wantage parish

GENEROUS GIVING 11 October 2026

Holy Trinity Sung Eucharist: Mass of St Thomas (David Thorne)
Hymns: NEH 333, 341, 431, 382, 420

Parish Church Choral Eucharist: Mass for the Blessed John Henry Newman (James Macmillan)
Gloria: Gloria from the New People's Mass (Dom Gregory Murray) **Motet:** Ubi caritas (Maurice Duruflé) **Voluntary:** Improvisation (John Ridgway)
Hymns: NEH 485, 431, 382, 420

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Saturday 10 October	4pm Vigil Mass (Holy Trinity)
Sunday 11 October	**GENEROUS GIVING** 8am Eucharist (Parish Church) *Preacher: the Curate* 9.15am Sung Eucharist (HT) *Speaker: Claire Hunter (Treasurer)* 10.30am Choral Eucharist (PC) *Speaker: Claire Hunter (Treasurer)* 3pm Godly Play (Holy Trinity) *Parable of the Mustard Seed*
Monday 12 October	**Wilfred** 9.30am Eucharist (Parish Church) *Followed by Parish Breakfast* 3.30pm-4.30pm TBG: Teens' Bible Group (Parish Church)
Tuesday 13 October	10am Old Testament Bible Study Group *(What's On Where)*
Wednesday 14 October	3pm–6pm Around Table (Holy Trinity) *Last orders at 5.30pm* 7pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity)
Thursday 15 October	8pm Online Intercession Prayer Group *(see What's On Where)*
Friday 16 October	12 noon Eucharist (Parish Church)
Saturday 17 October	4pm Evening Prayer (Holy Trinity)
Sunday 18 October	**LUKE THE EVANGELIST** ***With anointing for healing offered at morning services*** *(see notice)* 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) *Jesus and his Friends* 5pm Come & Sing Evensong (Parish Church) *See notice below*

Morning Prayer: usually 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: Exodus 35.20-29

All the congregation of the Israelites withdrew from the presence of Moses. And they came, everyone whose heart was stirred, and everyone whose spirit was willing, and brought the Lord's offering to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the sacred vestments. So they came, both men and women; all who were of a willing heart brought brooches and earrings and signet rings and pendants, all sorts of gold objects, everyone bringing an offering of gold to the Lord. And everyone who possessed blue or purple or crimson yarn or fine linen or goats' hair or tanned rams' skins or fine leather, brought them. Everyone who could make an offering of silver or bronze brought it as the Lord's offering; and everyone who possessed acacia wood of any use in the work, brought it. All the skilful women spun with their hands, and brought what they had spun in blue and purple and crimson yarns and fine linen; all the women whose hearts moved them to use their skill spun the goats' hair. And the leaders brought onyx stones and gems to be set in the ephod and the breastpiece, and spices and oil for the light, and for the anointing-oil, and for the fragrant incense. All the Israelite men and women whose hearts made them willing to bring anything for the work that the Lord had commanded by Moses to be done, brought it as a freewill-offering to the Lord.

Psalm 112.1-7

Response: Blessed are they who fear the Lord.

Sung response at 10.30am service

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8.1-15

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; or during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints— and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, 'The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.'

Gospel: Matthew 19.16-22

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except through me. **Alleluia**

A man came to Jesus and said, 'Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?' And he said to him, 'Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.' He said to him, 'Which ones?' And Jesus said, 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honour your father and mother; also, You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' The young man said to him, 'I have kept all these; what do I still lack?' Jesus said to him, 'If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When the young man heard this word, he went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

For Your Prayers: Amanda

RIP: Barbara Keep, Ian Sturt, Rachel Steptoe-Jones, John Fletcher, Roger Brown, Donald, Pete.

The funeral of **Barbara Keep** will be held on Friday 30 October at 2.30pm at Thatcham Crematorium, followed by a reception at Thatcham Football Club. If you would like to attend, please email Administrator@wantageparish.com. Plans for a memorial service for Barbara tbc.

Please also pray for: Welcome Teams; Sylvia Ridgway at her year's mind.

Readings & Hymns for next Sunday:
Acts 16.6-12a, Psalm 147.1-7, 2 Timothy 4.5-17, Luke 10.1-9
Hymns at HT: NEH 214ii, 102, 415 (tune 346), 342 (tune 178), 235
Hymns at PC: NEH 215 (tune 434), 438, 194, 186

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAKE WAY! Please ensure that the aisles are kept free from obstructions at all times in case of emergency. If foldable, walkers and pushchairs etc may fit between the pews, or they can be taken to the safe areas near the front entrance and at the back between the piano and the war memorial - stewards will assist with this if you need help. Thank you.

