

Mass Times 22nd - 29th November 2025

Sat 22nd 10am *Sr. Helen Sheehy R.I.P.*

Sat 22nd 6pm *Pro Populo*

Sun 23rd 9am *Dorothy Reece R.I.P. (f)*

Sun 23rd 11am *William Preece R.I.P. (Lambourn)*

Mon 24th 10am

Tues 25th 10am *James and Eva O'Connor R.I.P.*

Weds 26th 10am *Catherine Hickey R.I.P.*

Weds 26th 12 Noon *(Lambourn)*

Weds 26th 7pm Holy Hour Adoration and Benediction

Thurs 27th 10am *Rebecca's Intentions*

Fri 28th 10am *Natalia Fludra's Ints.*

Sat 29th 10am *Dec'd Members of Hill and Williams Families R.I.P.*

Sat 29th 6pm *Pro Populo*

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



In your prayers, please remember all who have died recently especially Roger Morgan, Meriel Afia, Jinnie Brown, John Neale, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time - Wendy Payne, Reg Todd, Barrington Vaughan, Marle Tobin, Frank Williams, Walter Flanagan, Gary Oglesby, Richard Cole, Nora Tarry, Desmond Murtagh, Ela Ozbayraktar, Michael Dunning, Jessie Harrison, Joan Longworth, Michael Dorrian, Keith Harrison, FR. Robin Sanders, Francis Michael Connolly. Also pray for all who are sick, in hospital or housebound especially June Toley, Richard and Pat Taylor, Monique Regan, Cathy Longworth, Nancy Walsh, Mary and Desmond McNichol, Richard Heron, Jessica Buist, Ann Cole, Maureen Hendricks, Margaret Joyce, Sue Maher, Gloria Allen, Pam Morgan and all those suffering at this time. Please contact the office if you would like someone to be added to our sick list .

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.



St John Vianney Wantage Sacred Heart Lambourn

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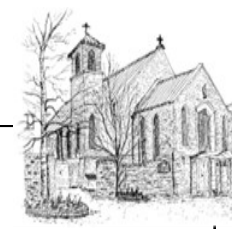
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Year C Christ the King 23rd November 2025



'Christianity Rules!'

The reign of 'Christ the King' from the cross is obviously not about jewels or palaces or great treasure. So why do we refer to Jesus as King, and why do we refer to Paradise as God's kingdom? In the context of Christ we have to disassociate riches from our notions of 'king' and 'kingdom' and think in terms of leadership.

Being a king is more about authority than wealth and this is why

Jesus is King. We're not of course talking about Jesus having the authority to rule or dominate but the authority to demand peace, tolerance justice and sharing. Key to Jesus' authority comes in today's gospel reading where we are taught that Christian authority begins with the ability to love and to forgive.

'Love' and 'forgiveness' are words that trip off our tongues easily but might take a life time to achieve. The criminal who was crucified next to Jesus realised his mistakes just in time to find salvation, but we can't bank on leaving things this late. Jesus wants us to start realising his kingdom right here on earth and that means thinking very hard about how we love and how we forgive. To love or not to love is a decision. It's easy to love those who are attractive or who like us ... but not easy to love those who we hardly know or actively dislike or mistrust us.

It's easy to imagine Judgement Day and Christ the King's Kingdom as a long way off. It's easy to think that we will start living differently tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow, but what makes us believe that we will start living our lives any differently at 95 than we did when we were 25? If Jesus had just been a very good person, we might be tempted to sit back and let him get on with things. That Jesus is a king means that we are his followers and that we are all called upon to fight his cause. Love and forgiveness takes practice starting in the here and now, starting with little acts of love and forgiveness on a daily basis. The Feast of Christ the King. It's not so much about the future than our commitment to build a culture where Christian authority rules.

Pope Leo's Prayer intention for November - For the prevention of suicide. Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

Join us for refreshments in the hall after 9am Mass on Sundays.



SVP would like to say a huge thank you to all who came to the quiz night last Friday and to all who donated puddings and raffle prizes, and helped in the kitchen. Thank you also to Fr. David, our quiz master for hosting such a fun evening. Through your generosity, we made £549.00 which will go to good causes in the lead up to Christmas, and beyond.

Missio Red Box Holders - Boxes will be collected from the back of Church during November. Thank you to all who support the work of Missio.



Flowers in Church - We are looking for volunteers to join the Flower Arranging Rota. No experience needed. We welcome beginners and seasoned arrangers alike. Training and guidance will be provided. If you can help, just talk to Anne Hodgson or email the parish office.

Would you would like to join the choir to prepare for Christmas Masses? practices will be held after Mass on Sunday mornings. Just come along and join in.

Charity Christmas Cards When you buy a charity Christmas card the donation made to that charity varies hugely depending on where you buy. As a general rule the charity will receive a bigger slice if you buy directly from the charity, either from the charity shop, from church, or from the charity website—and remember, keep Christ in Christmas by sending religious themed cards.

**Holy Hour of Prayer
and Eucharistic Adoration**
St. John Vianney
Wednesday Evening 7– 8pm

Scripture Study
An in-depth look at the weekend's Readings
Tuesdays 7-7:30pm.
On Zoom using same link as for Mass.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) - If you know of anyone who needs support, if you have friends or relatives who would like a visit, you can make contact through the parish office .
Donations to SVP can be made to this account: Sort Code 60-60-04 ac no. 48001074 or on the card machine. Thank you for your support.



November is the month dedicated to prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The living can also help the souls of the faithful departed in Purgatory. Through our fasting, prayers, and good works, but especially through the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, we can obtain grace for the departed. (*YouCat 160*)



Dates for your Diary

Phoenix Brass Band Christmas Concert. Sunday 7th December 2:30pm in Walwyn Hall. Drink and refreshments available. Tickets from Anne 0788 0742781 or Goodies café.

Carol Service at St. John Vianney - Sunday 14th December at 5pm

Children's Christmas Party - volunteers needed to help organise a party for the children which is usually held on a Saturday afternoon just before Christmas. Please could you speak to Fr. David or email the parish office if you have any ideas and would like to help.

Advent is a time for spiritual as well as practical preparation. To help us, there will be a joint pastoral area Advent Service of Reconciliation at 7pm at English Martyrs, Didcot on Thursday 18th December at 7pm, with an opportunity for individual Confessions.

Little People - We would be very grateful for children's clothes, boys age 6-7 and girls age 3-4.
If you can help, donations can be left in the food bank box in the porch. Thank you for your support.



Office Hours: Tuesday 11am to 1:30pm, Thursday and Friday 11am to 2:30pm. Please email any items for the newsletter to the office by 1:30 pm on Thursday.

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
Ann Strickland is the contact for Lambourn
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Baptisms and other Sacraments—Firstly, speak to Fr. David after Mass on any Sunday email wantage@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Other Priests in the area :

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