



**THE PARISH OF ST. THOMAS MORE, KIDLINGTON  
& ST. HUGH OF LINCOLN, WOODSTOCK**

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1st—16th Mar 2025

Sundays: 8th in Ordinary Time & 1st Lent in Yr C

/ Psalter weeks 4 & 1

**Parish Assembly  
Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025, STM Hall  
Suggested Agenda**

Meeting to commence at 12.30 pm

Fr Prem leading in prayer

1. The team chairing and leading the meeting is introduced. – Caroline Johnson & Margaret King?, Hannah Duncan, Jean Clark? Any other, To support.
2. Chair appoints the secretary/s to take the minutes. John Bellasis and any other are invited.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting proposed, matters arising and seconded.
4. Parish Finances – Presentation by member/s of finance committee for the finance committee
  - o Discussion and points raised to be addressed
5. Parish Assembly Support Group an Update (Margaret King / John Bellasis / Any other that attends the meeting: it is now in operation with two meetings in addition to the parish Assembly a year, minutes of the meetings circulated to the whole parish. People are invited, with a voluntary participation as is needed.
  - o Discussion – satisfaction about the meetings, points discussed and addressed, any improvements etc.
6. The clustering of Parishes for the future, the suggestions from the diocese – Fr Prem to briefly update the parish.
7. An update on the synodality It would be great if the chair or one of the members of the team to lead it. It is all given on the parish website. Its effectiveness in the parish and any improvements.
8. School – Open invitation to the headteacher / teacher / parents to present the school and reflecting ways the parish could be of support (5-10 minutes with a short discussion)
9. Parish life and wellbeing evaluated with a discussion on the response for Jubilee year
  - o Health & Safety – Paul Molloy
  - o Liturgical and sacramental preparation and celebrations
  - o Pastoral / Administrational aspects of the parish
  - o Study and Learning, Catechesis
  - o Ecumenical, community and social outreach
10. Any other business etc.

Windup the meeting at 2.00pm or earlier, as is suited with a request by the chair for a blessing from Fr Prem

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*Parish Assembly, 2nd March, after the 11am mass, 12.30 – 2pm Enjoy the finger lunch soon after the mass, come along and belong*

**Some Codes from Canon Law for your perusal**

*Can. 528 §2. The pastor is to see to it that the Most Holy Eucharist is the center of the parish assembly of the faithful.*

*He is to work so that the Christian faithful are nourished through the devout celebration of the sacraments ..... take part consciously and actively in the sacred liturgy which, under the authority of the diocesan bishop, the pastor must direct in his own parish and is bound to watch over so that no abuses creep in.*

*Can. 536 §1. If the diocesan bishop judges it opportune after he has heard the presbyteral council, a pastoral council is to be established in each parish, over which the pastor presides and in which the Christian faithful, together with those who share in pastoral care by virtue of their office in the parish, assist in fostering pastoral activity.*

*§2. A pastoral council possesses a consultative vote only and is governed by the norms established by the diocesan bishop.*

*Can. 537 In each parish there is to be a finance council which is governed, in addition to universal law, by norms issued by the diocesan bishop and in which the Christian faithful, selected according to these same norms, are to assist the pastor in the administration of the goods of the parish, without prejudice to the prescript of can. 532.*

*Can. 532 In all juridic affairs the pastor represents the parish according to the norm of law. He is to take care that the goods of the parish are administered according to the norm of cann. 1281-1288.*

*Can. 281 §1. Since clerics dedicate themselves to ecclesiastical ministry, they deserve remuneration, which is consistent with their condition, taking into account the nature of their function and the conditions of places and times, and by which they can provide for the necessities of their life as well as for the equitable payment of those whose services they need.*

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance And the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Lena shams & Anastasia Hargreaves-Hand : [sg.stthomasmore.kidlington@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stthomasmore.kidlington@rcaob.org.uk)**. They can be contacted at: [safeguarding email address] or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

# ST THOMAS MORE, KIDLINGTON & St HUGH OF LINCOLN, WOODSTOCK

8th Sunday in OT, Year C — OT Week 8 Yr 1 — Psalter Week 4

Sunday 11am Mass is live interactive & streamed masses via zoom (Z) & YouTube join using the parish website, Catholic Parish of Kidlington (K) & Woodstock (W)

<b>SATURDAY</b> 01st Mar	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> St Thomas More Kidlington (K)	6.00 pm	-	Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7 Ps 91
<b>SUNDAY</b> 02nd Mar 2025 <i>Unemployed</i>	<b>8th Sunday in O T Yr C</b> St Hugh's Woodstock (W) ----- St Thomas More Kidlington(K) <i>Zoomed &amp; public attendance</i>	9.30 am -- 11am	- --- <b>RIP Sean O'Keeffe</b> (Steph O'Keeffe)	1 Corinthians 15:54-56 Luke 6:39-45

**Pope's Prayer Intention for March: For families in crisis.** Let us pray that broken families may discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each others gifts, even in their differences.

