

wantage parish

ADVENT SUNDAY 30 November 2025

Holy Trinity Sung Eucharist: New People's Mass (Dom Gregory Murray)

Hymns: NEH 11, 5, 466, 15, 7

Parish Church Choral Eucharist: Missa Gregoriana (John Ridgway) **Motet:** Adam lay ybounden (Boris Ord) **Voluntary:** Rorate Caeli (Melissa Dunphy)

Hymns: NEH 11, 16, 501, 5

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Saturday 29 November

4pm Vigil Mass (Holy Trinity)

Sunday 30 November

ADVENT SUNDAY

Preacher at all morning services: the Vicar

8am Eucharist (Parish Church)

9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity)

10.30am Choral Eucharist (Parish Church)

5pm Advent Carol Service (Parish Church)

Please note: Market Place closed to traffic until 5pm

Monday 1 December

ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE

9.30am Eucharist (Parish Church)

9am-11am Trinity Tots (Holy Trinity)

Tuesday 2 December

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

Wednesday 3 December

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

7pm Mayor's Carols (Parish Church)

7pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity)

7.30pm Discipleship Group (Holy Trinity)

Thursday 4 December

8pm Online Julian Prayer Group (*see What's On Where*)

Friday 5 December

12 noon Eucharist (Parish Church)

5.30pm Dickensian Evening (Parish Church & Market Place)

Saturday 6 December

4pm Evening Prayer (Holy Trinity)

7pm Wassail (Parish Church) (*see notice below*)

Sunday 7 December

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Preacher at all services: the Curate

8am Eucharist (Parish Church)

9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity)

10.30am Choral Eucharist (Parish Church)

Morning Prayer is said in the Parish Church at 9am Monday-Friday

Eucharist at the Convent Tuesday-Saturday at 10am, all welcome.

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: Isaiah 2.1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: in days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Psalm 122

Response: O pray for the peace of Jerusalem

I was glad when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R/.**

Jerusalem, built as a city
that is at unity in itself.
Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
as is decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord. **R/.**

For there are set the thrones of judgement,
the thrones of the house of David.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
'May they prosper who love you. **R/.**

Peace be within your walls
and tranquillity within your palaces.'
For my kindred and companions' sake,
I will pray that peace be with you. **R/.**

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good. **R/.**

Second Reading: Romans 13.11-end

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel: Matthew 24.36-44

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia

About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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, Pat, Suzan Clark, Diane Dyché, Judith, David, Gordon and Peter, Veronica.

RIP: Ian McCaig, Ivan Breakspear, Frances Taylor and Jean Loudon

Please also pray for: Parish Breakfast; all those coming into our churches during the Advent and Christmas service.

Readings & Hymns for next Sunday:

Isaiah 11.1-10, Psalm 72.1-7, 18-19, Romans 15.4-13, Matthew 3.1-12

Hymns at HT: NEH 3ii, 6, 16, 500, 148*

Hymns at PC: NEH 12, 10, 282, 15

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

DICKENSIAN EVENING – JUST ONE WEEK TO GO! Thank you for your donations of **books, chocolate and bric-a-brac** – please keep them coming!

Can you also spare an hour during the evening on **Friday 5 December**? We are in great need of a few people to take a spell on a stall, or to be a steward to help people enjoy the evening. If you can help, please see Janet or email janet.churchwarden@wantageparish.com. Thank you.

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 for 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: £12 full price, £10 concessions, £5 under 18s. **See Simon for further information.**

LAST CALL FOR THE WALKING PILGRIMAGE: If you would like to join the walking pilgrimage next March for any of the complete routes (Winchester/Southwark/Rochester to Canterbury), please contact Frances **this week** (curate@wantageparish.com), as we are about to book accommodation and need final numbers. (Those who will join for only a day or two, please look out in the new year for details of how to do so!)

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 (2, 9, 16 December) 7.30pm, at 7 St Michael's. All welcome. Contact Frances for further information.

SPIRITUAL RESOURCES FOR ADVENT can be found on the parish website at:
wantageparish.com/services/spiritual-resources.

CHRISTMAS CHARITIES: All donations collected over Advent and Christmas this year will be shared between the following three very deserving causes:

Local charity: Wantage and Grove Food Bank

National charity: Parkinson's UK

Worldwide charity: Disasters Emergency Fund

As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated on their behalf.

BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION and/or FIRST COMMUNION: Are you ready to explore taking the next step in your Christian commitment? Katherine and Frances will be preparing people for baptism and confirmation to take place in April or May next year. If you think that could include you, please let us know. **Baptism** is open to people of any age who have not already been baptised. **Confirmation** is suitable for adults and secondary-age children. Children who have been baptised but are not yet ready or willing to be confirmed are also invited to prepare for first communion from about age 7. Please speak to the Vicar.

COMMUNITY NEWS

STREET-PASTOR CAROL SINGING: Wantage and Grove Street Pastors invite singers, musicians and anyone who can make a joyful noise to join them for an hour of Carol Singing in and around Wantage on **Friday 19 December 2025**, meeting under King Alfred Statue at 7.30pm. Please contact Nigel if you intend to go along at wantageandgrove@streetpastors.org.uk or 07554 655594.

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