

# wantage parish

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 3 May 2026

**Holy Trinity Sung Eucharist:** Mass of Ss Peter & Paul (John Ridgway)

**Hymns:** NEH 106, 464, 461 (tune Corvedale), 118, 124

**Parish Church Choral Eucharist:** Mass in C and F (Charles Villiers Stanford) **Gloria:** Mass of Ss Peter & Paul (John Ridgway) **Motet:** Beati quorum via (Charles Villiers Stanford) **Voluntary:** Polonaise (Maria Agata Szymanowaska)

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

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

**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 with Benediction (Parish Church)

**Monday 4 May** **Early Spring Bank Holiday** *No services*

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

**Tuesday 5 May** 9.30am Old Testament Bible Study Group (*What's On Where*)

**Wednesday 6 May** 3pm–6pm Around Table (Holy Trinity) *Last orders at 5.30pm*  
7pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity)

**Friday 8 May** **Julian of Norwich**  
12 noon Eucharist (Parish Church)

**Saturday 9 May** 4pm Vigil Mass (Holy Trinity)  
12 noon Parish Ale Festival (Parish Church)  
7pm Cakes & Ale Ceilidh (Parish Church) *see notice below*

**Sunday 10 May** **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
8am Eucharist (Parish Church) *Preacher: the Curate*  
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

*\*Please note, there will be no morning prayer from Tuesday –Friday in the week of 18 May.*

**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 7.55–end**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

### **Psalm 31.1–5**

**Response: Incline your ear to me.**

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness.  
Incline your ear to me;  
make haste to deliver me. **R/.**

Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me,  
for you are my rock and my stronghold;  
guide me, and lead me for your name's sake.  
Take me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me,  
for you are my strength. **R/.**

Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth. **R/.**

### **Second Reading: 1 Peter 2.2–10**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

### **Gospel: John 14.1–14**

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**

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'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

**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:** Derek Riding, Richard Harries (bishop).

**Please also pray for:** Churchwardens; students taking GCSE exams, the Ridgeway Benefice.

#### **Readings & Hymns for next Sunday:**

Acts 17.22-31, Psalm 66-7-end, 1 Peter 3.13-end, John 14.15-21

Hymns at HT: NEH 102, 408, 351, 305, 119

Hymns at PC: NEH 390 (tune 388i), 408i, 342 (tune 178), 420

#### 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](http://www.ticketsource.com/wantage-parish).

**Ale Fest Volunteers needed...**to serve pints, prepare and serve lunches and make cakes. See David in church or email [dcrwantageparish@gmail.com](mailto:dcrwantageparish@gmail.com) to get involved.

**APCM: Sunday 17 May 6pm in the Parish Church.** Come along to hear from the Vicar about all that is happening in the Parish and to get an update on the Parish Church Improvement Project. The meeting is also your opportunity to ask questions and to elect our Churchwardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod reps for the year ahead. If you are interested in becoming more involved in the life of the Church and would like further information, please contact Katherine or one of the Churchwardens (see contact details below) or fill in one of the nomination forms, which are available in both churches.

**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](http://www.wantageparish.com/community/children/godly-play)

**CARE HOME MINISTRY:** If you're interested in joining the new Care Home Ministry Team, please speak to Frances ([curate@wantageparish.com](mailto:curate@wantageparish.com)).

**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](mailto:curate@wantageparish.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](mailto:awl_gregory@hotmail.com)) or Frances ([curate@wantageparish.com](mailto:curate@wantageparish.com)) (Please advise dietary needs). All warmly welcome. See the eNews for more information.

**YOUNG MUSICIAN'S CONCERT:** Wantage Parish Music Guild invite children and young people (up to age 21) to take part in this year's Young Musicians' Concert. The concert will take place at **3pm on Saturday 6 June**, in the Parish Church. For beginners to advanced players. Please speak to Barbara, or email: [Organist@wantageparish.com](mailto:Organist@wantageparish.com) for more information.

#### COMMUNITY NEWS

**REFLECTING ON THE IMAGE OF GOD:** A Quiet Day at St Mary's Convent on **Saturday 20 June**, led by Fr Christopher Woods of St Barnabas, Jericho and St Thomas the Martyr, Oxford. Reflecting on the divine image of God and how that flows into creation, the Church, and our own lives. For more information or to book, email [welcome@csmv.co.uk](mailto:welcome@csmv.co.uk) by Friday 5 June.

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