

Dates for your Diary—

Sunday 18th October – There will be tea and coffee after 11am Mass in Walwyn Hall

Friday 23rd October—‘**The Cross and the Camen**’ is the subject of the next in the series of talks at St.Hugh’s Faringdon. For more details or to book a place, please email pbf.bucklandandfaringdon@gmail.com, or see the poster at the back of church.

Thursday 29th October - 7pm in the Presbytery Fr David will be holding the first session of his ‘Seekers’ group.

Saturday 31st October – Readers Training. For new and existing readers. 11:30am -12:30 pm. In the Hall.

Saturday 31st October – Ministers of Holy Communion training 12:30-1:30, in the Hall.

Saturday 31st October - Night of Light evening - a fun, activity packed evening for children age 5+ (and their parents) celebrating the lives of the saints and Jesus as the light of the world. More details and link for booking to follow!

Friday 20th November – There will be a Quiz Night in aid of SVP in the Hall, from 7pm-10pm. Tickets will be on sale soon!

If you enjoy singing **Christmas Carols** why not come and join the Choir when we will be singing at the Mayor's Carols in the Parish Church, with the elderly people at St Katherines OPH as well as our own Carol Service and at 9pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Get in touch with Judy or any member of the Choir after 9am Mass or ring 07880 970534

Volunteers Needed! Could you help with the running of the Walwyn Hall? There is now an urgent need to add to those who help. See Charles Lochrane after Mass if you can help.

Care for Our Common Home Save Money. Save Energy.

Draught proofing: there are some very easy improvements to make your rooms warmer. You can pick up draught proofing strips for your windows and doors for around £2 a metre. It's one of the cheapest ways to make your home more energy efficient and cosier.

**Holy Hour of Prayer
and Eucharistic Adoration
St. John Vianney
7-8pm**

**Scripture Study
Tuesday 7-7:30pm**

St. Amand's in East Hendred is our local Catholic Primary School.

They will be holding open days on 15th October and 10th November. If your child is nearing primary school age you can book a place on one of the open days.

Telephone: 01235-833342 or email: office.3855@st-amands.oxon.sch.uk

Please see the poster at the back of church.

Do you have a red box at home? If you do, please would you bring your red box to church for counting during November.

‘Do you enjoy reading books, especially murder mysteries? A first time author from this Parish is looking for a volunteer reviewer or two and an editor, to work on their murder mystery, set in the Valley of the Racehorse and the Sacred Heart.’

If you think this is for you please see Fr. David. (The prospective author will make a donation to charity by way of remuneration).

Prayer for Pope Leo

Lord Jesus, we pray for our beloved Pope Leo. Grant him healing, strength and peace as he recovers from surgery. May Your loving presence sustain him, Our Lady protect him, and the prayers of Your people bring him comfort and hope. Lord, hold him in Your loving care. Amen.

Child Registration

We are now in the phase of adding children to our parish database. Please use the QR code here to register your children. This is very important for those who will be joining the First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes. Please do not register a child until you have registered yourself



Important Contacts.

Hospital / Home visits. Sick Communion,

If you are sick or going into hospital and would like a visit or Holy Communion, call the office on 01235 762374

Parish Safeguarding ministry: Barbara Jarrett 07427181090

Baptisms and other Sacraments—Firstly, speak to Fr. David after Mass on any Sunday email wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Other Priests in the area :

Fr. Matthew Topham. East Hendred. Tel: 01235 835038

Fr. Dominic Adeiza. Didcot. Tel: 01235 812338

17th October – 25th October

Sat 17th 10am *Barbara and David Heath RIP*

Sat 17th 6pm *Pro Pop*

Sun 18th 9am *Maria and Krzysztof Burczynski's int.*

Sun 18th 11 am (Lambourn) *Dominico Pagliaroli RIP*

Mon 19th 10am

Tues 20th 10am *Archie Dawson's ints.*

Weds 21st 10am *Ifeanyi John-Paul Ugwu's int.*

Weds 21st 12 noon (Lambourn)

Thurs 22nd 10am *Liam Dawson's int.*

Fri 23rd 10am *Jimmy Dorrian RIP*

Sat 24th 10am *Canon Peter Turbitt RIP*

Sat 24th 6pm *Pro Pop*

Sun 25th 9am *Francisco Pinto and Maria Augusta Rodrigues RIP*

Sun 25th 11am (Lambourn) *Robert Grimont RIP*



Adult Parishioner Registration Form



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Year A 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 18th October 2026

Torn

We live our lives torn in many directions. From the moment we wake up there are a hundred and one claims on our time. We have to look after our homes and our families. We have to go to work and deal with a whole range of tasks from the very important to the totally banal. We have to fill in forms, pay bills, make calls, answer emails, maintain the car, and pick up the shopping. If we're very lucky we might just squeeze in a bit of leisure time.

The Pharisees and the Herodians in today's gospel decided to set a trap for Jesus.

"Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor," they asked, "or not?" they were confident that they had put Jesus in a 'no win' situation. If Jesus said "taxes shouldn't be paid to Caesar, then this was something akin to treason. If however Jesus said that the taxes should be paid, he would be denounced by the strict Jews. Jesus replied, "Give to the emperor, the things that are the emperor's and to God the things that are God's."

It is tempting to imagine that Jesus might have been talking about compartments. We imagine a compartment for things belonging to Caesar, and a compartment for things belonging to God. Of course there could be no such compartments, because as we know everything comes from God, so everything must belong to God. So had Jesus really answered the question, or merely sidestepped it?

Perhaps today we struggle with Jesus' answer as much as the Pharisees and Herodians must have done. Perhaps we see life as a conflict between God's claim on us and all life's other claims in just the way God's enemies were suggesting. Perhaps we try to put God into a Sunday morning compartment and even that will conflict with the children's football and the D.I.Y. What Jesus tells us today is liberating. Once we learn to allow God into every corner of our lives, our lives become whole instead of torn and fragmented. Once we know that our only loyalty is to God there can be no conflict.

Confessions: Saturdays 10:30—11am or by appointment.

In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Gloria Allen, Canon Peter, Ken Trotter, and Lai-chun Wu Frank Williams and those whose anniversaries occur around this time. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound, especially Pam Robinson.

Parish Office - Please note that the parish office is now open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am– 1pm. Please email any items for the newsletter to the office by 5:00pm on Thursday.

Collections Thank You

If you would like to continue supporting the Church your weekly/ monthly offering can be made online using this name and account number :

CDP Wantage St John Vianney

Sort Code: 30-93-04 Account Number: 01720016