<b>MONDAY</b> 03rd Mar.	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time (K)</i>	9.30 am	<i>RIP Joan Agnes Copeland</i>	Eccl 17:24-29, Ps 31, Mark 10:17-27
<b>TUESDAY</b> 04th Mar.	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time (K)</i>	-	-	Eccl 35:1-12, Ps 49, Mark 10:28-31
<b>WEDNES</b> 05th Mar.	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> <b>N.B. 11am is at Woodstock,</b> <b>7pm is zoomed for homebound</b>	9.30 11 7pm	<b>Whole school Mass (K)</b> - RIP Joan Agnes Copeland (W) <i>Those busy during the day (K)</i>	Joel 2:12-18, Ps 50, 2 Cor 5:20-6:2, Matt 6:1-6,16-18
<b>THURS</b> 06th Mar.	<i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday (K)</i>	9.30 am	<b>Holy Mass in the Church</b> <i>RIP Joan Agnes Copeland</i>	Deut 30:15-20, Ps 1, Luke 9:22-25
<b>FRIDAY</b> 07th Mar.	<i>Friday after Ash Wednesday (K)</i> <i>Stations of the Cross 10.30,</i> <i>soup for CAFOD after Holy Mass</i>	11am - 8pm	<b>Wellbeing of Don Perkins</b> (Eileen Perkins) <i>World Day of Prayer Service (K)</i>	Is 58:9-14, Ps 50, Matthew 9:14-15



**WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHOSE DEATH ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR DURING THIS TIME**

*Violet Heddon, Violet Mungall, William Compton, Margaret Priscott, Alun Lewis, John Dunseath, Peter Rogers, Brian Acock, Mary Bride, Eric Panting, Honora Spears, Margaret Martin, Mary Shepperson, Patrick Murphy, Betty Murphy, John Makin, Stephen Ivings, John Carroll, Molly O'Hanlon, Katherine Boden, Winnie Coyne, Evelyn O'Keeffe, Eileen O'Sullivan, John Clune, Sidney Alderman, Mick Leahy, Kathleen Darling and Maria Lavery*

*We pray for our parishioner **Jennifer Edwardson** who passed away recently*

*~ Eternal rest grant unto to them O' Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK**

*Catherine Elford (McCann), Rebecca Lambert, Kit Murphy, Mary Couchman, Anne Howard, Tracy Richards, Christopher Browne, Neil Greenwood, Sheila Cooper, Geoff Boorman, Veryan Boorman, Debbie, and Martha.*

*~Kindly help to keep this list updated*

- Archdiocesan news [click here](#), events [click here](#)
- Catholic Bishop's conference latest [click here](#)
- Vatican news [click here](#)
- For Youth [Kenelm Youth Trust](#)
- Justice Peace [click here](#)
- Responding to the call of creation [click here](#)



**2025: Pilgrims of Hope** The Holy Father has proclaimed 2025 as a Jubilee Year, a sacred time of renewal, reflection, and grace celebrated every 25 years. With the theme "Pilgrims of Hope," invites all Catholics to embark on a journey of faith and transformation. [Click here](#)



**Piety Shop is now open** for your card, medals, gifts etc.  
Please show your support and appreciation! ~ **Eileen Perkins & Milagros Ponte**

