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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.

Pope's prayer for October 2026: For mental health ministry. Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Welcome to this House of God.

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

"Which of the two did his father's will?" (Matthew 21:31) Psalter week 2

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time 26th- 27th September 2026

Saturday 26th 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 27th September	The Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time Day of Thanksgiving for the Harvest Second Collection: Fr. Hudson's Caritas	Early Morning Mass 9.30 am Woodstock Day Mass 11.00 am Kidlington. Zoomed & on YouTube
Tues 29 th September (K)	Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Archangels White	7.00 pm Mass
Wed 30 th Sept (W)	Memorial of St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church (White)	11.00 am Mass
Thurs 1 st October (K)	Memorial of St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church (White)	9.30 am Mass
Friday 2 nd October (K)	Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels White First Friday Harvest Fast Day	11.00 am: Parish Adoration & Mass
Saturday 3rd October (K)	Vigil for the Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time Second Collection: CAFOD HARVEST	5.35 pm Rosary 6.00 pm. Mass:
Sunday 4th October	The Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time Day of Thanksgiving for the Harvest Second Collection: CAFOD HARVEST	Early Morning Mass 9.30 am Woodstock Day 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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Our readings this weekend reminds us that actions speak louder than words. Jesus tells a story about two sons. One says no to his father but later changes his mind and does what he was asked. The other says yes but never follows through. This story teaches that obedience means doing, not just saying. All our readings point to the same truth. God looks at our hearts and our choices. It is not enough to say we believe. We must live what we believe. Turning away from sin and choosing what is right brings life and hope.

These readings also show that God is fair and merciful. He wants us to turn back when we make mistakes. When we admit we are wrong and try again, He welcomes us with love. Repentance opens the way to peace and joy in His presence.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation in May 2027: Any Children not attending the parish school, wishing to prepare for either of these sacraments, please email Mary Gilgunn Jones: mgilgunn_jones@hotmail.com

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, Tickets £10 (Includes refreshments). 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 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: Angelique Giraud, Marie Murphy, Alice Dorrington, Catherine Wynn, Sir Philip Haddon-Cave, Jane O'Hara, James Lavery, Patrick Conaty, Elaine Santos, John Carroll, Elaine, Richard Weatherley, Catherine Canning, Christine Johnston, Mary Duffy. May they come into the light of God.

Quiz Night: Saturday 31st October 2026 at St Thomas More Parish Hall. Teams of up to 6, bring your own team or join one on the night. Shepherd's Pie served 7pm, vegetarian & gluten-free option available. Quiz starts at 7:45pm. £10 single, £25 family, £3 quiz only. Tickets on sale now.

Youth Ministry Summit: following Christian Fitzgerald's visit from the Kenelm Youth Trust, we are holding a youth ministry dreaming and visioning session with Christian and Fr Damian on Saturday 18 October at 1pm in St Thomas More parish room. Everyone interested in supporting youth ministry across the parish communities is welcome, including potential volunteers, parents, young people and anyone who wants to help shape our vision for the young people. Come along and help dream about the future of youth ministry in our parish

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): Thank you for your generous response to Melvina's request for donations to the Food Bank - please keep them coming if you are able. A list of needed food donations is posted on the porch notice board and the hall door. Please place your donations in the food boxes located in the lobby between the church and the hall or in the porch at the entrance.

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.

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.

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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