUSICIANS CONCERT: Saturday 10 May at 3pm** in the Parish Church. Presented by Wantage Parish Music Guild, this is a chance to see young musicians of all abilities performing their favourite pieces in front of family and friendly faces! Tea and cake will be served (cake offers appreciated). Tickets are free, but donations towards the work of the Music Guild in supporting young musicians will be welcomed. For more information, or to register as a performer, please contact Barbara ([organist@wantageparish.com](mailto:organist@wantageparish.com)).

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE:** There will be a joint service of confirmation on **Sunday 18 May** in the Parish Church with Bishop Gavin officiating (NB: there will be no incense at this service). There will be **no separate 9.15am service** at Holy Trinity; there will however be a Vigil Mass on Saturday 17 May at 4pm.

**INVITATION TO THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING:** The APCM will be taking place on **18 May** after Evening Prayer at **5pm** in the Parish Church. What's an APCM? It's when we elect our churchwardens and PCC (church council) members, give thanks for everything that's been going on in our parish and all those who have made it happen; we also share our hopes and plans for the year ahead.

**PCC members needed!** The PCC helps decide on our parish priorities and how we spend our money. Anyone who has been on the electoral roll for at least six months can stand. We particularly need more representatives from Holy Trinity. Nomination forms are available in both churches and can be filled in any time up to the APCM.

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

**Lunch & Anglo-Saxon Brewing talk at 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](mailto: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.

**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.parishasst@wantageparish.com](mailto:james.parishasst@wantageparish.com).

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