

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King +Avent Sunday  
Sundays 26 November and 3 December 2023*

# *Parish of St Anne, Wendover*

*In the Roman Catholic Diocese of Northampton  
and sharing Church and Centre with Wendover Free Church*

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*<https://northamptondiocese.org/sg-st-annes-wendover/>*

## *Masses and Celebrations this week:*

<i>Day:</i>	<i>Time:</i>	<i>Celebration:</i>	<i>Mass Intention:</i>
Sunday	9.00 am	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King	All Parishioners + Christina Teo
Monday	No Mass	Weekday of the Year	No Mass today
Tuesday	10.15 am	Weekday of the Year	Service of Word and Communion
Wednesday	No Mass	Weekday of the Year	No Mass today
Thursday	No Mass	St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland - Fe.	No Mass today
Friday	No Mass	Weekday of the Year	No Mass today
Saturday	No Mass	Our Lady on Saturday	No Mass today
Sunday	9.00 am	Advent Sunday	All Parishioners
Monday	No Mass	Monday of the First Week of Advent	No Mass
Tuesday	10.15 am	Tuesday of the First Week of Advent	Father Robert Whiteside, RIP
Wednesday	9.30 am	St Nicholas, Bishop - Memorial	Walter Edda Dsouza, RIP
Thursday	9.30 am	St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor	Intention of the Donor
Friday	9.30 am	Immaculate Conception of BVM - Sol	Father Robert Creasy, RIP
Saturday	9.30 am	Saturday of the First Week of Advent	Yorkshire Brethren + Benefactors
Sunday	9.00 am	Second Sunday of Advent	All Parishioners

**Churches Together Morning Prayer:** Monday to Friday via Zoom at 9.00 am. You can join at home or on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday share the Zoom prayer together in person in St Anne's Church before Mass.

The link to use is: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/738629141?pwd=M09iMkVEMzdRVHAWNmddEMzZWxaUT09>

On Saturdays Mass will be followed by **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** for thirty minutes.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Confession) is celebrated during Adoration on Saturdays, after any Mass or at other times on request.

The **Rosary** is usually prayed immediately after the 10.15 am Mass on Tuesdays.

## **Today**

**Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Universal King** which is the Day of Prayer for Young People and you can follow our Mass in the yellow Mass books if you find it helpful to do so:

**Page 7:** The Order of Mass

**Page 158:** Readings and Proper Prayers

**Page 68:** Preface for the Eucharistic Prayer

**Page 27:** Eucharistic Prayer 3

In our Mass today we will give all our young people and children a prominent part and also formally welcome those who are preparing for their First Holy Communion.

Our **SVP Conference** will meet in the Christian Centre after Mass.

## **This Week**

Father Derek will be away from Monday Saturday this week. Sunday Masses will not be affected but there will be no Masses during the week but on Tuesday 28 there will be a Service of The Word and Holy Communion at 10.15 am.

**Monday 27 November 7.30 – 8.30 pm**  
**and the following 3 Mondays**  
**Online Advent Retreat**  
**in the Christian Centre**  
**with Refreshments from 7.00 pm**

The Northampton Diocese online Advent retreat this year is **"Let the Wilderness Bloom!"**. Join Fr John Udris and Avril Baigent and draw on the life of John the Baptist to explore themes of silence, solitude, dryness, and vulnerability, moving towards resilience, promise and hope. Join live on Monday evenings in the Christian Centre or access the recording at a more convenient time in your own home. Register here: <https://pastoralministryoffice.org/bloom/>

**Wednesday 6.00 pm** The Prayer and Life Workshops continue in the Prayer Chapel in St Anne's Church.

**Next Sunday – Advent Sunday**

On Advent Sunday we begin a new Liturgical Year 'Year B' and the page numbers now relate to the blue book.

**Page 7:** The Order of Mass

**Page 82:** Readings and Proper Prayers

**Page 51:** Advent Preface One for the Eucharistic Prayer

**Page 28:** Eucharistic Prayer 3

Today is **Foodbank Collection Sunday**.

**Posada 2023 – Mary and Joseph leave the Church today.**

If you would like to welcome Mary and Joseph into your home for a night during Advent this year please fill in your name and address details as soon as possible against the date which is best for you on the sheet displayed in St Anne's entrance. To do this as Churches Together at The Free Church and St Anne's we are signing up for the even numbered days and St Mary's are signing up for the odd numbered days. Mary and Joseph will leave church today Advent Sunday and return to one of the churches in time for the service on Christmas Day. As host you may like to prepare a place for the figures and put a candle there which can be lit when the travellers arrive. You may wish to use a prayer and a reading as well as invite neighbours and friends in visit while Mary and Joseph are with you.

