

wantage parish

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT 15 February 2026

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

Hymns: NEH 178, 339, 271, 295, 440

Parish Church Choral Eucharist: Missa criolla (Ariel Ramírez) **Gloria:** Gloria from the Mass of St Thomas (David Thorne) **Psalm:** 99 (John Ridgeway) **Motet:** O nata lux (Thoms Tallis)

Voluntary: Basse et Dessus de Trompette (Louise Clérambault)

Hymns: NEH 234, 400 (tune 311), 389, 494 (tune 413)

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Saturday 14 February 4pm Evening Prayer (Holy Trinity)

Sunday 15 February **SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT**

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

9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) *Preacher: David Richardson*

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

Monday 16 February 9.30am Eucharist (Parish Church)

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

Tuesday 17 February **SHROVE TUESDAY**

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

2pm–3.30pm Messy Church Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party (HT)

Wednesday 18 February **ASH WEDNESDAY**

9.30am Eucharist *with ashes* (Holy Trinity)

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

7pm Choral Eucharist *with ashes* (Parish Church)

8pm 'Fully Booked' Book Group (*The Bear Hotel*)

Thursday 19 February 8pm Online Intercession Prayer Group (*see What's On Where*)

Friday 20 February 12 noon Eucharist (Parish Church)

Saturday 21 February 4pm Vigil Mass (Holy Trinity)

Sunday 22 February **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) *Preacher: James Clarke*

10.30am Choral Eucharist (PC) *Preacher: James Clarke*

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: Exodus 24.12-end

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Psalm 99

Response: The Lord our God is holy.

The Lord is king: let the peoples tremble;
he is enthroned above the cherubim: let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion
and high above all peoples. **R/.**

Let them praise your name, which is great and awesome;
the Lord our God is holy.

Mighty king, who loves justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. **R/.**

Exalt the Lord our God;
bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.
Moses and Aaron among his priests
and Samuel among those who call upon his name;
they called upon the Lord and he answered them. **R/.**

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept his testimonies and the law that he gave them.

You answered them, O Lord our God;
you were a God who forgave them
and pardoned them for their offences. **R/.**

Exalt the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill,
for the Lord our God is holy. **R/.**

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1.16-end

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased. 'We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all, you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Gospel: Matthew 17.1-9

Alleluia

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Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

For Your Prayers: Sarah Clark, Lizzie, Beth, Natalie, 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, Karen, Angela, Tracey.

RIP: Abby Tren, Sr Valeria CSMV, Roland Jenkins, Pamela Hannaby

Memorial Service for Abby Tren is on Thursday 19 February at 11.30am in the Parish Church.

Sister Valeria's Requiem will be on Friday 20 February at 12 noon followed by a buffet lunch. Please confirm your attendance and any dietary requirements to welcome@csmv.co.uk.

Please also pray for: The Serving Teams

Readings & Hymns for next Sunday:

Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7, Psalm 32, Romans 5.12-19, Matthew 4.1-11

Hymns at HT: NEH 67, 407, 70, 34, 76

Hymns at PC: NEH 67, 70, 307, 495

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MESSY CHURCH SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY: Tuesday 17 February 2pm–3.30pm at Holy Trinity. An afternoon of craft, activities, pancakes and worship, talking about why we eat pancakes, exploring the meaning of Lent 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/parish website.

LENT: The Lent schedule is now online at www.wantageparish.com.

Lent Resources: Katherine and Frances are recommending the book **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 is interested in getting together to discuss the book as an informal Lent Group, please email Katherine who will put you in touch with each other.

Online Lent Retreat: Entitled: 'With all your heart: a retreat in preparation for Lent' run by the Church Times This will be screened at the Parish Church on **Saturday 14 February 9.45am–1pm**. Please email Susie (pdp@wantageparish.com) if you would like to come along, or see the link in the eNews or on the Church Times website (www.churchtimes.co.uk) for further information and the link if you wish to log on from home.

PARISH CHURCH LIGHT FITTINGS: If you have a photo showing the pendant light fittings that were in the nave of the Parish Church before 1998, please contact Alastair Hunter.

THANK YOU: Michael was taken unwell during last Sunday's service in the Parish Church. He is now fully recovered and both he and his daughter, Ruth, would like to thank everyone involved for their help and kindness.

COMMUNITY NEWS

LENTEN QUIET DAY: The Foolishness of God, led by the Revd Joy Hance at St Mary's Convent, Wantage on **Saturday 7 March**. Join the community for 'A Day Looking at the Cross - Reflecting on "*For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.*"' *1 Corinthians 1:25*. Places cost £55, including lunch and refreshments. For more information, see www.csmv.co.uk/the-foolishness-of-god-7-march-2026/. To book, email welcome@csmv.co.uk.

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