



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

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Pope's Prayer for September 2026: For the care of water. Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Welcome to this House of God.

Pray to God before Mass, Listen to God during Mass, Talk to others after Mass

Do you begrudge my generosity?" Matthew 20:1-16 Psalter week 1

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time 19th-20th September 2026

Saturday 19 th September (K)	Vigil for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time Second Collection: Catholic Evangelisation	5.35 pm Rosary 6.00 pm. Mass: Well-being of Grace and Martha (Jane Lemon)
Sunday 20 th September	The Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time Second Collection: Catholic Evangelisation	Mass 9.30 am Woodstock Mass 11.00 am Kidlington. Stuart Perkins RIP (Eileen & Don Perkins) Zoomed & on YouTube
Tues 22 nd September (K)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	7.00 pm Mass
Wed 23 rd Sept (W)	Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina (White)	11.00 am Mass
Thurs 24 th Sept (K)	Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham (White)	9.30 am Mass
Friday 25 th Sept (K)	Feria in Ordinary Time (Green)	11.00 am Mass
Saturday 26 th September (K)	Vigil for the Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time Second Collection: Fr. Hudson's Caritas	5.35 pm Rosary 6.00 pm. Mass:
Sunday 27 th September	The Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time Day of Thanksgiving for the Harvest Second Collection: Fr. Hudson's Caritas	Mass 9.30 am Woodstock Mass 11.00 am Kidlington. Zoomed & on YouTube

Welcome to Our Parish of Kidlington and Woodstock!

If you are new to the Parish or visiting us this weekend, a very warm welcome to you! Please make yourself known to Fr Damian or one of our greeters. Please join us for tea and coffee after Sunday Mass.

Reflection on the Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: This weekend we are reminded that God's mercy is greater than human ideas of fairness. Isaiah calls people to seek God and trust His ways. Paul speaks about living for Christ in all things. In the gospel, Jesus tells a parable about a landowner who pays all workers the same wage. It may seem unfair, but Jesus shows that God's love does not follow human rules; God's generosity is not based on human effort. We are challenged to trust in God's kindness and live in a way that honours Him. It is a call to let go of pride and accept His grace with gratitude

The season of creation: In thanksgiving for God's creation and a reminder of our responsibilities towards it, each year we are called to use this time to reflect on creation. It began on 1st September and ends on St Francis of Assisi's day, 4th October, the saint known for his love of creation.

STM Fund Raising event; Silent Auction in STM Hall 26th September. Please drop off good quality donations of Toys, Collectables, homewares, ceramics, soft furnishings, tools, pictures, small electricals etc, (sorry but no clothes). Please see flyers/Poster for full details.

Lecture Series by Bishop William Kenney: There will be a lecture on "Artificial Intelligence & the Universal Family: The Call to Be God's Creation in a Digital Age" at St Hugh's Hall on 27 October at 7:00 pm. All are warmly invited to attend.

Prayer Intentions, Parish Sick: We pray for all on our parish sick list and for those who care for them. Catherine Elford (McCann), Rebecca Lambert, Mary Couchman, Anne Howard, Tracy Richards, Kit Murphy, Christopher Browne, Neil Greenwood, Sheila Cooper, Geoff Boorman, Martha and Rosemary and Steve Whelan, Claire French, John Inman, Maria Mori. May they be strengthened in all their needs by the Lord Jesus Christ and his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lately dead and Parish Anniversaries: We pray for all who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again especially Maire Walden who died recently and, for all our parish anniversaries, We pray for all who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again, for all our parish anniversaries: Austin Andrews, Mary O'Connor. Hugh Haig, Roy Hamlet, Stuart Perkins, Marie Brooks, Anthony Bramley, Eric Worley, Diana Wright, Mary Cooper, Margaret Spiller, Patrick Murphy, Helen Hamlet, Annie Mara, John Pring. May they come into the light of God.

