



# St. Swithun & St. Thomas More



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**WEEKLY NEWS**  
*Christmas & Mary Mother of God*  
25th & 1st Dec  
Year A

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**CHRISTMAS**



**Sat 24th Christmas Eve**  
4pm (SS) Reb Family GE  
6pm (STM) People of the Parish  
9.30pm(SS) Carols  
10pm (SS)



**Sun 25th Nativity of the Lord**  
10am

**MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE**

**Sun 1st Mary Mother of God**  
6pm (Sat)  
8.45am(STM) People of the Parish  
10.45am

**Tues 3rd Liturgy of the Day**  
7pm


**Wed 4th Liturgy of the Day**  
9.30am

**Thu 5th Liturgy of the Day**  
9.30am


**Fri 6th The Epiphany of the Lord**  
10am

**Sun 8th Baptism of our Lord**  
6pm (Sat)  
8.45am(STM) People of the Parish  
10.45am

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
Father and I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas, and thank you for your cards and gifts received from parishioners. God Bless you all. (Father & Carole)



**MEMORY TREE**  
A memory tree is displayed in SS church where you can hang an Angel in memory of a departed loved one. The idea is to raise money for Phyllis Tuckwell in memory of people who needed their care. Please can you donate £1 for your Angel (or more) so we can give a reasonable amount to the hospice who needs funds to help our loved ones when they are in need. Thank you




**Tues 27th St John**  
NO MASS

**Wed 28th The Holy Innocents**  
9.30am

**Thu 29th St Thomas of Canterbury**  
9.30am


**Fri 30th The Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph**  
9.30am

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING**  
The collection taken at Christmas Masses is traditionally your personal gift to Fr Wojciech.



**DONATE ONLINE** via the link below:  
<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/hartley-wintney-st-thomas-more-catholic-parish-christmas-collection--2022>  
Thank you.

**PRESENT FOR THE HOMELESS**  
We will this year help the homeless at the Hope Hub in Camberley, if you can bring a present wrapped up (from the age of 18). Various items are on their wish list, please go to:  
<https://thehopehub.org.uk/2022/11/15/the-hope-hub-christmas-wish-list/>  
Place your gifts around the crib, and it will be taken to them, so that they can have a Merry Christmas. Please try not to use glitter paper as it is almost impossible to remove from our carpet.




**THANK YOU**  
A big thank you to all volunteers involved in helping in any ways at the Christmas lunch and those who donated items for the raffle. It was a success. Unfortunately 11 people didn't turn up on the day, what a shame those on the waiting list didn't get a chance to attend. Next year we will have to only admit tickets sold in advance a the door.

**PARISH OFFICE**  
**Please note:** The office will be closed from Fri 23rd Dec to Tue 3rd Jan 2022.


**PRCDTR YATELEY ST SWITHUN**  
Account: 00892220, sort code 30-93-04  
**PRCDTR HARTLEY WINTNEY STM**  
Account: 01785711, sort code 30-93-04  
Please put your surname 'offertory' in the transaction reference text so we can identify the purpose of the donation.  
**If you are a UK taxpayer please consider joining our Gift Aid Scheme. Forms are available in the porch or the Parish Office.**

**ST. SWITHUN'S 100 CLUB**  
Names of winners are displayed in the porch. If you would like to become a member contact the parish. office or speak to Graham Massey.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**  
Pat & Marjorie Killen, Amy Baverstock, Lito Santos, Margaret Phipps, Peggy Fennel, Jean Warner, John Harris, Bob Fernandez.



**FAITHFUL DEPARTED**  
May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.



**FIRST COLLECTION:**  
11/12: SS:£96; STM: £69.95  
18/12: SS: £128.60 STM: £76.55

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

Many thanks for all your contributions



## PRAYER FOR PEACE

Father we look around your fragile world  
and we see so much unhappiness and sadness.  
We see the tears of children and adults who  
have had their love for life taken away  
by war or violence against them.

I ask myself "What can I do?"

If only I could wave a magic wand  
and make peace all over the world.

But life's not like that I tell myself.

I need to make a difference another way.

I know what I'll do I'll start with myself

and be kind and loving  
with family and loved ones.

And I'll pray that the peace

which Jesus gives us  
will rest in the hearts of all  
who cannot find peace.

Father as we remember the birth of Jesus,  
the prince of peace.

Give us the strength to live a life of peace  
and to support all those who work for peace  
by what we can give.