wantage parish

ALL SAINTS' DAY 1 November 2026

Holy Trinity Sung Eucharist: Mass of Ss Peter & Paul (John Ridgway)
Hymns: NEH 478, 369, 485, 456, 197

Parish Church Choral Eucharist: Missa Gregoriana (John Ridgway) **Gloria:** Gloria from the Mass of Ss Peter & Paul (John Ridgway) **Motet:** Justorum animae (Charles Villiers Stanford)
Voluntary: Improvisation on Vivaldi Concerto in D minor.
Hymns: *CfE 176 (omit v. 3 & 5), 72, 20, 688*

Choral Evensong (Convent): Sicut cervus (Giovanni da Palestrina), Preces and responses (Bernard Rose), Sixth service (Thomas Weelkes), Os justi (Anton Brukner)

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Saturday 31 October	4pm Evening Prayer (Holy Trinity)
Sunday 1 November	**ALL SAINTS' DAY** 8am Eucharist (Parish Church) *Preacher: the Vicar* 9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) *Preacher: the Vicar* 10.30am Choral Eucharist (Parish Church) *Preacher: Fleur Taylor* 3pm Godly Play (Holy Trinity) *The Story of David* **4pm** Choral Evensong (Convent)
Monday 2 November	**ALL SOULS' DAY** 9.30am Requiem Mass (Parish Church) 10am Messy Church Light Party (Holy Trinity) *(See notice)* 3.30pm-4.30pm TBG: Teens' Bible Group (Parish Church)
Tuesday 3 November	10am Old Testament Bible Study Group *(What's On Where)*
Wednesday 4 November	**NO AROUND TABLE** *due to unforeseen circumstances* **NO** 7pm Eucharist at Holy Trinity **7pm All Souls Service** (Parish Church) *(See notice below)*
Thursday 5 November	8pm Online Julian Prayer Group *(see What's On Where)*
Friday 6 November	12 noon Eucharist (Parish Church)
Saturday 7 November	4pm Vigil Mass (Holy Trinity)
Sunday 8 November	**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** 8am Eucharist (Parish Church) *Preacher: the Curate* 9am Act of Remembrance (Holy Trinity War Memorial) 9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) *Preacher: the Curate* **10.00am** Choral Eucharist (Parish Church) *Preacher: the Vicar* 11.00am Act of Remembrance (Parish Church War Memorial) 3pm Godly Play (Holy Trinity) *Daniel & the Lion's Den*

Morning Prayer: usually said in the Parish Church at 9am Monday-Friday

Requiem Mass: every first Monday of the month in the Parish Church at 9.30am (excluding Bank Holidays and Feast Days). If you want someone remembered, email administrator@wantageparish.com with their name.

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: Revelation 7.9-end

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Psalm 34.1-10

Response: O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
My soul shall glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad. **R/.**

O magnify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears. **R/.**

Look upon him and be radiant
and your faces shall not be ashamed.
This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles. **R/.**

The angel of the Lord
encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.
O taste and see that the Lord is gracious;
blessed is the one who trusts in him. **R/.**

Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones,
for those who fear him lack nothing.
Lions may lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good. **R/.**

Second Reading: 1 John 3.1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. and all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12

Alleluia,

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I have called you friends, says the Lord,
for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

Alleluia

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

For Your Prayers: Pope Leo, Judy, Linda, Steve.

RIP: Roger Brown, John Fletcher, Ivor Hoare.

Please also pray for: Church Wardens

Readings & Hymns for next Sunday:
Wisdom 6.12-20, (*not 10.00am*: 1 Thessalonians 4.13a-end), Matthew 25.1-13
Hymns at HT: NEH 417, 490, 492, 376, 488
Hymns at PC: NEH 372, 417, 273, 361

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO AROUND TABLE THIS WEEK due to unforeseen circumstances. Next on 11 November.

ALFREDFEST THANKS. Many thanks to everyone who played a part in making this year's AlfredFest a very successful and memorable event. See this week's Wantage Herald for a full-page report!

CHRISTMAS CHARITIES NOMINATIONS: Every year, our church collections throughout Advent are donated equally between three chosen charities: a local charity, a national charity and an international charity. If you would like to nominate a charity to be one of this year's recipients, please contact Katherine at vicar@wantageparish.com

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).

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.

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 email curate@wantageparish.com if you would like to come.

CONGRATULATIONS! To five of our young choristers, all of whom passed their recent exams set by the Royal School of Church Music. To succeed in these Voice for Life awards, the choristers have to demonstrate an understanding of the church year and liturgy as well as being tested on their singing and musical knowledge. Elliot, Lottie and Rory were successful in the bronze award, Grace achieved silver, and Olivia succeeded at gold level. Well done to all of them and a big thank you to those who helped them to prepare for the exams.

RIDE & STRIDE SPONSORSHIP: Thank you to all who participated in last month's Ride and Stride event in aid of the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust. Please can all sponsor forms and monies be paid in or handed to Ann Gregory at HT or Simon Jones at the PC as soon as possible. Half of the money will later be returned to our churches, as long as that is requested on the forms.

ALL THE Bs FOR DICKENSIAN EVENING! 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.

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