Bereavement support group: A weekly bereavement support group starts 15 September, Tuesdays 7–8:30 pm at Exeter Hall, Kidlington. All are welcome to drop in for tea and support.

A message from North Oxfordshire Community Food Bank: Harvest & Season of Creation Appeal. We are always grateful for all food donations from organisations, churches and schools. But at this time of year our shelves are getting emptier and we are appealing for help in building up stocks ready for the next few months.

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

Joint Harvest Tea & Service: Churches Together in Kidlington invite everyone to St Mary's Church hall on Sunday, 27th September at 5:30pm for a time of thanksgiving, prayer and fellowship. Please bring a small plate of food to share, if you can.

Scripture Study Group: The monthly meetings are held on Mondays at 2 PM in STM Hall. The next meetings are scheduled for 5th October, 2nd November, and 7th December. Everyone is welcome to attend. For further information, please reach out to Jane Lemon at janemcgrathlemon@gmail.com.

Programme Leader Vacancies – Kenelm Youth Trust: is recruiting Programme Leaders to deliver retreat and outdoor learning programmes for young people across Birmingham Archdiocese. If you're passionate about youth ministry, education and faith, find out more and apply: [Kenelm Youth Trust vacancies](#)

Food Bank at STM (K): A list of needed food donations is posted on the porch notice board and the hall door. Please place your donations in the food box located in the lobby between the church and the hall. Thank you.

Food Bank at SHL (W): A list of the food most needed is displayed on the porch and hall notice boards.

Please put your donations in the food box, located on the porch and lobby between the Church and Hall. Thank you..

Free Film Screening: ECO Group at St Mary Magdalene, Woodstock is hosting a free screening of *The People's Emergency Briefing* at 7pm on Sunday, 27 September. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion with experts and a Q&A session. Places are limited, so please reserve your place via Eventbrite.

Kidlington Climate Action group are also hosting a **Free screening of National Emergency Briefing on 7th October, 7pm at Kidlington Baptist Church.** The screening will be followed by an open discussion with a Q&A panel on actions we can take together. For full details and to reserve your free ticket please use this link:

<https://buytickets.at/kidlingtonclimateaction/2386442> or you can email kidlingtonclimateaction@gmail.com.

Safeguarding Advisor Vacancy: The Diocese is currently recruiting, applications are welcome. Closing date: 21 September 2026. For further information and details on how to apply, please visit the Diocese website.

Home/ Sick Visits: If you are aware of any parishioners or family members living in a care home, nursing home, or who are housebound and would like a visit from the parish to receive Holy Communion, please let us know. You can inform us in person or via email, providing their name and contact details so we can arrange the visits. Thank you!

St Thomas More Primary School: Our Parish primary school are currently raising money for new Religious Education resources. If you can help, please follow the link to the "Just Giving Page."

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stthomasmorebibles?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

FLAME, Saturday 6 March 2027. The largest gathering of Catholic young people at Wembley Arena. We are looking to take a group of young people from the parish to join with others from the deanery. If your son or daughter is aged 13 plus and is interested, please let Fr Damian know or email the parish.

Carmelite Contemplative Prayer Circle: Join us for shared prayer, wisdom, and friendship in STM Hall at 6 PM 15th October and 19th November. For more information, please contact Kathleen McGlynn at kathleenikelly@yahoo.com.

Safeguarding Information from the Archdiocese Office: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Lena Shams & Anastasia Hargreaves-Hand. They can be contacted at sg.stthomasmore.kidlington@rcaob.org.uk. Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

Kenelm Youth Trust Newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/bcys/march-newsletter-kenelm-youth-trust-16564215?e=978575ba13>

Kenelm Youth Oxford: <https://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/oxfordnews.html>

Young Adults group: 1st Sunday of the Month after 6.30 pm Mass at Corpus Christi, Headington.

Birmingham Archdiocese Link: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Vatican News: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

Catholic Bishops' Conference: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/news/>

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