

# wantage parish

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 9 November 2025

**Holy Trinity Sung Eucharist:** Mass of St Thomas (David Thorne)

**Hymns:** NEH 417, 333, 492, 490, 488

**Parish Church Choral Eucharist:** Missa Sine nomine (John Ridgway) **Gloria:** Mass of SS Peter & Paul (John Ridgway) **Motet:** So they gave their bodies (Peter Aston)

**Hymns:** NEH 333, 492, 488

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

**Saturday 8 November** 4pm Evening Prayer (Holy Trinity)

**Sunday 9 November**

#### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8am Eucharist (Parish Church) *Preacher: The Vicar*

9am Act of Remembrance (Holy Trinity War Memorial)

9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) *Preacher: The Curate*

10am Choral Eucharist (Parish Church) *Preacher: The Vicar*

10.50am Act of Remembrance (Parish Church War Memorial)

2.30pm Festival of Remembrance (Parish Church)

**Monday 10 November**

9.30am Eucharist (Parish Church)

*Followed by Parish Breakfast*

**Tuesday 11 November**

2.30pm Old Testament Bible Study Group (*What's On Where*)

**Wednesday 12 November**

3pm–6pm Around Table (Holy Trinity) *Last orders at 5.30pm*

7pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity)

7.30pm Discipleship Group

**Friday 14 November**

12 noon Eucharist (Parish Church)

**Saturday 15 November**

4pm Vigil Mass (Holy Trinity)

6.30pm Come & Sing Performance (Parish Church) *See below*

**Sunday 16 November**

#### SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

8am Eucharist (Parish Church) *Preacher: the Vicar*

9.15am Sung Eucharist (HT) *Preacher: David Richardson*

10.30am Choral Eucharist (PC) *Preacher: David Richardson*

**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

### **First Reading: Job 19.23–27a**

O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

*(Not 10am)* **Psalm 17.1–9**

**Response: Incline your ear to me, O Lord, and listen to my words**

Hear my just cause, O Lord; consider my complaint;  
listen to my prayer, which comes not from lying lips.  
Let my vindication come forth from your presence;  
let your eyes behold what is right. **R/.**

Weigh my heart, examine me by night,  
refine me, and you will find no impurity in me.  
My mouth does not trespass for earthly rewards;  
I have heeded the words of your lips. **R/.**

My footsteps hold fast in the ways of your commandments;  
my feet have not stumbled in your paths.  
I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;  
incline your ear to me, and listen to my words. **R/.**

Show me your marvellous loving-kindness,  
O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand  
from those who rise up against them. **R/.**

Keep me as the apple of your eye;  
hide me under the shadow of your wings,  
From the wicked who assault me,  
from my enemies who surround me to take away my life. **R/.**

*(Not 10am)* **Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2.1–5 & 13–end**

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

## **Gospel: Luke 20.27-38**

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

**Alleluia**

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.' Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

**For Your Prayers:** Sarah Clark, Lizzie, Beth, Natalie, Rowland, Sirma, Chris, Glauce, Pat and Dave, Angela, Alan and Dawn, Rachel, Niamh and Orlaith, Aubrey, Kathryn, Angela, Becky, Bex, Ken, Pat, Suzan Clark, Diane Dyche, Tim and Judith, David, Gordon and Peter.

**RIP:** Mary Cunningham-Corran, Kathleen Mary Greenaway, Michael Ward, Wendy Clifton.

**Please also pray for:** the Parish Church Renewal Project and Around Table

**Readings & Hymns for next Sunday:**

Malachi 4.1-2a, Psalm 98, 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13, Luke 21.5-19

Hymns at HT: NEH 490, 460 (tune 378), 234ii, 281 (tune 182), 495

Hymns at PC: NEH 490, 444, 234, 495

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BIG CONGRATULATIONS!** to Klara, our Safeguarding Officer, and her husband Callum, on the birth of baby Elias who arrived on 23 October weighing just over nine pounds.

**WANTAGE PARISH MAGAZINE:** The Autumn edition of the Wantage Chronicle is out now and available in both churches. The magazine is free, but a donation of £2 would cover the cost for you and another.

**AROUND TABLE NEWS:** Our Around Table chef, James Hart, will be stepping down from his role at Christmas. James has been part of the project from the beginning and has put in an enormous amount of work over nearly three years. The Parish is committed to continuing the project and we will be urgently seeking help with cooking, kitchen facilities, and transport. Big thanks to all the Around Table volunteers, and all the best to James for the future.

Further news: The Vale and South Oxfordshire District Councils have launched a new Food and Warmth grant initiative for this winter. Around Table has applied for a grant and we will know in early December whether we have been successful. Please pray for Around Table, the volunteer team and all their guests.

**PCC MEETING SUMMARY:** The PCC met on 22 October. The main focus was the Parish Church Renewal Project. We have now appointed Oliver Architecture and Hall McKnight to produce a 'feasibility study' exploring what we need from the building and how it might be achieved. You will be hearing more about this project shortly, including how you can make your thoughts known. See the eNews or the parish website for the full meeting summary.

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**COME AND SING:** Wantage Parish Music Guild invites singers and their singing friends to join them at 3.30pm on **15 November** in the Parish Church to rehearse an all-Fauré programme. Non-singers are invited to come and listen to the performance at 6.30pm. Tickets: £20 for singers and £10 for non-singers (to include a glass of wine), available from Ticketsource by scanning the QR code or searching 'Wantage Parish Music Guild'.



**ADVENT POETRY:** The Scripture and Poetry Group returns for Advent, reading extracts from Job alongside poems from the English tradition. Sometimes we wait for God with anger or despair or desperation: explore this with us this year. Tuesday evenings (25 November and 2, 9, 16 December) 7.30pm, at 7 St Michael's. All welcome.

**WANTAGE WASSAIL 2025: 'DECK THE MUSIC HALL':** Our annual parish Christmas party will take place on the evening of **6 December 2025** here in the Parish Church. Bring yourselves, your family and friends, your dinner and drinks, and we will provide the entertainment. This year's event will be themed around the Music Hall, so expect some variety in the acts. As always, there will be tables of 6-8 adults (8-10 adults & children), but if you are not able to fill a whole table, don't worry: we will arrange seating with friends old and new. **Tickets are now on sale** by email from Simon Hunter at [wpmgchair@gmail.com](mailto:wpmgchair@gmail.com): £12 full price, £10 concessions, £5 under 18s. See Simon Hunter for further information.

#### COMMUNITY NEWS

**FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE: Sunday 9 November 2.30pm** in the Parish Church with Wantage Band, Wantage in Harmony and Wantage Primary Academy Choir. Tickets available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/wantage-band](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wantage-band).

**NEW RESERVOIR PROPOSALS:** On **Wednesday 26 November**, Thames Water will be holding a community information event at The Beacon in Wantage from **2pm-8pm**, where you can find out more about the proposals and talk to the project team. The public consultation runs until 13 January 2026; to view the consultation materials and provide feedback, visit [thames-sro.co.uk/sesro/statcon2025](http://thames-sro.co.uk/sesro/statcon2025).

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