

# wantage parish

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 10 May 2026

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

**Hymns:** NEH 102, 408, 351, 305, 119

**Parish Church Choral Eucharist:** Missa Brevis (John Ridgway) **Gloria:** Gloria from the Mass of Ss Peter & Paul (John Ridgway) **Motet:** If ye love me (Philip Johnson) **Voluntary:** Jesus Christus, unser Heiland (Dietrich Buxtehude)

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

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<b>Saturday 9 May</b>	12 noon Parish Ale Festival (Parish Church) 4pm Vigil Mass (Holy Trinity) 7pm Cakes & Ale Ceilidh (Parish Church) <i>see notice below</i>
<b>Sunday 10 May</b>	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 8am Eucharist (Parish Church) <i>Preacher: the Curate</i> 9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) <i>Preacher: the Curate</i> 10.30am Choral Eucharist (Parish Church) <i>Preacher: the Curate</i> 3pm Godly Play (Holy Trinity)
<b>Monday 11 May</b>	<b>Rogation Day</b> 9.30am Eucharist (Parish Church) <i>followed by Parish Breakfast</i> 3.30pm–4.30pm TBG: Teens' Bible Group (Parish Church)
<b>Tuesday 12 May</b>	9.30am Old Testament Bible Study Group ( <i>What's On Where</i> )
<b>Wednesday 13 May</b>	<b>Rogation Day</b> 3pm–6pm Around Table (Holy Trinity) <i>Last orders at 5.30pm</i> 7pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity) 7.30pm Discipleship Group (Holy Trinity)
<b>Thursday 14 May</b>	<b>ASCENSION DAY</b> 8am/10am/2.30pm Beating the Bounds. <i>See notice below</i> 7pm Choral Eucharist (Parish Church)
<b>Friday 15 May</b>	<b>Matthias</b> 12 noon Eucharist (Parish Church)
<b>Saturday 16 May</b>	4pm Evening Prayer (Holy Trinity)
<b>Sunday 17 May</b>	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 8am Eucharist (Parish Church) <i>Preacher: the Vicar</i> 9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) <i>Preacher: the Curate</i> 10.30am Choral Eucharist (Parish Church) <i>Preacher: the Curate</i> 3pm Godly Play (Holy Trinity) 6pm APCM (Parish Church) <i>See notice below</i>

Morning Prayer is said in the Parish Church at 9am Monday–Friday

*Please note: there will be no Morning Prayer 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 17.22-31**

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

### **Psalm 66.7-end**

#### **Response: Bless our God, O you peoples**

Bless our God, O you peoples;  
make the voice of his praise to be heard,  
Who holds our souls in life  
and suffers not our feet to slip. **R/.**

For you, O God, have proved us;  
you have tried us as silver is tried.  
You brought us into the snare;  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs. **R/.**

You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water;  
but you brought us out into a place of liberty. **R/.**

I will come into your house with burnt offerings  
and will pay you my vows,  
which my lips uttered and my mouth promised  
when I was in trouble.

I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices with the smoke of rams;  
I will sacrifice oxen and goats. **R/.**

Come and listen, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell you what he has done for my soul.  
I called out to him with my mouth  
and his praise was on my tongue. **R/.**

If I had nursed evil in my heart,  
the Lord would not have heard me,  
But in truth God has heard me;  
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.  
Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,  
nor withheld his loving mercy from me. **R/.**

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 3.13–end**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

**Gospel: John 14.15–21**

**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 said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

**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, Sandie.

**RIP:** Derek Riding

**Please also pray for:** Ministry Team, primary school students taking SATS this week.

**Readings & Hymns for next Sunday:**

Acts 1.6–14, Psalm 68.1–10, 1 Peter 4.12–14 & 5.6–11, John 17.1–11

Hymns at HT: NEH 130, 134, 476, 128ii, 375

Hymns at PC: NEH 345, 271, 349, 332\*

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**APCM – NEXT SUNDAY! 17 May 6pm in the Parish Church.** Come along to hear from the Vicar and Churchwardens about all that is happening in the Parish and to get an update on the Parish Church Improvement Project. One idea we want to try is taking out a row of pews to create an aisle across the church. To read about the life of the Parish in 2025 and our finances, see the links in the eNews to our **Annual Report and Accounts**. Printed copies will be available in both churches next week. 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 (contact details below) or fill in one of the nomination forms, which are available in both churches.

**PCC MINUTES:** The PCC last met on 30 April to prepare for the APCM, to hear more about Around Table and to make a number of other decisions. A summary of PCC business can be found on the website ([www.wantageparish.com/About/PCC](http://www.wantageparish.com/About/PCC)). If you are interested in joining the PCC, nomination forms are available in both churches now!

**VESTRY KEYS:** The lock on the Parish Church vestry door has been changed. If you need regular access to the church via the vestry and have an old key, please see churchwarden Alastair Hunter for a new one (contact details below).

**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**. Contact Frances for 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 MUSICIANS’ 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.

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