

wantage parish

FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER 11 May 2025

Choral Eucharist: Communion Service in F (Harold Darke) **Gloria:** Gloria from New People's Mass (Dom Gregory Murray) **Motet:** The Lord is my shepherd (Howard Goodall) **Voluntary:** Plein Jeu (Clérambault)

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

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Saturday 10 May	4pm Evening Prayer (Holy Trinity)
Sunday 11 May	FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER 8am Eucharist (Parish Church) <i>Preacher: the Vicar</i> 9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) <i>Preacher: the Vicar</i> 10.30am Choral Eucharist (Parish Church) <i>Preacher: Mary Harwood</i>
Monday 12 May	9.30am Eucharist (Parish Church) <i>followed by Parish Breakfast</i> 9am-11am Trinity Tots (Holy Trinity)
Tuesday 13 May	Matthias 9.30am Old Testament Bible Study Group (<i>see What's On Where</i>) 5.45pm Bible Reading Book Club (Holy Trinity) <i>Refreshments 5.30pm</i> 7pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity)
Wednesday 14 May	3pm-6.00pm Around Table (Holy Trinity) <i>Last orders at 5.30pm</i>
Thursday 15 May	8pm Intercession Prayer Group (Zoom) <i>see What's On Where</i>
Friday 16 May	12 noon Eucharist (Parish Church)
Saturday 17 May	4pm Vigil Mass (Holy Trinity)
Sunday 18 May	FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER 8am Eucharist (Parish Church) <i>Preacher: the Vicar</i> <u>NO 9.15am service</u> 10.30am Joint Service of Choral Eucharist with Confirmations (Parish Church) <i>Preacher: Bishop Gavin (no incense)</i> 5pm Evening Prayer (Parish Church) <i>followed by APCM</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 God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 9.36–end

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Psalm 23

Response: I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

He shall refresh my soul

and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. **R/.**

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **R/.**

You spread a table before me

in the presence of those who trouble me;

you have anointed my head with oil

and my cup shall be full.

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R/.**

Second Reading: Revelation 7.9–end

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they

who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason, they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Gospel: John 10.22-30

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

Post-Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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: Allan Green, Sr Mary Bernard SPB, Sr Phoebe Margaret CSMV

Please also pray for: Phoebe and Josh on their wedding; Christian Aid Week; those sitting GCSEs, A-levels and SATs.

Readings & Hymns for next Sunday:

(at 8am only: Baruch 3.9-15 & 3.32-4.4, Psalm 148.1-6) Acts 11.1-18, John 13.31-35

Hymns at PC: NEH 338(omit*), 296, 469, 401

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION SERVICE: There will be a joint service of confirmation on **Sunday 18 May** in the Parish Church with Bishop Gavin officiating (there will be no incense at this service). There will be **no 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 are also able to co-opt some members, so if you're not eligible but still interested, do speak to the Churchwardens). 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.

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.

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

(Wine and soft drinks will also be available at both events.)

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.

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 ½-pint plus a piece of cake!), £6 for under-18s (soft drinks only). Tickets available on the Wantage Parish Ticketsource page.

TEXTILE EXHIBITION IN MEMORY OF HELÉNE. Do you do embroidery, tapestry, lace, or other textile art? The Parish Church will be hosting an exhibition for the Patronal Festival (approx. 26 June to 4 July) in memory of Heléne Lister Cheese who made many vestments and linens for this church and co-ordinated the kneeler project. If you would be willing for your work to be part of this exhibition, please do contact Katherine!

PEWSHEET CHANGES TRIAL PERIOD: To reduce waste and printing costs, we are investigating alternatives to the weekly pewsheet. Many people don't keep the printed newsletter as all the information is duplicated in the eNews, so for a trial period, from Trinity Sunday (15 June) for 8 weeks, we will only be printing a smaller number of A5 sheets giving the week's calendar and notices for those who do not receive the eNews. Details of the readings will be provided in advance and as an attachment to the eNews, encouraging people if they wish, to print them at home or bring a Bible to church. This is an experiment and we will be asking for feedback to help us determine the best way forward.

TAIZÉ PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUNG ADULTS: organised by the Dioceses of Oxford and Guildford, from 16–24 August. Open to anyone aged 15–35. Taizé is a religious community in France where young people are invited to share their simple life and explore life's meaning. Leaflets with more information are in both churches, or chat to Katherine or Frances.

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