wantage parish

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 2 August 2026

Holy Trinity Sung Eucharist: Mass of Ss Peter & Paul (John Ridgway)
Hymns: NEH 237, 102, 280 (omit *), 276, 415 (tune RICHMOND)

Parish Church Sung Eucharist: Mass of St Thomas (David Thorne)
Hymns: NEH 296, 271, 295, 368

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Saturday 1 August	4pm Vigil Mass (Holy Trinity)
Sunday 2 August	**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** ***Sermon Series: Miracles*** 8am Eucharist (Parish Church) *Preacher: the Curate* 9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) *Preacher: David Richardson* 10.30am Sung Eucharist (Parish Church) *Preacher: David Richardson*
Monday 3 August	9.30am Eucharist (Parish Church) 2pm Forest Church (Parish Church) 3.30pm-4.30pm TBG: Teens' Bible Group (Parish Church)
Wednesday 5 August	3pm–6pm Around Table (Holy Trinity) *Last orders at 5.30pm* 7pm Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Transfiguration (Holy Trinity)
Thursday 6 August	**TRANSFIGURATION** 8pm Online Julian Prayer Group *(see What's On Where)*
Friday 7 August	12 noon Eucharist (Parish Church)
Saturday 8 August	4pm Evening Prayer (Holy Trinity)
Sunday 9 August	**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** ***Sermon Series: Who is Jesus?*** 8am Eucharist (Parish Church) *Preacher: the Vicar* 9.15am Sung Eucharist (Holy Trinity) *Preacher: Hannah Caroe* 10.30am Sung Eucharist (Parish Church) *Preacher: Hannah Caroe*

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: Isaiah 55.1-5

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Psalm 145.8-9, 15-end

Response: I will bless you and praise you for ever, O God my King.

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/.**

The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up all those who are bowed down. **R/.**

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open wide your hand
and fill all things living with plenty.
The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and loving in all his works. **R/.**

The Lord is near to those who call upon him,
to all who call upon him faithfully.
He fulfils the desire of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and saves them. **R/.**

The Lord watches over those who love him,
but all the wicked shall he destroy.
My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord,
and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever. **R/.**

Second Reading: Romans 9.1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

Gospel: Matthew 14.13-21

Alleluia

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We do not live by bread alone,
But by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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Now when Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew from his home-town of Nazareth in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

For Your Prayers: Alan

RIP: Alun Brookfield, Peter Peck

Please also pray for: 'Fully Booked' Book Club

Readings & Hymns for next Sunday:
1 Kings 19.9-18, Psalm 85.8-13, Romans 10.5-15, Matthew 14.22-33
Hymns at HT: NEH 338 (tune CAMBERWELL) (omit *), 354, 474 (omit *), 275, 476
Hymns at PC: NEH 338 (omit *), 353, 307, 354

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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 take to the great outdoors to praise, worship and learn about the God of creation. Meet at the Parish Church (whatever the weather!), where 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 SUMMER BREAK: The Around Table team will be taking a very well-earned summer break on **Wednesday 12 and 19 August**, opening again on 26 August.

CHOIR ON TOUR: The Parish Choir are taking a break during August and going on tour to the cathedral city of Wells. We wish them well and ask you to keep them in your prayers. If you are interested in going along to support them and would like further details, see the eNews.

RIDE+STRIDE 2026 is just around the corner on **Saturday 12 September 10am-6pm**. This is a national sponsored event where you can walk, cycle or drive between historic churches to raise funds for our own church and the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust. You can also help by signing up to be a Welcomer at either the Parish Church or Holy Trinity, offering drinks to participants and signing sponsor forms. For further details, contact Andrew Gregory (awl_gregory@hotmail.com) or Simon Jones (simonjonesc@yahoo.co.uk). Sponsor forms are available in both churches or on the OHTC website (www.ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride).

AETHELFLAED - A New Opera: To celebrate AlfredFest, the Parish Church is hosting a recital version of a new opera inspired by King Alfred's daughter and 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.

INSTITUTION AND INDUCTION OF REVD LAURENCE PRICE: everyone is invited to Laurence's Welcome Service at St Mary's Childrey on **Monday 21 September at 7.30pm**. It will be a service of Holy Communion followed by refreshments. RSVP please to benefice.ridgeway@outlook.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.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

THAMES WATER will be doing essential work to reduce leaks and improve water supply in the Wantage area from August, starting with the closure of Scantlebury Way. There will be a drop-in session at Holy Trinity from 1pm-5pm on **Friday 7 August** for people to find out more and ask questions. See the link in the eNews more information.