wantage parish

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 9 August 2026

Holy Trinity Sung Eucharist: Mass of Ss Peter & Paul (John Ridgway)
Hymns: NEH 338 (tune CAMBERWELL) (omit *), 354, 474 (omit *), 275, 476

Parish Church Sung Eucharist: Mass of St Thomas (David Thorne)
Hymns: NEH 338 (omit *), 353, 307, 354

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Saturday 8 August	4pm Evening Prayer (Holy Trinity)
Sunday 9 August	**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** ***Sermon Series: Who is Jesus?*** 8am Eucharist (Parish Church) *Preacher: the Vicar* 9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) *Preacher: Hannah Caroe* 10.30am Sung Eucharist (Parish Church) *Preacher: Hannah Caroe*
Monday 10 August	**Laurence** 9.30am Eucharist (Parish Church) 2pm Forest Church (Parish Church) 3.30pm-4.30pm TBG: Teens' Bible Group (Parish Church)
Wednesday 12 August	**NO AROUND TABLE** 7pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity)
Friday 14 August	12 noon Eucharist (Parish Church)
Saturday 15 August	4pm Vigil Mass (Holy Trinity)
Sunday 16 August	**THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** *Preacher at all services: the Vicar* 8am Eucharist (Parish Church) 9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) 10.30am Sung Eucharist (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: 1 Kings 19.9-18

At Horeb, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also, you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha, son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

Psalm 85.8-13

Response: Show us, O Lord, your mercy

I will listen to what the Lord God will say,
for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful,
that they turn not again to folly.
Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.
Mercy and truth are met together,
righteousness and peace have kissed each other. **R/.**

Truth shall spring up from the earth
and righteousness look down from heaven.
The Lord will indeed give all that is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go before him
and direct his steps in the way. **R/.**

Second Reading: Romans 10.5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will

be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Gospel: Matthew 14.22-33

Alleluia, **Alleluia**
Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.
You have the words of eternal life. **Alleluia**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

For Your Prayers: Alan

RIP: Peter Peck, Canon Peter Turbitt.
Peter Peck's funeral will be held at Holy Trinity on Tuesday 18 August at 1.45pm.
The Eucharist at 7pm on Wednesday 19 August at Holy Trinity will be a Requiem Mass for Peter.

Please also pray for: the Choir, Director of Music and Organist as they start their tour in Wells Cathedral; students receiving A level results.

Readings & Hymns for next Sunday:
Revelation 11.19-12.6 & 10, Psalm 45.10-end, Galations 4.4-7, Luke 1.46-55
Hymns at HT: NEH 185, 181, 188 (omit *), 187 (tune 387 QUEM PASTORES) 186
Hymns at PC: NEH 21, 185, 161 (tune 385), 186

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GIVE THANKS with James, our Children and Young People's Minister, who has completed the first stage of his selection for ordination training. He attended an online selection event in July and received a glowing recommendation. The second stage is expected to take place next year. Congratulations to James, and please do keep him in your prayers for his ongoing discernment!

SERMON SERIES: Some copies of Matthew's Gospel are available on the table by the door of both churches if you wish to explore the Sermon Series in more depth.

FOREST CHURCH: On **Mondays during August at 2pm.** Meet at the Parish Church (whatever the weather!), where we will find a place outdoors to enjoy stories, activities and a snack (provided, but please bring your own drink). FREE for children and their adults, but 'no commitment' booking at www.ticketsource.com/wantage-parish please.

AROUND TABLE SUMMER BREAK: The Around Table team will be taking a very well-earned summer break on **Wednesday 12 and 19 August**, opening again on 26 August.

CHOIR ON TOUR: We wish the Parish Choir well as they start their summer tour to the cathedral city of Wells from 10-16 August. If you are interested in going along to support them, please see the eNews for further details. The choir will be back singing in Wantage on 6 September.

BUILDING CONNECTIONS WITH BAPTISM FAMILIES: Would you be interested in helping us to build connections with the families who bring their children to us for baptism? We are putting together a team to assist the clergy in baptism preparation, with the hope that we can help families to build a lasting relationship with our community beyond the day of baptism itself. If you would like to know more about this, please speak to Katherine or Frances.

RIDE+STRIDE 2026 is just around the corner on **Saturday 12 September 10am-6pm**. This is a national sponsored event where you can walk, cycle or drive between historic churches to raise funds for our own church and the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust. You can also help by signing up to be a Welcomer at either the Parish Church or Holy Trinity, offering drinks to participants and signing sponsor forms. For further details, contact Andrew Gregory (awl_gregory@hotmail.com) or Simon Jones (simonjonesc@yahoo.co.uk). Sponsor forms are available in both churches or on the OHTC website (www.ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride).

AETHELFLAED - A New Opera: To celebrate AlfredFest, the Parish Church is hosting a recital version of a new opera inspired by King Alfred's daughter and legendary queen of Mercia - Aethelflaed on **Sunday 25 October at 5pm**. Tickets are available from www.ticketsource.com/aethelflaed-a-new-opera.
The opera company will also be running a **FREE interactive children's workshop on Saturday 24 October**. Tickets available as above. See the eNews or posters for more information.

FUNERAL OF CANON PETER TURBITT: Some may remember Fr Peter, who was the RC parish priest in Wantage for many years. His body will be received into St John Vianney Church on 20 August followed by a Vigil Mass at 7pm. A Requiem and Funeral will be held at the Catholic church in Didcot on 21 August, time tbc. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish further details.

INSTITUTION AND INDUCTION OF REVD LAURENCE PRICE: everyone is invited to Laurence's Welcome Service at St Mary's Childrey on **Monday 21 September at 7.30pm**. It will be a service of Holy Communion followed by refreshments. RSVP please to benefice.ridgeway@outlook.com.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER: to request prayer for yourself or another person, please email prayer@wantageparish.com.