

wantage parish

EASTER SUNDAY 5 April 2026

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

Hymns: NEH 110, 112, 104, 123, 120

Parish Church Choral Eucharist: Missa Brevis in C "Spatzenmesse" (W A Mozart) **Gloria:** Coventry Gloria (Peter Jones) **Motet:** Haec dies (Charles Wood) Hallelujah Chorus (G F Handel) **Voluntary:** Ershienen ist der herrlich tag (Ethyl Smythe)

Hymns: NEH 110, 103, 121, 120, Regina coeli

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Saturday 4 April

EASTER EVE

10pm-midnight Easter Vigil (Parish Church) *starting outside with the New Fire*

Sunday 5 April

EASTER SUNDAY

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

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

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

*** There will be no services during the week after Easter until Sunday 12 April ***

Wednesday 8 April

NO Around Table

Sunday 12 April

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Preacher at all services: the Curate

8am Eucharist (Parish Church)

9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Parish Church)

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: Acts 10.34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put

him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

(Not 10.30am) **Psalm: 118.14-24**

Response: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good.

The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation. **R/.**

Joyful shouts of salvation
sound from the tents of the righteous:
The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds;
the right hand of the Lord raises up;
the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds. **R/.**

I shall not die, but live
and declare the works of the Lord.
The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he has not given me over to death. **R/.**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it. **R/.**

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone. **R/.**

This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it. **R/.**

(Not 10.30am) **Second Reading: Colossians 3.1-4**

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Gospel: John 20.1-18

Alleluia, Alleluia

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Alleluia

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

RIP: John Price, Janet Hyde.

Please also pray for: Carly, Stuart and Ben as they are baptised; also for Beryl Smith and Godfrey Smith at their year's mind.

Readings & Hymns for next Sunday:

Acts 2.14a & 22-32, Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1.3-9, John 20.19-end.

Hymns at HT: NEH 103, 113, 125 (omit chorus), 296, 117

Hymns at PC: TBC

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GODLY PLAY: Wonder & worship for children of all ages and their adults. **Every Sunday at 3pm at Holy Trinity Charlton from Sunday 19 April.** Based on the Montessori approach to learning and using Godly Play materials and resources to help children explore and develop an understanding of God. Free sessions, led by Children and Young People's Minister, James Clarke. Come along and share in the wonder. *To find out more about the ideas behind Godly Play, see www.godlyplay.uk.*

WANTAGE PARISH ALE FESTIVAL: Parish Church, Saturday 9 May. Even now our specially commissioned beer, *DiscipAle*, is bubbling away in the mash tun at Indigenous Brewery! Join us in the Parish Church on 9 May for:

- **Parish Ale Lunchtime Session** from **12 noon**, with ploughman's lunches available and performances by the Ickniel Way Morrismen and Mabel Gubbins (all-women sword dancing side). No booking necessary.
- **Cakes and Ale Ceilidh** at **7pm**. Back by popular demand, with much-loved Oxfordshire folk band, Melobo. A free half and a slice of cake with every ticket. Adults £8, under-18s £6 (soft drinks only!). [Tickets at www.ticketsource.com/wantage-parish](http://www.ticketsource.com/wantage-parish).

STOP PRESS: Ale Fest Volunteers needed...to serve pints, prepare and serve lunches and make cakes. See David in church or email dcrwantageparish@gmail.com to get involved. Thank you and...cheers!

APCM: The annual church meeting is coming up on **Sunday 17 May at 6pm**. This is when we will be electing or re-electing churchwardens, members of the PCC, and Deanery Synod reps. If you are thinking you might like to get more involved in helping to run the church and support our mission, either in an elected or unelected role, please speak to the Vicar or Churchwardens. We will also be approaching people over the next few weeks so please do keep this in your prayers!

ELECTORAL ROLL: if you are not on the electoral roll, but you are (or shortly will be) baptised, and either live in the parish or are a regular member of the congregation, please sign up **before 23 April**. Forms are available in both churches and can be returned to the 'post box' in church. Alternatively, you can download an electronic copy via the link on the eNews and email it to bridget_procter@icloud.com.

HOLY TRINITY PATRONAL FESTIVAL – "All in a May Evening": Saturday 30 May, 7.00–9.30pm at Holy Trinity Church. Ploughman's supper, desserts, fizz, and entertainment from the congregation. **Tickets £5** from Andrew Gregory or Frances Caroe (please advise dietary needs). All warmly welcome. See the eNews for more information.

WANTAGE PARISH MAGAZINE: The Spring edition of the Wantage Chronicle is out now and available in both churches. The focus of this edition is 'Beauty'. The magazine is free, but a donation of £2 would cover the cost for you and another.

PEWS FOR SALE: The PCC has a number of redundant pews available for disposal. Varying in cost (30% discount for members of the congregation) look for blue posters at both churches to see what's available or contact Vince Wilkins at buildings@wantageparish.com.

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