

wantage parish

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION 17 May 2026

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

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

Parish Church Choral Eucharist: Communion in E (Harold Darke) **Gloria:** Gloria from the Mass of Ss Peter & Paul (John Ridgway) **Motet:** Come down, O love divine (William Henry Harris)

Voluntary: Duo (Nicolas de Grigny)

Hymns: NEH 345, 271, 349, 332 (omit *)

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Saturday 16 May 4pm Evening Prayer (Holy Trinity)

Sunday 17 May

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

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

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

3pm Godly Play (Holy Trinity)

6pm APCM (Parish Church)

Monday 18 May

9.30am Eucharist (Parish Church)

9am-11am Trinity Tots (Holy Trinity)

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

Tuesday 19 May

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

Wednesday 20 May

Alcuin

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

7pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity)

8pm 'Fully Booked' Book Group (*The Bear Hotel*)

Friday 22 May

12 noon Eucharist (Parish Church)

Saturday 23 May

4pm Vigil Mass (Holy Trinity)

Sunday 24 May

PENTECOST

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

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

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

3pm Godly Play (Holy Trinity)

Friday 29 May

2pm-3pm **MESSY CHURCH!** (Holy Trinity) *See notice below*

* **NO Morning Prayer** this week from Tuesday – 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 1.6-14

So when they had come together, the Apostles asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Psalm 68.1-10

Response: Sing praises to our God.

Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered;
let those that hate him flee before him.

As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away as wax melts at the fire,
so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. **R/.**

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them make merry with gladness.

Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides on the clouds.

The Lord is his name; rejoice before him. **R/.**

Father of the fatherless, defender of widows,
God in his holy habitation!

God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome,
but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert. **R/.**

O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain,

at the presence of God, the Lord of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel. **R/.**

You sent down a gracious rain, O God;

you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary.

Your people came to dwell there;

in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor. **R/.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4.12-14 & 5.6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so

that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: John 17.1-11

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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, Joe, Peter, Elda, Karen, Tracey, Sandie.

Sheenagh would like to thank everyone for their prayers for her brother, who is now much recovered.

Please also pray for: Intercessors; Ridgeway Benefice as they interview for a new Rector.

Readings & Hymns for next Sunday:

Acts 2.1-21 (NOT 10.30am: Psalm 104.26-end, 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13), John 7.37-39

Hymns at HT: NEH 137, 342 (tune 178), 409, 138, 431

Hymns at PC: NEH 138, 431, 140, 137

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MESSY CHURCH will take Pentecost as its theme on **Friday 29 May** from 2pm – 3pm at Holy Trinity Church. Children aged 2-12 years and their families are welcome to come and join in the fun activities including craft, singing, food and celebration. Please register via [Ticketsource.co.uk/wantage-parish](https://ticketsource.co.uk/wantage-parish), or chat to James (cyp.minister@wantageparish.com).

WEAR RED FOR PENTECOST! Everyone is invited to wear some red to church next Sunday (24 May) to symbolise the joy and fire of the Holy Spirit which descended on the Apostles, and the birthday of the Church.

APCM – TONIGHT: 17 May 6pm in the Parish Church. 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. 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 are available in both churches. 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 standing for one of these roles, please fill in a nomination form (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).

PEW ARRANGEMENT: You will notice next Sunday that the pews in the Parish Church have been rearranged slightly to create an aisle across the nave. This is a trial at present to see if it helps people move around the church more easily. Do let us know what you think!

PARISH ALE FESTIVAL THANKS: A heartfelt Thank You to everyone who contributed to our Parish Ale events last weekend. DiscipAle was much enjoyed and the church was filled with merrymaking! Hard-working serving teams offered our guests generous hospitality, the cake-makers excelled as always, and our social media presence was impressive. Particular thanks to Charlotte, the vital link to our brilliant Ceilidh band and traditional dancers, to Frankie and Paul for their expert advice and kindness, and of course, to David and Clare Richardson for organising the event.

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 contact Vince Willkins (buildings@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) or Frances (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 for more information.

GODLY PLAY: A fun service for children of all ages and their adults. **Every Sunday at 3pm at Holy Trinity.** For more information, visit: www.wantageparish.com/community/children/godly-play

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