## ST THOMAS MORE, KIDLINGTON & St HUGH OF LINCOLN, WOODSTOCK

1st Sunday in Lent Yr C — Weekdays Week 9 Yr 1 — Psalter Lent Week 1

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<b>SATURDAY</b> 08th Mar	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> St Thomas More Kidlington (K)	6.00 pm	-	Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Ps 90 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13
<b>SUNDAY</b> 09th Mar	<b>1st Sunday in Lent Yr C</b> St Hugh's Woodstock (W) St Thomas More Kidlington(K) <i>Zoomed &amp; public attendance</i>	9.30 am -- 11am	<i>RIP Ernst RÜcker</i> (Christine Gadsby) --- <i>Greetings Jo Foley</i> (Mary & Jim Gilgunn-Jones)	
<b>MONDAY</b> 10th Mar	<i>Lent Feria (K)</i>	9.30 am	<i>Wellbeing of Joan Williamson</i> (Margaret King)	Lev 19:1-2,11-18, Ps 18, Matt 25:31-46
<b>TUESDAY</b> 11th Mar	<i>Lent Feria (K)</i>	7 pm	<i>17th Death Anni. Tim O' Brian</i> (Mary May)	Isaiah 55:10-11, Ps 33, Matt 6:7-15
<b>WEDNES</b> 12th Mar	<i>Lent Feria (W)</i> <b>Stations of the cross 10.30am</b>	11 am	<i>RIP Joan Agnes Copeland</i>	Jonah 3:1-10, Ps 50, Luke 11:29-32
<b>THURS</b> 13th Mar	<i>Lent Feria (K)</i>	9.30 am	<i>Mass in the church</i> <i>RIP Joan Agnes Copeland</i>	Esther 4:17, Ps 137, Matthew 7:7-12
<b>FRIDAY</b> 14th Mar	<i>Lent Feria (K)</i> <b>Stations of the Cross 10.30,</b> <i>soup for CAFOD after Holy Mass</i>	11 am	<b>Herbert &amp; Eileen Hinch</b> (Eileen & Don Perkins)	Eze 18:21-28, Ps 129, Matthew 5:20-26
<b>SATURDAY</b> 15th Mar	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> St Thomas More Kidlington (K)	6.00 pm	-	Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 Ps 26 Philippians 3:17-4:1(3:20-4:1) Luke 9:28-36
<b>SUNDAY</b> 16th Mar 2025	<b>2nd Sunday in Lent Yr C</b> St Hugh's Woodstock (W) St Thomas More Kidlington(K) <i>Zoomed &amp; public attendance</i>	9.30 am -- 11am	--- <b>1st Death Anni</b> <b>Mr Thankachan</b> (Lis & Tijo Joseph)	



**SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP** The next monthly meeting will be held on the **Mondays 2025;** **10th March, 14th April, 12th May, 9th June at 2pm St Thomas More Church Hall.**  
**Sr Christina** the spiritual directress. All are welcome. For more information please contact **Jane Lemon** [Janemcgrathlemon@gmail.com](mailto:Janemcgrathlemon@gmail.com)



**Contemplative Prayer Circle** Join us for spiritual reading, shared silent prayer and shared friendship. Meeting monthly on the third Thursday, 6.15-7.15 pm. Next dates 20 March, 10 April, 15 May, 19 June, in St Thomas More's Parish Hall. Please contact **Kathleen Kathleenikelly@yahoo.com**.

**'I call you friends'**  
reflections on friendship



### Churches Together Woodstock & Bladon - Lent Studies 2025

For five weeks beginning Monday 10 March Woodstock Baptist church—7.30pm  
or Tuesday 11th March - St Mary Magdalene, Woodstock - 2pm or  
Thursday 13th March - Woodstock Methodist Church—11am

**The Retiring collection weekends: 1st/2nd March—Cathedral Maintenance, 8th/9th Mar—Parish Debt, 15th/16th Mar—Cafod Lent Fast, 22nd/23rd Mar—Parish Debt, 29th/30th Mar—Parish Debt,**

Newsletter published every fortnight. Please email your news items to Fr Prem by Wednesday  
*This Newsletter is for the parishioners and friends of the parish. It is for the intended circulation.*  
*Feel free to take it with you and share it with others especially the sick and the homebound.*

## First Holy Communion 2024/2025 – Programme

**PARENTS MEETINGS – its open to all parents who are interested (probably will invite a parishioner / a visitor to speak with me too)**

- o Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024, 7.30pm – 8.30pm - Enrolment / Sacrament of reconciliation
- o Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 7.30pm – 8.30pm - Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist
- o Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025, 7.00pm – 8pm – 'The rite and rehearsals'

### CATECHISM SESSIONS

For the Children in the parish School the catechism sessions are organised by the school led by the RE teacher and teachers. For those not in the parish school few options are given on the parish website. All information regarding the celebration and preparation for the sacrament are given on the parish website. Those parishioners' children not in the parish school kindly request for enrolment from Fr Prem via email before the 15<sup>th</sup> of September 2024. (Fr Prem's email: [fr.prem.j.fernando@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.prem.j.fernando@rcaob.org.uk))

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MASSES, Sundays 11 am – Led by Parish School

- 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT, Enrolment mass
- 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in OT, (Remembrance Sunday)
- 01<sup>st</sup> December 2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent
- 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Baptism of Our Lord
- 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT
- 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent
- 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent
- 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Easter
- 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter



Parents to come together themselves in organising the celebrations and taking photographs.

