

wantage parish

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 22 February 2026

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

Hymns: NEH 67, 407, 70, 64, 76

Parish Church Choral Eucharist: Mass for three voices (William Byrd) **Motet:** Have mercy on me, O God (Thomas Thomkins) **Voluntary:** Lento (Frank Bridge)

Hymns: NEH 67, 70, 307, 495

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Saturday 21 February

4pm Vigil Mass (Holy Trinity)

Sunday 22 February

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

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

10.30am Choral Eucharist (Parish Church) *Preacher: James Clarke*

5pm Franciscan Stations of The Cross (Parish Church)

Monday 23 February

9.30am Eucharist (Parish Church)

Followed by Parish Breakfast

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

Tuesday 24 February

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

Wednesday 25 February 3pm-6pm Around Table (Holy Trinity) *Last orders at 5.30pm*

7pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity)

7.30pm Discipleship Group (Holy Trinity)

Friday 27 February

12 noon Eucharist (Parish Church)

9pm Compline (Parish Church)

Saturday 28 February

4pm Evening Prayer (Holy Trinity)

Sunday 1 March

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Preacher at all morning services: the Vicar

8am Eucharist (Parish Church)

9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity)

10.30am Choral Eucharist (Parish Church)

5pm Choral Evensong (Parish Church)

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 on the following page.

First Reading: Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Psalms 32 Response: You are a place for me to hide in.

Happy the one whose transgression is forgiven,
and whose sin is covered.

Happy the one to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile. **R/.**

For I held my tongue;
my bones wasted away
through my groaning all the day long.
Your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up like the drought in summer. **R/.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and my iniquity I did not hide.
I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,'
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. **R/.**

Therefore let all the faithful make their prayers to you
in time of trouble;
in the great water flood, it shall not reach them.
You are a place for me to hide in;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with songs of deliverance. **R/.**

I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.
Be not like horse and mule which have no understanding;
whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you.' **R/.**

Great tribulations remain for the wicked,
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart. **R/.**

Second Reading: Romans 5.12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned — sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore, just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Gospel: Matthew 4.1-11

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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: Rowland Jenkins and Vernon Brett

Please also pray for: The Music Guild.

Readings & Hymns for next Sunday:

Genesis 12.1-4a, Psalm 121, Romans 4.1-5, 13-17, John 3.1-17

Hymns at HT: NEH 353, 74, 63, 83, 357

Hymns at PC: NEH 238, 68, 382, 420

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.

David Endacott MBE, turned 90 years young this week. He was the Tower Captain of the Bellringers until last year and still actively rings bells 3 or 4 times a week. Last Sunday a quarter peal was rung at PC to celebrate and he rang the treble for it. And on Tuesday evening at practice we helped him celebrate his actual birthday with cake, and attempting to ring things 90 times or with 90 in the name. Happy Birthday Dave. Bellringing really is for anyone aged 9 to 90!

CARE HOME MINISTRY As a Deanery, we are establishing a lay team to support ministry to the care homes in our area. There will be a meeting for anyone who wants to find out more about this at 11am on Monday 27 April at Holy Trinity, Charlton. If you feel like God might be calling you to this ministry, please do pray about it over Lent and come to the meeting to find out more.

HOLY TRINITY PATRONAL: 'ALL IN A MAY EVENING' Save the date! We will be celebrating the Holy Trinity Patronal Festival with a party on the evening of Saturday 30 May. Further details to come soon.

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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