

# wantage parish

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 1 March 2026

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

**Hymns:** NEH 353, 74, 63, 83, 357

**Parish Church Choral Eucharist:** Mass for three voices (William Byrd) **Motet:** If ye love me (Thomas Tallis) **Voluntary:** Wem in Leidenstagen (Peter Hurford)

**Hymns:** NEH 238, 68, 382, 420

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

**Saturday 28 February** 4pm Evening Prayer (Holy Trinity)

### **Sunday 1 March**

#### **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

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

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

5pm Choral Evensong (Parish Church) *Preacher: the Curate*

### **Monday 2 March**

9.30am Eucharist (Parish Church)

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

### **Tuesday 3 March**

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

### **Wednesday 4 March**

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

**7.30pm** Discipleship Group (Holy Trinity) followed by Eucharist at **8pm** \*note change of time – this will be an opportunity to learn about the Eucharist\*

### **Thursday 5 March**

8pm Julian Prayer Group (online) *See what's on where*

### **Friday 6 March**

12 noon Eucharist (Parish Church)

9pm Compline (Parish Church)

### **Saturday 7 March**

4pm Vigil Mass (Holy Trinity)

### **Sunday 8 March**

#### **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

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

10.30am Choral Eucharist (Parish Church) *Preacher: David R*

3pm Vigil of Lament (Market Place West End by Marmalade)

**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: Genesis 12.1-4a**

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed. So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

### **Psalm 121**

**Response: The Lord shall keep your soul from all evil.**

I lift up my eyes to the hills;

from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth. **R/.**

He will not suffer your foot to stumble;  
he who watches over you will not sleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep. **R/.**

The Lord himself watches over you;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,  
So that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
neither the moon by night. **R/.**

The Lord shall keep you from all evil;  
it is he who shall keep your soul.

The Lord shall keep watch over your going out  
and your coming in,  
from this time forth for evermore. **R/.**

### **Second Reading: Romans 4.1-5, 13-17**

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

### **Gospel: John 3.1-17**

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

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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.**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him,

“Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through 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:** Vernon Brett

**Please also pray for:** Refreshments team

**Readings & Hymns for next Sunday:**

Exodus 17.1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5.1-11, John 4.5-42

Hymns at HT: NEH Hymns 333, 337, 383, 382, 376

Hymns at PC: NEH 333, 360 (3i), 379, 437

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**RAGS FOR REFLECTION:** There is still time to contribute to our **Community rag rug banner** (it is really easy and there are instructions – any craft that Katherine can do is very easy!) which is due to feature on BBC Radio Oxford! We will be using the banner at a short **Vigil of Lament** outside Marmalade at 3pm on Sunday 8 March. The bellringers will toll 27 times, once for each of the local people who died of covid during the Pandemic. Find out more at [www.wantageparish.com/community/rags-for-reflection](http://www.wantageparish.com/community/rags-for-reflection)

**LENT:** The Lent schedule is now online at [www.wantageparish.com/services/lent](http://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.

**ELECTORAL ROLL & ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING:** The annual meeting with election of churchwardens and PCC members is taking place in May. If you are new to the

congregation, or have not yet signed up on the electoral roll, please do so **between 13 March and 23 April**. Application forms will be available in both churches. Completed forms may be left in church or sent to Bridget Procter at 6 Roman Way, Wantage. OX12 9YF or [bridget\\_procter@icloud.com](mailto:bridget_procter@icloud.com). The clergy and wardens will also be approaching people over the coming weeks about **volunteering or standing for elected posts** – thank you to those who have already expressed an interest. Please do think and pray about this, and find out more from the people who are already involved.

**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.

**PARISH ALE MAKES ITS RETURN:** On **Saturday 9 May** we will celebrate our second annual event reviving the ancient tradition of the Parish Ale with a lunchtime session from 12noon and Cakes & Ale Ceilidh at 7pm. Look out for booking information appearing soon.

#### COMMUNITY NEWS

**ART EXHIBITION:** St Andrews Church, Letcombe Regis is showing iconography inspired work created by Cecily Dodwell. You can visit between 5pm – 7pm Friday 20 March, 10am – 4pm Saturday 21 March and 10am – 3pm (with worship & prayer service at 10:15am) Sunday 22 March.

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