There will be a parish celebration on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**FIRST CONFESSIONS: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024, 3.30pm – 4.30pm**

**First Holy Communion: 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025, 3.30pm**

**Preparation Meetings for the First Holy Communion Mass**

- Meeting with Fr Prem & Confessions with adoration Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025, 3.30pm – 4.30pm
- Rehearsals – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025, Thursday 7pm at the Church

Parish Volunteer CATECHISTS for those do not attending the Parish School for Sacrament of First Holy Communion - We would welcome parishioners to help Mary Gilgunn\_Jones - [mailgunn\\_jones@hotmail.com](mailto:mailgunn_jones@hotmail.com)

Parish Volunteers: Parishioners catechists, helpers most welcome email Fr Prem  
The Catholic Parish of Kidlington & Woodstock, First Holy Communion Programme 2024/2025

## Confirmation 2024/2025 – Programme

**PARENTS MEETINGS – its open to all parents who are interested (probably will invite a parishioner / a visitor to speak with me too)**

- o Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024, 7.30pm – 8.30pm 'The Sacrament'
- o Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025, 7.00 – 8.00pm 'The rite & rehearsals'

### CATECHISM SESSIONS

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### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MASSES, Saturdays 6pm – Led by Parish School

- 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT, Enrolment mass
- 9<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in OT, (Remembrance Sunday)
- 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent
- 11<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Baptism of Our Lord
- 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT
- 8<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent
- 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent
- 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Easter
- 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter

Parents to come together themselves in organising the celebrations and taking photographs.

There will be a parish celebration on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025

### Preparations for the Celebration of Confirmation

- Meeting with Fr Prem & Confessions with adoration - Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025, 3.30pm – 4.30pm
- Rehearsals – Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025, 7pm at the Church
  - Celebration of Confirmation **Trinity Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025, 3.30pm**

Parish Volunteer CATECHISTS for those do not attending the Parish School for Sacrament of Confirmation

Parish Volunteers: catechists, helpers most welcome – email Fr Prem

The Catholic Parish of Kidlington & Woodstock, Confirmation Programme 2024/2025



## Forthcoming Baptism

St Hugh's Woodstock

12th April 2025, 12 Noon

Baby

Ludo Michael Octavius Coker

Let us keep them in our prayers and welcome them to our Masses as their preparation for the celebration of the sacrament.



## Oxford Deanery Youth Group

Every First Sunday of the month post 6.30pm Mass (rough start time 7.30). Corpus Christi Headington OX3 8AJ

Patrick Denton – [click KENELM Oxford](#)

St Hugh's Centre Lecture Series – The 4<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April – 2025  
Speaker Dr Chris Whelan

\*He is a resident of Woodstock for 35 year and of Woodstock for over 10. He is an academic and practicing lawyer in both the UK and US. In the UK, he ran International Law Programmes for the University of Oxford where he was a Faculty of Law Member and is a barrister at 39D. In the US, he has taught at several law schools.\*

### LAWYERS ON TRIAL: HIRED GUNS OR HEROES?



Lawyers are universally unpopular but is this justified? Aren't they necessary for justice? What should a lawyer do when faced with tragic choices? If the lawyer's role was better understood, wouldn't that help their image?

### THE JUDGEMENT IS YOURS!

Where? St Hugh's Centre, Hensington Road, Woodstock OX20 1JH

When? 19:15 for 19:30pm

Tickets: £10 (including refreshments – Wine, Canapés)

Contact: Sandra for tickets & further information. M: 07771845382

All proceeds towards

St Hugh's Centre

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025  
**Friday 7 March**  
A service for everyone!

St Thomas More Church,  
Kidlington 8:00 pm

&

7pm at Woodstock  
Methodist Church

COOK Islands I made you wonderful



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2.80 - 10.00pm Prayer movement, 10.00pm - 10.30pm  
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## Tiny Toms & Friends COMMUNITY GROUP

Every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month after Mass - 10:15 to 11:30 (Term time only)



17th October  
7th, 21st Nov  
5th Dec  
16th Jan  
6th, 20th Feb  
6th, 20th March

Drop-in community  
get-together.  
Everyone welcome!  
Hot drinks, Toast & Jam  
Play, Chat...

## 'I call you friends' reflections on friendship



Churches Together in Woodstock & Bladon  
**Lent Studies 2025**

for five weeks beginning

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March - Woodstock Baptist Church - 7.30pm

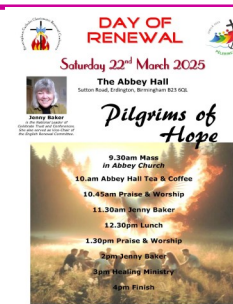
OR

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March - St. Mary Magdalene, Woodstock - 2pm

OR

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March - Woodstock Methodist Church - 11am

email: [andy.mills.wbc@gmail.com](mailto:andy.mills.wbc@gmail.com) for further details



## Day of Renewal—Saturday 22 March:

The Abbey Hall, Sutton Road, Erdington, Birmingham 9.30am - 4.30pm.

Birmingham Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference is holding a day of renewal. The theme for the day is Pilgrims of Hope. The speaker will be Jenny Baker, National Leader of Celebrate Trust and Conferences. [Click here](#)