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LUKE THE EVANGELIST 18 October 2026

Holy Trinity Sung Eucharist: Mass of St Thomas (David Thorne)
Hymns: NEH 214ii, 102, 415 (tune 346), 342 (tune 178), 235

Parish Church Choral Eucharist: Missa O quam gloriosum (Tomas Luis de Victoria) **Gloria:** Gloria from the New People's Mass (Dom Gregory Murray) **Motet:** O quam gloriosum (Tomas Luis de Victoria) **Voluntary:** Nun Danket Alle Gott (Sigfried Karg-Elert)
Hymns: NEH 215(tune 434), 438, 194, 186

Come & Sing Evensong: If ye love me (Thomas Tallis) Preces & Responses (William Smith) Evening Service in D minor (Thomas Attwood Walmlsley) The Spirit of the Lord (Edward Elgar) **Voluntary:** Nun Danket Alle Gott (Sigfried Karg-Elert)

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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)*
Monday 19 October	9.30am Eucharist (Parish Church) 9am-11am Trinity Tots (Holy Trinity) 3.30pm-4.30pm TBG: Teens' Bible Group (Parish Church)
Tuesday 20 October	10am Old Testament Bible Study Group *(What's On Where)*
Wednesday 21 October	3pm–6pm Around Table (Holy Trinity) *Last orders at 5.30pm* 7pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity) 7.30pm Discipleship Group (Holy Trinity) 8pm 'Fully Booked' Book Group (The Bear Hotel)
Friday 23 October	12 noon Eucharist (Parish Church)
Saturday 24 October	1pm FREE Interactive Children's Music Workshop (Parish Church) 4pm Vigil Mass (Holy Trinity)
Sunday 25 October	**BIBLE SUNDAY / ALFRED** 8am Eucharist (Parish Church) *Preacher: the Vicar* 9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) *Preacher: David Richardson* 10.30am Choral Eucharist (PC) *Preacher: David Richardson* ***Followed by Procession & Prayers at the statue of King Alfred*** 3pm Godly Play (Holy Trinity) The Story of Ruth 5pm **AETHELFLAED**: A New Opera (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: Acts 16.6-12a

Paul and his companions went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony.

Psalm 147.1-7

Response: Great is our Lord and mighty in power.

Sung response at 10.30am service.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4.5-17

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

Gospel: Luke 10.1-9

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last. **Alleluia**

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person;

but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

For Your Prayers: Amanda, Pope Leo.

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

Please also pray for: All those who care for and clean our church buildings.

Readings & Hymns for next Sunday:
Nehemiah 8.1-12, Psalm 119.9-16, Colossians 3.12-17, Matthew
Hymns at HT: NEH 466, 394, 230 (tune 3i), 396, 336
Hymns at PC: NEH 9, 272, 198, 336

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST LUKE: PRAYING FOR HEALING THROUGH 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 who, for any reason, would like to ask the Lord for healing in this ancient way, is welcome to participate.

ORGANIST FAREWELL: We are sadly saying **goodbye to Barbara Kennedy** today. Barbara has been our Organist and Assistant Director of Music for the past three years but is now moving on to a new job at the parish of Cowley St John in East Oxford. We send with her our prayers and very best wishes.

COME & SING EVENSONG: TODAY! 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.

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.

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.

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** at **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.

ALL SOULS: Those who have died will be prayed for by name at the service at 7pm on **Wednesday 4 November**. If you would like a loved one to be remembered, whether they have died recently or in the past, please add their name to the list at the welcome desk in either church, or email the Parish Office (administrator@wantageparish.com).

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.

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.

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 coming up on 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.

ALL THE Bs! Books, Beads, Bangles and Bric-a-Brac. Yes, it's that time of year when we start collecting for our Dickensian Evening stalls. If you need to make space on your bookshelves or have ornaments/games/useful things or jewellery that you no longer need, we would be very happy to take them off your hands as long as they are still in readable/usable condition. There will be boxes in both churches for you to drop things off. Many thanks.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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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