

wantage parish

CANDLEMAS 1 February 2026

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

Hymns: NEH 157, 44 (tune 282), 338, 275, 33 (omit *)

Parish Church Choral Eucharist: Mass for the Blessed John Henry Newman (James Macmillan) **Gloria:** Gloria from the Mass of St Thomas (David Thorne) **Motet:** When to the

temple Mary went (Johannes Eccard) **Voluntary:** Polonaise (Maria Agata Szymanowska)

Hymns: NEH 55, 33 (omit*), 44 (tune 282), 57

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Saturday 31 January 4pm Evening Prayer (Holy Trinity)

Sunday 1 February **CANDLEMAS**

Preacher at all services: the Vicar

8am Eucharist (Parish Church)

9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity)

10.30am Choral Eucharist (Parish Church)

5pm Choral Evensong with Candlelit Procession (Parish Church)

Monday 2 February 9.30am Eucharist (Parish Church)

9am-11am Trinity Tots (Holy Trinity)

3.30pm-4.30pm TBG: Teens' Bible Group (Parish Church)

Tuesday 3 February 9.30am Old Testament Bible Study Group (*What's On Where*)

Wednesday 4 February 3pm-6pm Around Table (Holy Trinity) *Last orders at 5.30pm*

7pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity)

7.30pm Discipleship Group (Holy Trinity)

Thursday 5 February 8pm Online Julian Prayer Group (*see What's On Where*)

Friday 6 February 12 noon Eucharist (Parish Church)

Saturday 7 February 4pm Vigil Mass (Holy Trinity)

Sunday 8 February **SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

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

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

10.30am Choral Eucharist (Parish Church) *Preacher: the Vicar*

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: Malachi 3.1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

Psalm 24.7-end

Response: The Lord of hosts is the King of glory

Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

'Who is the King of glory?'

'The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord who is mighty in battle.' **R/.**

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be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

'Who is this King of glory?'

'The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.' **R/.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 2.14-end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Gospel: Luke 2.22-40

Alleluia

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The child is the light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.

Alleluia

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, his parents brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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, Ian.

RIP: Abby Tren, James Ritchie, Sr Valeria CSMV

Abby Tren: Abby has died peacefully at the age of 97. Please keep Judy and all the family in your prayers. A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday 19 February at 11.30am in the Parish Church.

Please also pray for: Intercessory Prayer Group and Personal Discipleship Encouragers; Sarah Mullally as she takes up the role of Archbishop of Canterbury.

Readings & Hymns for next Sunday:

Genesis 1.1-2.3, Psalm 136.1-9, 23-end, Romans 8.18-25, Matthew 6.25-end

Hymns at HT: NEH 263 (omit*), 397, 285i, 414, 433

Hymns at PC: NEH 377, 263 (omit*), 397, 401

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PALM CROSSES: Please bring last year's palm crosses to church for burning for ash for Ash Wednesday; there are baskets in both churches, clearly signed.

LENT BOOK: Katherine and Frances are recommending **Songs of the Spirit by Megan Daffern** as a Lent resource this year, which is based around the psalms. There is a psalm, reflection, and question to think about for each day of Lent, as well as weekly themes which we will be using in our preaching. If anybody would be interested in getting together to discuss the book as an informal Lent Group, please email Katherine who will be able to put you in touch with each other.

FREE CHILDREN'S FILM NIGHT: The Parish Picture Palace will be screening a young person's feature – the first Zootopia film – at Holy Trinity, Charlton, **Saturday 7 February**. Doors open 17:45, show starts 18:00. Young people's pizza provided. No unaccompanied people below 16 years old, please.

MESSY CHURCH SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY: **Tuesday 17 February 2pm–3.30pm** at Holy Trinity. An afternoon of craft, activities, pancakes and worship, exploring the meaning of why we eat pancakes, talking about what Lent means and making ash for Ash Wednesday. To book a FREE place, visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/wantage-parish, or see the link in the eNews or on the parish website.

WALKING PILGRIMAGE: A reminder that anyone who wants to join the Walking Pilgrimage (10–19 March) for a day or two is very welcome to do so. Please contact Frances if you would like information about where we shall be on any given day. People are especially welcome to join on the last day, walking from Chilham (depart about 10am) to Canterbury. If you are planning to do this and would be willing to give pilgrims a lift back to Wantage afterwards, your assistance would be most welcome. Frances would be grateful if you could let him know about this as soon as possible (curate@wantageparish.com).

BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION and/or FIRST COMMUNION: It's not too late to take the next step in furthering your Christian commitment! If are thinking about being baptised, confirmed or (for a child), taking your first communion, 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 (or see the link in the eNews). The survey will close on Wednesday 4 February.

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