ST LUKE: PRAYING FOR HEALING WHILE ANOINTING with holy oil is an ancient practice of the church. The Letter of James asks: 'Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.' (5.14) Since St Luke, 'the beloved physician' (Colossians 4.14), is particularly associated with healing, we shall be offering anointing for healing at all services on his feast day. Anyone with any ailment, great or small, who would like to ask the Lord for healing in this ancient way, is welcome to participate

HARVEST THANKS: Wantage & Grove Foodbank and the Mix would like to thank the parish congregations for their generous Harvest gifts, all of which were very gratefully received.

PCC MINUTES: A summary of the minutes of the PCC meeting held on 30 September can be found on the parish website at: https://wantageparish.com/about/pcc.

PARISH CHURCH CLOSED FOR MUSIC EXAMS on **Saturday 17 October from 8.30am-2pm**. Please note that the church will not be available for any other purpose during that time.

ORGANIST FAREWELL: We are sadly saying **goodbye to Barbara Kennedy**, who has been our Organist and Assistant Director of Music for the past three years. Barbara's last Sunday with us will be **18 October**. If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift, donations can be made via the link in the eNews, or by the QR code: Bank transfers can be made to PCC of the ECC Parish of St Peter and St Paul Wantage, Sort Code: 40-52-40, Account No: 00036295 with the reference: **BARBARA.** Cash can be put in church collection boxes/baskets in a clearly marked envelope.

FLY ME TO THE MOON: The Music Guild is very pleased to announce that on **31 October 2026 at 7pm** in the Parish Church, our very own **David Mallinson** will be giving a recital of songs which will take us on a journey through love and loss, memories and dreams, from the earth to the stars in what promises to be a stunning evening of music. Tickets £12, concessions £10, under-18s free, from www.ticketsource.com/wantage-parish-music-guild or see the eNews link.

COME & SING EVENSONG: Sunday 18 October. Experience the majesty of singing choral evensong with the choir and guest conductor Bernard West, Director of Music at Shipton-under-Wychwood. Even better, bring a friend! **Rehearsal at 2.30pm, service at 5pm** in the Parish Church. Price for singers: £5. Attendance at the service is free. If you'd like to come and sing, please email wpmgchair@gmail.com!

BOOK NOW FOR AETHELFLAED: A NEW OPERA! Sunday 25 October at 5pm. To celebrate AlfredFest, the Parish Church is hosting a recital version of a new opera inspired by King Alfred's daughter, Aethelflaed queen of Mercia. The opera company will also be running a **FREE interactive children's workshop on Saturday 24 October 1pm**. Tickets for both are available from www.ticketsource.com/aethelflaed-a-new-opera.
See the eNews or the church noticeboard for other AlfredFest events.

BREWERY FIELD TRIP: On **Saturday 31 October** David Richardson and Sylvia Ward are going to the Indigenous microbrewery in Chaddleworth, which produces *DiscipAle* for our annual Parish Ale Festival (next PAF, Saturday 15 May 2027). If other parishioners would like to join us for the visit, to sample a few Indigenous ales and perhaps buy a few pints to take home, you would be very welcome. Please email David at dcrwantageparish@gmail.com.

I AM THE LIGHT, Light Party: **Monday 2 November 10am - 12noon** at Holy Trinity. Children of all ages and their families are invited to join in a morning of activities, craft, food and worship as we celebrate Jesus, the Light of the World. Places are free, but limited, so please register at www.ticketsource.com/wantage-parish or see the link in the eNews and on posters.

NEW TESTAMENT GREEK STUDY DAY: Reading scripture in its original languages opens up new depths of meaning. Interested? A study day - for **absolute beginners** and up - will give you the basic tools to approach the New Testament in Greek. **Saturday 7 November, 10am-3pm**, Parish Church. Please tell Frances (curate@wantageparish.com) if you would like to come.

CURRY & QUIZ NIGHT! It's Street Pastors' annual Curry & Quiz Night on **Saturday 7 November, 6.30 pm** at the **Old Mill Hall, Grove**. £15 per person on the door, but only £14 if booked in advance! Maximum 6 people on a team. Booking at bit.ly/wgsp-quiz2026 or see the link in the eNews. All funds raised go to Wantage & Grove Street Pastors. Beat the rush and book your team in now!

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