

# wantage parish

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY 18 January 2026

**Holy Trinity Sung Eucharist:** Mass of Ss Peter & Paul (John Ridgway)

**Hymns:** NEH 55, 57, 56, 302, 376

**Parish Church Choral Eucharist:** Mass in C and F (Charles Villiers Stanford) **Gloria:** Mass of Ss Peter & Paul (John Ridgway) **Motet:** The Lamb (John Taverner) **Voluntary:** Prelude in C minor (Giovanni Battista Pescetti)

**Hymns:** NEH 332, 343, 353, 271

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

- Saturday 17 January** 4pm Evening Prayer (Holy Trinity)
- Sunday 18 January** **SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY & WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**  
8am Eucharist (Parish Church) *Preacher: the Curate*  
9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) *Preacher: the Vicar*  
10.30am Choral Eucharist (Parish Church) *Preacher: the Curate*
- Monday 19 January** 9.30am Eucharist (Parish Church)  
9am–11am Trinity Tots (Holy Trinity)  
3.30pm–4.30pm TBG: Teens' Bible Group (Parish Church)
- Tuesday 20 January** **9.30am** Old Testament Bible Study Group  
*(\*Note new time. See 'What's On Where' for further details)*
- Wednesday 21 January** 3pm–6pm Around Table (Holy Trinity) *Last orders at 5.30pm*  
7pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity)  
7.30pm Discipleship Group (Holy Trinity)  
8pm Prayers for Christian Unity (St John Vianney)  
8pm 'Fully Booked' Book Group (The Bear Hotel)
- Friday 23 January** 12 noon Eucharist (Parish Church)
- Saturday 24 January** 4pm Vigil Mass (Holy Trinity)
- Sunday 25 January** **CONVERSION OF PAUL**  
*Preacher at all services: the Curate*  
8am Eucharist (Parish Church)  
9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity)  
10.30am Choral Eucharist (Parish Church)  
4pm Service for Christian Unity (St John's Grove)

**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: Isaiah 49.1-7**

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.' And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

### **Psalm 40.1-12**

**Response: Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad**

I waited patiently for the Lord;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.  
He brought me out of the roaring pit, out of the mire and clay;  
he set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure **R/**.

He has put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.  
Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,  
who does not turn to the proud that follow a lie. **R/**.

Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.  
How great your designs for us!  
There is none that can be compared with you.  
If I were to proclaim them and tell of them  
they would be more than I am able to express. **R/**.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire  
but my ears you have opened;  
Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not required;  
then said I: 'Lo, I come. **R/**.

'In the scroll of the book it is written of me  
that I should do your will, O my God;  
I delight to do it: your law is within my heart.' **R/**.

I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation;  
behold, I did not restrain my lips,  
and that, O Lord, you know. **R/**.

Your righteousness I have not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;  
I have not concealed your loving-kindness and truth from the great congregation.  
Do not withhold your compassion from me, O Lord;  
let your love and your faithfulness always preserve me, **R/**.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.1-9**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Gospel: John 1.29-42**

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

May they be one as we are one  
That the world may believe

**Alleluia**

The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon, son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

**For Your Prayers:** Sarah Clark, Lizzie, Beth, Natalie, Rowland, Sirma, Chris, Pat and Dave, Alan and Dawn, Rachel, Niamh and Orlaith, Aubrey, Kathryn, Becky, Pat, Suzan Clark, Diane Dyche, Judith, David, Gordon, Peter, Alastair, Joe, Peter, John, Elda.

**RIP:** James Ritchie

**Please also pray for:** 'Fully Booked' Book Club; the unity of the church; the Wantage & Grove Church Partnership.

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

Jeremiah 1.4-10, Psalm 67, Acts 9.1-22, Matthew 19.27-end

Hymns at HT: NEH 155 (tune 117), 366 (tune 445), 154 (tune 128ii), 234ii, 486

Hymns at PC: NEH 154 (tune 128ii), 376, 286, 486

## **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK:** Today is the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. In Wantage and Grove, we keep this week with our sister churches in the Church Partnership. This year, the Partnership has produced a booklet of prayers from across our traditions for you to take away and pray throughout the week. Please pick one up if you didn't receive one at the door. The closing service is at 4pm on Sunday 25 January at St John's, Grove, and all are warmly invited.

**THANK YOU:** Eileen would like to say a very big Thank You to everyone at Holy Trinity for all the help and kindness she received last Sunday- and continues to receive -following her fall. She is looking forward to getting back to Holy Trinity in a few weeks' time.

Katherine would also like to thank everyone who came to St John's in Grove last Sunday to witness her licensing as Area Dean - and especially to those who brought cake! Your support was greatly appreciated.

**PARISH CHURCH IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:** A lot of people came to the Parish Church last Saturday to share their thoughts on how the church building and churchyard could be improved. Our architects will be reflecting on all the discussions and the comments received as they work on the feasibility study we have commissioned. This will look at different options for meeting the needs of our worship, welcome and events now and in the future. There is still time for people to feed in their thoughts. You can send your comments to [feasibility.study@wantageparish.com](mailto:feasibility.study@wantageparish.com). More information is available on the Parish website ([www.wantageparish.com](http://www.wantageparish.com))

**BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION and/or FIRST COMMUNION:** If you have been thinking about taking the next step in Christian commitment, please speak to Katherine or Frances.

**BISHOP OF OXFORD VACANCY SURVEY:** What are we looking for from the next Bishop of Oxford? Have your say! You are invited to share your views and opinions at [www.oxford.anglican.org/consultation](http://www.oxford.anglican.org/consultation) (or see the link in the eNews). The survey will close on Wednesday 4 February.

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