

wantage parish

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 19 April 2026

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

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

Parish Church Choral Eucharist: Missa sine nomine (John Ridgway) **Gloria:** Coventry Gloria (Peter Jones) **Motet:** Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Edward Bairstow) **Voluntary:**

Movement in A flat major (Elizabeth Stirling)

Hymns: NEH 352, 362 (tune 185), 414, 124

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Saturday 18 April 4pm Evening Prayer (Holy Trinity)

Sunday 19 April

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Preacher at all services: the Vicar

8am Eucharist (Parish Church)

9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity)

10.30am Choral Eucharist (Parish Church)

3pm Godly Play (Holy Trinity)

Monday 20 April

9.30am Eucharist (Parish Church)

9am-11am Trinity Tots (Holy Trinity)

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

Tuesday 21 April

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

Wednesday 22 April

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

7pm Eucharist for St George (Holy Trinity)

Friday 24 April

12 noon Eucharist (Parish Church)

Saturday 25 April

MARK THE EVANGELIST

4pm Vigil Mass (Holy Trinity)

Sunday 26 April

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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

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

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 & 36-41

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. Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Psalms 116.1-3 & 10-end

Response: I will call upon the name of the Lord.

I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication;
because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him.
The snares of death encompassed me;
by grief and sorrow was I held. **R/.**

Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.' **R/.**

How shall I repay the Lord for all the benefits he has given to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the name of the Lord. **R/.**

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful servants **R/.**

O Lord, I am your servant, your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord. **R/.**

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,
In the courts of the house of the Lord,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Alleluia. **R/.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1.17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Gospel: Luke 24.13-35

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.

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Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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, Elda, Karen, Tracey.

RIP: John Kingdon, John Price, Derek Riding, Dorothy Andrews.

Please also pray for: Godly Play, caretaker and cleaners, the building of the Kingsgrove Community Hub.

Readings & Hymns for next Sunday:

Acts 15.35-end, Psalm 119.9-16, Ephesians 4.7-16, Mark 13.5-13

Hymns at HT: NEH 485, 372, 353, 407, 486

Hymns at PC: NEH 485, 163 (tune 84), 407, 486

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GODLY PLAY STARTS TODAY!! A fun service 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. For more information, visit: www.wantageparish.com/community/children/godly-play

CARE HOME MINISTRY: Frances, with the support of Deanery Synod, is putting together a team of people to join in and expand our ministry in care homes. On **Monday 27 April at 11am in Holy Trinity**, there will be a meeting for anyone who is interested in joining this team. There will be a presentation from Gill Thompson, chaplain at Richmond Village in Letcombe Regis, and the chance to ask questions. If you feel drawn to this ministry, please come along to find out more.

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 on Sunday 17 May at 6pm: The annual church meeting is when we elect/re-elect churchwardens, members of the PCC, and Deanery Synod reps. If you would 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 DEADLINE: 23 April. 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!. 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 (awl_gregory@hotmail.com) or Frances (curate@wantageparish.com) (Please advise dietary needs). All warmly welcome. See the eNews for more information.

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