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# St. Swithun & St. Thomas More

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**WEEKLY NEWS**  
*Christ the King &  
1st Sunday of Advent*

**23rd & 30th November 2025**

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**Sun 23rd Christ the King**  
6pm (Sat) Joan & Peter Nicholson GE  
8.45am(STM) People of the Parish  
10.45am Tony Holland RIP

**Tues 25th Feria**  
7pm

**Wed 26th Feria**  
9.30am Anne & John Lambkin RIP  
10-11am Mothers Prayers Group  
10-11am Adoration

**Thu 27th Feria**  
9.30am Leslie Huyton RIP

**Fri 28th Feria**  
9.30am



**Sun 30th First Sunday of Advent**  
6pm (Sat) People of the Parish  
8.45am(STM) People of the Parish  
10.45am

**Tue 2nd 1st Week of Advent**  
7pm

**Wed 3rd St Francis Xavier**  
9.30am Pat & Dennis Licence RIP  
10-11am Mothers Prayers Group  
10-11am Adoration

**Thu 4th 1st Week of Advent**  
9.30am

**Fri 5th 1st Week of Advent**  
9.30am Ian & Joyce Williams RIP

## COFEE MORNINGS

Coffee after 10.45am Mass at St Swithun's. Everyone welcome, please join us.



## LECTIO DIVINA

Every Wednesday, 7pm, St Swithun's Parish Centre, Yateley.

## UCM MEETING

04/12: 7.30pm meeting



## HOLY SOULS

November is the month of All Souls and during that time we remember all those who have died. Write names of your departed loved ones, on paper provided, you can then put them in the basket at the foot of the Altar. The community will lift your intentions in prayers to God.



## KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

Christmas Dinner & Sponsored Walk Celebration. Join us for a joyful afternoon of friendship and festive spirit as we celebrate the season together. The event supports the KSC National Action Project – The Alma Mater Fund. Date: Sunday, 7 December 2025  
Time: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Venue: St Swithun's Parish Centre, Firgrove Road, Yateley, Hampshire, GU46 6NH  
Contribution: £25 per person (payable in advance) Book early to secure your place – contact Michael Gallagher at 07748 057684 or [micheal.gallagher@sky.com](mailto:micheal.gallagher@sky.com)  
Come and share the warmth, goodwill, and true spirit of Christmas while supporting a worthy cause.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM

**First Communion & Reconciliation**  
Preparation Classes 2026 Classes are for children wishing to make their First Holy Communion at St Swithun's. The classes are aimed at children in Yrs 3-5 Requirements: 1. A Baptism certificate (if not baptised at St Swithun's or St Thomas More) 2. Regular Sunday Mass attendance. Classes for 2026 will start in January 2026. Your involvement in the preparation of your children for First Holy Communion is paramount. The parish 'helps', but does not replace your part in the process of leading your children in the development of their faith, through the development and example of your own. As part of their preparation your child will be prepared for, and invited to make their First Reconciliation: "Children must go to the sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving Holy Communion for the first time" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1457). Please speak to Father Wojciech to register your child.

## ADVENT RETREAT

"Prepare the Way of the Lord"  
Take some time to pause and reflect before Advent begins. Join us on Saturday, 29th November 2025 at St Swithun's Church, Firgrove Road, Yateley (GU46 6NH) for a morning Mass, learning, and renewal.  
Programme Highlights:  
9:30 a.m. – Mass  
Session 1: Listening to the Holy Spirit through Lectio Divina (Gospel for the 1st Sunday of Advent)  
Session 2: Discovering the roots of Advent and the beauty of the "O" Antiphons  
1:30p.m. Finish (Please bring a packed lunch)  
The retreat will be led by Deacon John Edwards from The Holy Family, Farnham a long-serving chaplain of the Knights of St Columba and a much-loved spiritual guide.  
No charge to attend, voluntary donations welcome. All are warmly invited to come and



prepare together for the coming of the Savior. To sign up: Please add your name to the list on the church notice board, by email: [grand-knight-council185@ksc.org.uk](mailto:grand-knight-council185@ksc.org.uk), Text: 078 666 888 46. Register online: <https://forms.office.com/e/AabaYxMspB>

## PRESENT FOR THE HOMELESS

We will help the homeless at the Hope Hub in Camberley, if you can bring a present wrapped up and label what it is with the size. (Adults only)  
• Men's Joggers – Small / Medium • Men's Boxers – Small / Medium • Ladies' Knickers – Sizes 8 / 10 / 12 / 14 • Men's Jumpers • Women's Jumpers • Thermal Gloves • Hand Warmers • Thermal Underwear • Warm / Fluffy Socks Vouchers & Essentials • Primark Vouchers – £10 / £15 / £20 • Sainsbury's Vouchers – £15 / £20 • Greggs, Costa, McDonald's, or Starbucks Vouchers – £5 / £10 Place your gifts around the crib, and it will be taken to them, so that they can have a Merry Christmas.

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

**Sunday 14th DECEMBER**  
after the 10.45am Mass

Tickets will be sold after Mass & via the Parish office.  
£25 per person Child £12.

Tickets will not be reserved, there will be no list, please just purchase your tickets if you wish to join us on the day.

**REGARDING** the Christmas Lunch, we will need to have numbers to be able to order the meat, so please by your tickets by the 2nd December, as this is the deadline. Thank you.

**After Mass during November we will say**

**De Profundis**

For the Dead - De Profundis (Psalm 129)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;  
Lord hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.  
If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.  
My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.  
Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.  
Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.  
V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.  
R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.  
V. May they rest in peace.  
R. Amen  
V. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
R. And let my cry come unto thee.  
Let us pray. O God, the Creator and redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of your servants departed the remission of all their sins, that through our pious supplication they may obtain that pardon which they have always desired; who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen

**ST THOMAS MORE NEW WEBSITE**

The St Thomas More website has been moved to the same internet server as St Swithuns. Its new address is "stm.stswithunsyateley.org.uk"  
Please use this new address in future; do not attempt to use the old address any more as it will not work.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers are needed as well as bar staff. Please consider helping out if you can. **Training will be given.** Speak with Father or Carole.

**FOOD BANK**

Thank you for continuously donating items for the food bank. They are in need of adult coats, if you have any spare ones, or old one you wish to donate, please leave them in the porch in a plastic bag. Thank you



**FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN  
THIS DAY...  
A SAVIOUR WHICH IS  
CHRIST THE LORD.**



**CHRISTMAS EVE**

Wednesday 24th December  
St. Swithun: 4pm Mass  
St. Thomas More: 6pm Mass  
St Swithun: 10pm Mass  
(Carols begin at 9.30pm)



**CHRISTMAS DAY**

Thursday 25th December  
St Swithun: 10am Mass



I would like to wish you all a  
Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
From Fr Wojciech.

**YOUR OFFERTORY MONEY**

Your Offering to the Parish is very important to us, and we thank everyone who are supporting the parish. We ask you to consider setting up a Standing Order, or do an online Bank Transfer.

**CDP YATELEY ST SWITHUN**

Account: 00892220, sort code 30-93-04

**CDP 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.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

Please pray for all the sick in our parish May the Lord heal them all with his love.

**FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

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

**Confessions St Swithun**

Saturdays 5.30pm-5.50pm

Attending confession at church  
can purify your soul and allow you to seek and  
receive forgiveness from God.

**FIRST COLLECTION:**

09/11: SS: £92.50 STM=£60.10  
16/11: SS=£131.50;STM=£68.60

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

**Many thanks for all your contributions**