

Dates for your Diary—

4th October There will be tea and coffee today after Mass in Lambourn. Please join us!

Diocesan Catechist Day – Portsmouth Diocese

Saturday 10 October | 9:30am–1:30pm -St Bede's, Basingstoke

Whether you are a parish catechist, sacramental preparation leader, RCIA team member, children's liturgy volunteer, youth catechist, or involved in any ministry of faith formation, you are warmly invited to the Portsmouth

Diocese Catechists' Formation Day. We will be joined by Fr Emmanuel Mansford of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and Dr Káren North from St Mary's University Twickenham

To register your interest please go

to <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/RFGR0zEzDh> or email Meghan

on ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Sunday 11th October – They Young Disciples will meet after Mass at the back of church. If you have made your 1st Holy Communion, please join us!

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 pbhf.bucklandandfaringdon@gmail.com, or see the poster at the back of church.

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!

There is a second collection this weekend after Mass for Cafod. Give generously if you can.

Did you know that all the papal encyclicals are available free on the Vatican website? [Papal Documents - Holy See - www.vatican.va](https://www.vatican.va)

The most recent is Magnifica Humanitas [Encyclical Letter of His Holiness Leo XIV Magnifica Humanitas \(15 May 2026\)](#) is on AI. It is well worth a read.

Pope Leo quote: "There is only one 'roadmap,' which is always the same: to make Jesus Christ known and loved, authentically, passionately, again and again."

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

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

This week the Church celebrates a wealth of famous saints and events.

4th October is the feast day of **St. Francis of Assisi**, founder of the Franciscan order, the first order of friars. He is often known as the patron saint of animals, but he is also the patron of Italy.

5th October is the feast day of **St. Faustina Kowalska**, a humble Polish nun, the great apostle of Divine Mercy.

7th October is the feast of '**Our Lady of the Rosary**', the anniversary of the

Battle of Lepanto, where the fleet of the Ottoman Empire was defeated by the Holy League, through the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary. This was the turning point of Ottoman power in Europe.

9th October is the feast day of St. John Henry Newman, Oxford professor and a moral and literary giant of his time. He became England's best-known convert to Catholicism.

You can read more about this week's saints at:

www.vaticannews.va/en/saints/10/05.html

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.

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 next September.



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

3rd October – 11th October



Sat 3rd 10am *Steve Murphy's Int.*

Sat 3rd 6pm *Pro Pop*

Sun 4th 9am *Delia Cunningham RIP*

Sun 4th 11 am (Lambourn) *Bernard Moran RIP*

Mon 5th 10am *Edna Green RIP*

Tues 6th 10am *James and Eva O'Connor RIP*

Weds 7th 10am *David Henderson's Int.*

Weds 7th 12 noon (Lambourn) *Ken Trotter RIP*

Thurs 8th 10am *Iain Melia RIP*

Fri 9th 10am *Audrey McCaffrey RIP*

Sat 10th 10am *Pam McNichol's Int.*

Sat 10th 6pm *Pro Pop*

Sun 11th 9am *Ifeoma Eze and Chantel Eze Int.*

Sun 11th 11am(Lambourn) *Ken Trotter RIP*

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 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

Please remember that you can always drop your donation into the Presbytery letterbox. Same Account for Wantage and Lambourn.



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Year A 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4th October 2026

The Cornerstone

What happens when we forget that our lives are a gift from God? What happens when we forget that humankind is God's creation? What happens when we forget that the planet we live on belongs to God?

Today's parable describes a landowner who leaves tenants in charge of his vineyard. But at harvest time the tenants refuse to pay their rent, failing to recognise the landowner's authority and killing the servants and even the son who are sent for the rent. The tenants appear to have forgotten that the vineyard belongs to the landowner. The tenants had come to

believe that they could make up their own rules. They had forgotten that they were accountable. They had certainly forgotten that they had been given responsibilities and entrusted with stewardship.

God is still master of the 'vineyard', and we are the new tenants to whom the welfare of the vineyard has been passed on. The parable was originally targeted at the Pharisees, but for us too, the parable demands some degree of self-examination. We might think of ourselves as good people, but like the first tenants, do we constantly fight shy of accountability? Over the years we each develop our own individual code of conduct. Perhaps we begin to feel that as long as we are living by some kind of moral code, we no longer need to be accountable. We begin to imagine that 'being accountable', is just for those who go round getting things wrong. Living by self-made standards is all well and good, but if we do this, are we in danger of forgetting about the very high standards that God has set for us?

What happens when we forget that Christ is our cornerstone? When we make up our own rules with little thought for Jesus' teachings, the chances are we will fall a long way short of what God expects. Today's invitation is to raise the bar, step up to the mark, and recognise Christ as our cornerstone.