wantage parish

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 5 July 2026

Holy Trinity Sung Eucharist: Mass of St Thomas (David Thorne)
Hymns: NEH 397, 376, 387, 84, 239

Parish Church Choral Eucharist: Communion in A (Harold Darke) **Gloria:** Gloria from the Mass of St Thomas (David Thorne) **Motet:** Lead me Lord (Samuel Sebastian Wesley)
Voluntary: O Lux Beata Trinitas (Amy Summers)
Hymns: NEH 263 (omit*), 339, 294, 323, 375

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Saturday 4 July	4pm Vigil Mass (Holy Trinity)
Sunday 5 July	**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** ***Sermon Series: Jesus and the fulfilment of prophecy*** 8am Eucharist (Parish Church) *Preacher: the Curate* 9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) *Preacher: the Vicar* 10.30am Choral Eucharist with Baptism (PC) *Preacher: the Curate* 3pm Godly Play (Holy Trinity): *Parable of the Great Pearl*
Monday 6 July	9.30am Eucharist for the dead (All Souls Chapel, Parish Church) 9am-11am Trinity Tots (Holy Trinity) 3.30pm-4.30pm TBG: Teens' Bible Group (Parish Church)
Tuesday 7 July	9.30am Old Testament Bible Study Group *(What's On Where)*
Wednesday 8 July	3pm–6pm Around Table (Holy Trinity) *Last orders at 5.30pm* 7pm Evening Prayer (Parish Church) *followed by PCC meeting* 7pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity) 7.30pm Discipleship Group (Holy Trinity)
Friday 10 July	12 noon Eucharist (Parish Church)
Saturday 11 July	4pm Evening Prayer (Holy Trinity)
Sunday 12 July	**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** ***Sermon Series: Parables*** 8am Eucharist (Parish Church) *Preacher: the Vicar* 9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) *Preacher: the Curate* 10.30am Choral Eucharist (Parish Church) *Preacher: the Vicar* 3pm Godly Play (Holy Trinity): *Parable of the Sower*

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

(Not 10.30am) **First Reading: Zechariah 9.9-12**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

(Not 10.30am) **Psalm 145.8-15**

Response: All your works praise you, O Lord.

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
long-suffering and of great goodness.
The Lord is loving to everyone
and his mercy is over all his creatures. **R/.**

All your works praise you, O Lord,
and your faithful servants bless you.
They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your mighty power. **R/.**

To make known to all peoples your mighty acts
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages. **R/.**

The Lord is sure in all his words
and faithful in all his deeds.
The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up all those who are bowed down. **R/.**

Second Reading: Romans 7.15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Gospel: Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end

Alleluia

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

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Jesus said: 'To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.' At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

For Your Prayers: Sarah, Lizzie, Beth, Sirma, Chris, Pat and Dave, Alan and Dawn, Rachel, Niamh and Orlaith, Aubrey, Kathryn, Diane, David, Peter, Joe, Peter, Elda, Karen, Tracey, Michael; John, Peggy; Ken.

RIP: Phoebe Ellwood

Please also pray for: Fr Paul Smith as he celebrates 25 years of priesthood, and all those ordained this Petertide or celebrating the anniversary of ordination.

Readings & Hymns for next Sunday:
Isaiah 55.10-13; Psalm 65, Romans 8.1-11 Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23
Hymns at HT: NEH 263 (omit *), 456, 368, 276ii, 495
Hymns at PC: NEH 137, 262, 358ii, 466

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO ALL who helped put together and run the Patronal Festival art exhibition, 'We are the Clay'. It provided a fascinating insight into various aspects of '3D art' and brought people in to see the church's own artworks.

VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL: Christian Aid is releasing emergency funds to their network of trusted local partners active in the epicentre of the devastating earthquakes in Caracas and Carabobo. They are well-placed to deliver life-saving water, food, health kits to treat basic injuries and shelter to some of the worst-hit communities in some of the poorest neighbourhoods. Donations given in solidarity with the earthquake survivors will save lives and offer hope in the coming weeks and months as they rebuild their lives. For more information and to make a donation, visit *www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals* or click on the link in the eNews.

PARKING CHANGES NEAR PARISH CHURCH: The Council is consulting on a proposal to tighten parking restrictions on Church Street and Priory Road. This is independent of the separate consultation about the Market Place. Please do look at what is proposed and respond, whether you have concerns or are supportive or neutral:
https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/wantage_centre_parking2026

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER: to request prayer for yourself or another person, please email prayer@wantageparish.com. *Please do not share confidential information without consent*. To ensure that we pray as faithfully as we have promised, names will be printed in the pewsheet for one month only and will be prayed for out loud every Sunday for that month. If prayer is still needed, please email again. Names currently on the list will come off automatically **this week on 5 July**, so please let us know if you would like them to remain on the list for the next month.

Long term prayer: if you would like ongoing prayer, but do not need the name to be published in the pewsheet every week, please let us know and this will be passed on to the clergy and those who have committed to pray. **If you would be willing to pray for others, please sign up now** by emailing prayer@wantageparish.com to receive a fortnightly email of prayer intentions, including long-term prayer needs, and prayer for the activities of the parish, church, and world.

URGENT HOUSING & PRAYER REQUEST: Victoria Ifeanyi and her family, who have been very much part of our congregation for the past four years, are having to move out of their current home imminently. Please keep them in your prayers, and if you are aware of a suitable property, please let them know directly or through the clergy or church office.

COLLECTION FOR FLORA: Contributions to a leaving gift for our Verger, Flora, can be made by bank transfer to: PCC of the ECC Parish of St Peter and St Paul Wantage, Sort Code: 40-52-40, Account No: 00036295 with the reference: **FLORA**. Alternatively, cash (in an envelope clearly marked **FLORA**) can be put in the Donations box.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WANTAGE & GROVE STREET PASTORS' AGM: on **Tuesday 7 July 7.45pm** at Cornerstone Christian Centre, Savile Way, Grove. All invited for the presentation of our Annual Report and an update on our social media presence. Tea, coffee and nibbles provided!

MARKET PLACE CONSULTATION: Have your say on proposals for the improvement of Wantage Market Place. Public engagement runs **until 8 July**. online at www/letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/wantage-market-place-design. Printed copies of the survey are available from Wantage Library.