

wantage parish

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 12 April 2026

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

Hymns: NEH 103, 113, 125 (omit *), 296, 117

Parish Church Sung Eucharist: Mass of St Thomas (David Thorne) **Voluntary:**

Improvisation-Sortie (John Ridgway)

Hymns: NEH 117, 112, 113, 114

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Saturday 11 April	No service
Sunday 12 April	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Preacher at all services: the Curate</i> 8am Eucharist (Parish Church) 9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) 10.30am Sung Eucharist (Parish Church)
Monday 13 April	9.30am Eucharist (Parish Church) <i>followed by Parish Breakfast</i> 3.30pm-4.30pm TBG: Teens' Bible Group (Parish Church)
Tuesday 14 April	9.30am Old Testament Bible Study Group (<i>What's On Where</i>)
Wednesday 15 April	3pm-6pm Around Table (Holy Trinity) <i>Last orders at 5.30pm</i> 7pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity) 7.30pm Discipleship Group (Holy Trinity) 8pm 'Fully Booked' Book Group (The Bear Hotel)
Thursday 16 April	8pm Online Intercessory Prayer Group (<i>see What's On Where</i>)
Friday 17 April	12 noon Eucharist (Parish Church)
Saturday 18 April	4pm Evening Prayer (Holy Trinity)
Sunday 19 April	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Preacher at all services: the Vicar</i> 8am Eucharist (Parish Church) 9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) 10.30am Choral Eucharist (Parish Church) 3pm Godly Play (Holy Trinity)

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: Acts 2.14a & 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know — this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Psalm 16

Response: You will show me the path of life.

Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge;
I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord,
all my good depends on you.'
All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble in heart. **R/.**

Though the idols are legion that many run after,
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,
neither make mention of their names upon my lips.
The Lord himself is my portion and my cup;
in your hands alone is my fortune. **R/.**

My share has fallen in a fair land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel,
and in the night watches he instructs my heart. **R/.**

I have set the Lord always before me;
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.
Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices;
my flesh also shall rest secure. **R/.**

For you will not abandon my soul to Death,
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.
You will show me the path of life;
in your presence is the fullness of joy
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. **R/.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1.3–9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel: John 20.19–end

Alleluia,

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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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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, Tracey.

RIP: John Price, Janet Hyde, Dorothy Andrews.

Please also pray for: the Welcome Teams, Deanery Synod.

Readings & Hymns for next Sunday:

Acts 2.14a & 36–41, Psalm 116.1–3 & 10–end, 1 Peter 1.17–23, Luke 24.13–35.

Hymns at HT: NEH 105ii, 107, 101ii (omit *), 114, 115.

Hymns at PC: NEH 362, 113, 414, 124

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GODLY PLAY STARTS 19 APRIL! Wonder & worship for children of all ages and their adults. **Every Sunday at 3pm at Holy Trinity Charlton.** 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! For more information, visit:

www.wantageparish.com/community/children/godly-play

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

- **Parish Ale Lunchtime Session** from **12 noon**, with ploughman's lunches available and performances by the Icknield 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.

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.

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 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. Or, 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.

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