

wantage parish

MARK THE EVANGELIST 26 April 2026

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

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

Parish Church Choral Eucharist: Holy Communion in C (John Ireland) **Gloria:** Coventry Gloria (Peter Jones) **Motet:** The Lord is my shepherd (Howard Goodall) **Voluntary:** Prelude in C Major BWV 553 (J S Bach)

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

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Saturday 25 April

MARK THE EVANGELIST

4pm Vigil Mass (Holy Trinity)

Sunday 26 April

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)

Monday 27 April

9.30am Eucharist (Parish Church) *followed by Parish Breakfast*

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

Tuesday 28 April

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

Wednesday 29 April

Catherine of Siena

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

7pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity)

7.30pm Discipleship Group (Holy Trinity)

Thursday 30 April

7pm Evening Prayer (Parish Church) *followed by PCC Meeting*

Friday 1 May

PHILIP AND JAMES

12 noon Eucharist (Parish Church)

Saturday 2 May

4pm Evening Prayer (Holy Trinity)

Sunday 3 May

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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

10.30am Choral Eucharist (PC) *Preacher: David Richardson*

3pm Godly Play (Holy Trinity)

5pm Choral Evensong & Benediction (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

First Reading: Acts 15.35–end

Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, and there, with many others, they taught and proclaimed the word of the Lord. After some days Paul said to Barnabas, 'Come, let us return and visit the believers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.' Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. But Paul decided not to take with them one who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not accompanied them in the work. The disagreement became so sharp that they parted company; Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus. But Paul chose Silas and set out, the believers commending him to the grace of the Lord. He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

Psalm 119.9–16

Response: O Lord, teach me your statutes.

How shall young people cleanse their way
to keep themselves according to your word?

With my whole heart have I sought you;

O let me not go astray from your commandments. **R/.**

Your words have I hidden within my heart, that I should not sin against you.

Blessed are you, O Lord; O teach me your statutes. **R/.**

With my lips have I been telling
of all the judgements of your mouth.

I have taken greater delight in the way of your testimonies
than in all manner of riches. **R/.**

I will meditate on your commandments
and contemplate your ways.

My delight shall be in your statutes
and I will not forget your word. **R/.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 4.7–16

Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high, he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' (When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Gospel: Mark 13.5-13

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

Jesus began to say, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs. As for yourselves, beware; for they will hand you over to councils; and you will be beaten in synagogues; and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them. And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations. When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

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, Derek Riding, Dorothy Andrews.

Please also pray for: PCC Meeting, the administrator and communications.

Readings & Hymns for next Sunday:

Acts 7.55-end, Psalm 31.1-5, 1 Peter 2.2-10, John 14.1-14

Hymns at HT: NEH 106, 464, 461 (Corvedale), 118, 124

Hymns at PC: NEH 333, 400 (tune 311), 383ii (omit *), 361

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

GODLY PLAY: 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AROUND TABLE TEAM! The Around Table kitchen had an inspection by Environmental Health last week. They were awarded 4* but were just a hair's breadth from achieving 5! Well done and many thanks to those in the Kitchen Team, who have done wonders since November to not only keep Around Table going after the previous chef left, but to also improve on the previous practices.

ASCENSION DAY: BEATING THE BOUNDS. On Ascension Day (**Thursday 14 May**), we will be continuing the long tradition of a prayerful walk around the parish boundaries, interceding for our community as we go. You can join the walk at various points: meet at 8am at Holy Trinity to walk up to the Downs; at 10am at the car park near the Monument on Chain Hill Road for Morning Prayer; at 2.30pm at the Parish Church to walk across town; finishing in plenty of time for the Choral Eucharist at 7pm. Please contact Frances for further details (curate@wantageparish.com).

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!

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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