wantage parish

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 19 July 2026

Holy Trinity Sung Eucharist: Mass of St Thomas (David Thorne)
Hymns: NEH 394, 492, 433 (omit *), 499, 490

Parish Church Choral Eucharist: Mass of the Quiet Hour (George Oldroyd) **Gloria:** Gloria from the Mass of St Thomas (Davd Thorne) **Motet:** Panis Angelicus (César Frank) **Voluntary:** Caprice sur les grand jeux (Nicolas Clérambault)
Hymns: NEH 333, 492, 369, 461 (Corvedale)

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Saturday 18 July	4pm Evening Prayer (Holy Trinity)
Sunday 19 July	**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** ***Sermon Series: Judgement*** *Preacher at all services: the Vicar* 8am Eucharist (Parish Church) 9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) 10.30am Choral Eucharist (Parish Church) 3pm Godly Play (Holy Trinity): *Parable of the Good Samaritan*
Monday 20 July	9.30am Eucharist (Parish Church) 3.30pm-4.30pm TBG: Teens' Bible Group (Parish Church)
Tuesday 21 July	9.30am Old Testament Bible Study Group *(What's On Where)*
Wednesday 22 July	**MARY MAGDALENE** 3pm–6pm Around Table (Holy Trinity) *Last orders at 5.30pm* 7pm Eucharist (Holy Trinity) 7.30pm Discipleship Group (Holy Trinity)
Friday 24 July	12 noon Eucharist (Parish Church)
Saturday 25 July	**James the Apostle** 4pm Vigil Mass (Holy Trinity)
Sunday 26 July	**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** ***Sermon Series: The Kingdom of Heaven*** 8am Eucharist (Parish Church) *Preacher: the Curate* 9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) *Preacher: the Curate* 10.30am Choral Eucharist (Parish Church) *Preacher: Fleur Taylor* 3pm Godly Play (Holy Trinity): *Holy Baptism* *This will be the last Godly Play before the summer break.*

Morning Prayer is 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: Wisdom 12.13, 16-19

There is not any god besides you, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly. For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

Psalm 86.11-end

Response: Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth.

Teach me your way, O Lord,
and I will walk in your truth;
knit my heart to you,
that I may fear your name. **R/.**

I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name for evermore;
For great is your steadfast love towards me,
for you have delivered my soul from the depths of the grave. **R/.**

O God, the proud rise up against me and a ruthless horde seek after my life;
they have not set you before their eyes.
But you, Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and full of kindness and truth. **R/.**

Turn to me and have mercy upon me;
give your strength to your servant and save the child of your handmaid.
Show me a token of your favour, that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;
because you, O Lord, have helped and comforted me. **R/.**

Second Reading: Romans 8.12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope, we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel: Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

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

Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."' Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

For Your Prayers: Ken; Alan.

Please also pray for: Old Testament Bible Group; school leavers and those changing school; Pearl and her family on her baptism.

Readings & Hymns for next Sunday:
1 Kings 3.5-12, Psalm 119.129-136, Romans 8.26-end, Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52
Hymns at HT: NEH 345, 500, 433 (omit *), 391, 494 (tune 413 Nun Danket
Hymns at PC: NEH 436, 272, 407, 339

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: Every Monday in August at 2pm we will be taking to the great outdoors to praise, worship and learn about the God of creation. Meeting at the Parish Church (whatever the weather!), 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 HELP NEEDED for **30-45 minutes from 10am next Wednesday (23 July)** to set up tables and chairs. If you can help, please contact Janet at aroundtable@wantageparish.com.

CHURCH PEWS FOR SALE: There are still some church pews for sale: various sizes, made of oak and dating from c. 1854. For details and prices, see the church noticeboard, the eNews or email Vince at buildings@wantageparish.com.

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.

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.
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.

AETHELFLAED - A New Opera: To celebrate AlfredFest, the Parish Church is hosting a recital version of a new opera inspired by the legendary queen of Mercia - Aethelflaed on **Sunday 25 October at 5pm**. Discounted tickets are available until 1 August 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

NEW COMMUNITY APP: Neya is a new free way to connect with neighbours and local interest groups, supported by the council and local housing associations. Available for phone or online. Join at https://app.joinneya.com/discover/wantage.

VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL: Christian Aid is delivering life-saving water, food and health kits to treat basic injuries and shelter to some of the worst-hit communities in some of the poorest neighbourhoods. Donations will save lives and offer hope to survivors 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.