

Dates for your Diary—

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 (straight after the Vigil Mass) - 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. Entry is free, but tickets must be booked. See QR code on the poster at the back of church. Bookings close 26th October.

Friday 13th November - Pizza, Pray, Play if you are aged 8+ and have made your First Holy Communion join us for an evening of pizza, games and a bit of theology too. This is an exciting new venture that we hope to hold on a regular basis. Just scan the QR code on the poster at the back of church to book your place.

SVP Pudding and Quiz Night

Friday 20th November – There will be a Quiz and Pudding 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 Katherine's 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

Pope Leo XIV has dedicated his October prayer intention to mental health ministry, calling on the Church to listen without judging and accompany those who suffer without excluding them.

Pope Leo prays that the Church may be an "open house" where people facing challenges to their mental health find welcome, dignity and hope.

He prays that the Church may become "a safe space where everyone has a place - a community that accompanies and never excludes, that listens without judging and draws near without fear."

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

**No Scripture Study this
week sorry**

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.

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.

Bitesize

Some people think only intellect counts: knowing how to solve problems, knowing how to get by, knowing how to identify an advantage and seize it. But the functions of intellect are insufficient without courage, love, friendship, compassion and empathy.

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

24th October – 1st November

Sat 24th 10am *Canon Peter Turbitt RIP*

Sat 24th 6pm *Pro Pop*

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

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

Mon 26th 10am *No Mass*

Tues 27th 10am *No Mass*

Weds 28th 10am *Anne Cole's int.*

Weds 28th 12 noon (Lambourn)

Thurs 29th 10am *Bob Carter RIP*

Fri 30th 10am *Pete Gray RIP*

Sat 31st 10am *Patrick Mambo RIP*

Sat 31st 6pm *Lilian and Elmer Talbot RIP*

Sun 1st 9am *Pro Pop*

Sun 1st 11am (Lambourn)



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



St John Vianney Wantage Sacred Heart Lambourn



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Year A 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th October 2026

Love Love Love

In that inimitable pop song, the Beatles tell us, "All you need is love...", but is that just a sentimental ideal? Don't we need other things as well like food, homes, jobs, clothes, education and laws to make a happy and safe society?

In today's gospel a lawyer employed by the Pharisees asks Jesus a question. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" It's another 'loaded' question. The religious leaders had devised six hundred and thirteen commandments. If Jesus were to pick on one commandment as being more important than another then it would be to negate one of the other six hundred and twelve. But Jesus manages not to invalidate any one of the commandments. Rather, he chooses the commandment that underpins all the others. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

It is difficult to think of a human situation that can't be remedied by a mutual love. Love in this context is not the warm fuzzy feelings that come in a Valentines card, but a deep empathy and compassion for fellow human beings. "It's easy....." sing the Beatles. Well not at first perhaps... It's sometimes difficult to even like the people we meet let alone love them. Love takes practice. Love is seeing the similarities between ourselves and not the differences. Love sees that everyone wants the same things and needs the same things. Love starts by the little things we do for each other and gradually turns into a permanent state of being. Only then can we really claim to love God. We cannot claim to love God if we dislike or have a deep disdain for those around us. Love starts in the mind, so start thinking today and every day how best to love and serve our neighbours.