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St. Swithun & St. Thomas More



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WEEKLY NEWS

2nd & 3rd Sunday of Advent

7th & 14th December 2025

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Sun 7th Second Sunday of Advent

6pm (Sat)
8.45am(STM) Nigel Beazley RIP
10.45am People of the Parish

Mon 8th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10am

Tues 9th 2nd Week of Advent

7pm

Wed 10th 2nd Week of Advent
9.30am Ralph Smith RIP
10-11am Mothers Prayers Group
10-11am Adoration

Thu 11th 2nd Week of Advent

9.30am

Fri 12th 2nd Week of Advent
9.30am

Sun 14th Third Sunday of Advent
6pm (Sat) In Thanksgiving to Brianna
8.45am(STM) People of the Parish
10.45am Theresa Scudden GE

Tue 16th 3rd Week of Advent

7pm

Wed 17th Liturgy of the Day
9.30am Mothers Prayers Group
10-11am Adoration

Thu 18th Liturgy of the Day

9.30am Sister Anne O'Connell GE

Fri 19th Liturgy of the Day
9.30am

ADVENT

We begun our spiritual preparation to celebrate the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Why not begin this New Church Year as a time of true peace and reconciliation? A time when you make peace with the past and unearth the genuine, holy person you have been created to be. Take care of your emotional life. The past is over. Forgive yourself and others for the mistakes, the pain and the misunderstandings. Lets all prepare together.



COFFEE 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

06/01: 7.30pm meeting



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Sunday 14th Dec after Mass. 6 tickets left, if anyone wishes to buy them speak to Father or Carole.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The collection taken at Christmas Masses is traditionally your personal gift to Fr Wojciech. You can also donate online via the link below:
<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/yateley-st-swithun-catholic-parish-christmas-collection-2025>
<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/hartley-wintney-st-thomas-more-catholic-parish-christmas-collection-2025>

CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS

Getting ready for Christmas involves preparing ourselves and our homes. So then lets not forget Jesus' home, our church, and make it look really special this Christmas. Can we please have volunteers to set up the crib. Please come along, do it to help celebrate Jesus' birth with love. If you would like to bring in a poinsettia for the sanctuary area, this would make a lovely display.



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.



PARISH OFFICE

Please note: The office will be closed from Wednesday 24th December to Tue 6th Jan 2026.



CRAFT & NATTER CLUB

Saturday 20th Dec, 10.30am to 12.30pm.
All welcome.



**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



CONFESION IN ADVENT

Confessions St Swithun
Saturdays 5.30pm-5.50pm

Our Advent Penitential Service with an opportunity for individual confessions, will take place at Holy Trinity, Church Crookham, on Thursday, 18th December 2025 at 7pm. Various priests will be around to help us that evening; what a great opportunity to prepare ourselves for Christmas.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Let us ensure that we all know the true meaning of Christmas. Please take a Keep Christ in Christmas Poster home and display in your window. Maybe also at work. Yes it is nice to exchange presents but do our neighbours know about the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day? Lets remind them it is CHRISTmas.

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



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.

DECEASED

Rev. David Quarmby RIP

8th August 1935 - 26th October 2025

Let us thank God for his loving service to the people whom he was called to serve. May the Lord grant him eternal rest in the love that he so generously served through his ministry. May he rest in peace.



Advent is a time of special closeness to St. Joseph, the Guardian of Jesus. In his 2020 Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, Pope Francis said that "every day, for over forty years, following Lauds, I have recited a prayer to Saint Joseph taken from a nineteenth-century French prayer book of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary. It expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to Saint Joseph." It is a splendid prayer for us all to say, especially during these days of Advent:

*Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph,
whose power makes the impossible possible,
come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty.*

*Take under your protection
the serious and troubling situations that I commend to
you,*

that they may have a happy outcome.

My beloved father, all my trust is in you.

*Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain,
and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary,
show me that your goodness is as great as your power.
Amen.*

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 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.

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.

FIRST COLLECTION:

16/11: SS: £131.50; STM=£68.60

23/11: SS=£144; STM=£104.70

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Many thanks for all your contributions