**4.00 pm Advent Reflection 'The Voice of God'.** A gentle service of Readings, Advent Carols and Silent pauses.

**Looking Ahead**

**Friday 8 December 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm and Saturday 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.** Crib Fest in the Church. There will be an array of nativity scenes made and provided by community groups and individuals. There will also be a Christmas fair with crafts and cakes and more for sale. All proceeds will be for the charity "Embrace the Middle East". If you would like more information please check out the website <https://wendoverfreechurch.org.uk/cribfest2023/> or send an email to [christmas@wendoverfreechurch.org.uk](mailto:christmas@wendoverfreechurch.org.uk)

**Thursday 21 December 2.00 pm** Christmas Crafts and Carols in St Anne's Church and the Christian Centre. This is a lovely opportunity to bring your children and grandchildren into the church this Christmas and get them

involved in decorating it! Try a range of different crafts and activities, Help us decorate the church to be ready for Christmas, Festive refreshments, Carols around the crib at 4.30pm, an opportunity to share a moment of prayer among all the busy-ness!

The event is suitable for families and all ages please feel free to drop in any time but please note all children must be accompanied by an appropriate adult.

**Sunday 24 December - Christmas Eve**

**9.00 am Sunday Mass**

**4.30 pm Informal Carol Singing**

**5.00 pm First Mass of Christmas** Families with young children are an important part of every Mass at St Anne's but this Mass will have a particular focus on our young children.

**Sunday 25 December – Christmas Day**

**9.00 am Christmas Day Mass**

**Saturday 6 January** Save the Date! Plans are being made for an Epiphany Bring and Share Supper in the Christian Centre so please save the date and watch out for more details.

**Sunday 7 January – Foodbank Collection Sunday**

**Advent Reflection**  
**'The Voice of God'**



**St. Anne's Church, 4.00 pm**  
**Advent Sunday - 3 December**

A service of Advent Carols and Readings with some quiet time in the midst of the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations.

Our guest organist:

**Caspian Mitchard**

MA Hons (Cantab) ARCO DipABRSM

Will play advent music for twenty minutes before the service as well as accompanying our Advent Carols.

This simple service will be a great opportunity for some gentle mission outreach so please display the poster on the back of this Newsheet in a window in your home or a public place.

Please also hand the invitations placed in our pews at Mass to members of your family and to friends and neighbours.



**If you are new to the parish or have not already done so please complete our parish census**

To do so please type: [www.caspar.church/me?ID=56094](http://www.caspar.church/me?ID=56094) into a search engine or use the QR code on the left side of this note.

One benefit of signing up is that the parish Newsheet will be sent each week to your email address or mobile phone.

## General Notices

Our **Ministers of The Word and Ministers of Holy Communion** do a great work for us all in St Anne's and we are very grateful for their commitment but we could do with increasing the numbers who share in either or both ministries. Would you like to offer to read at Mass or distribute Holy Communion? Would you like to suggest that another member of the congregation would be a good person to ask? Please make your offers and suggestions to Father Derek. The parish will of course organise the proper formation and training required for new volunteers.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the suggestion of ceasing to have a **Mass at 9.30 am on Mondays and introducing one at 9.30 am on Friday**. Following a positive response the change will take effect on Monday 4 and Friday 8 December.

### Last Sunday

#### Mass Attendance:

Adults: **65**, Children: **14**, Total: **79**

Our collections last Sunday were as follows:

Collection basket: **£59.85**

Standing Orders: **£301.52**

(The figure for the standing orders is the monthly average of all standing order payments throughout the year).

Total parish collections last week **£361.37**

#### Please Pray for:

**Our Sick and Housebound especially:** Pat Cafferata, Helen Knights, Nora McNamara, Doreen Smith, Anne Dykes, Sheila McLeod, Mary Sketch.

**All who have died recently:** Christopher Coombes.

#### From the Diocese and Beyond

As well as being the Solemnity of Christ The King, this Sunday is also designated World Youth Sunday. This is an opportunity for us to celebrate our young people in any way possible. You can read Pope Francis' message to young people here <https://northamptondiocese.org/rejoicing-in-hope-rom-1212-2/>

#### Diocesan Patronal Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Bishop David will preside at Mass to celebrate our Diocesan Patronal Feast. Our two diocesan Patrons are Our Lady immaculate and St Thomas Becket. All are invited to attend Mass in Northampton Cathedral at 7 pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December and for mince pies after in the St Thomas Centre.

**Thriving or Closing?** Thursday 7th December 7 pm. Will my parish still be here in 10 years? If it were to close, would the community even notice? In the face of such sobering thought, the good news is that parishes can come to new life if they live their missionary identity and make new disciples. Think it's time to take a more serious look into the problem of church decline? Join Bishop David Oakley and Fr. James Mallon on Thursday, 7th December in our online event, Thriving or Closing: Where is your parish going? <https://divinerenovation.tfaforms.net/f/CPSDecember>

**Mission Northampton** The Secrets of St Paul is a 10-week online course beginning on Wednesday 10th January and finishing on Wednesday 20th March. Participants will have an opportunity to reflect on the life of St Paul as a model missionary disciple. For more information visit [www.northamptondiocese.org/courses](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/courses) or call 01604 434362

**Trinity Conference: Reawakening the Catholic Vision** On Saturday 17 February 2024, 9 am to 5pm, you are invited to explore all of this and more at the Trinity Conference: Reawakening the Catholic Vision. How can the

Catholic Church respond to an increasingly disaffiliated and disengaged generation? What is the future of our Catholic parishes, schools, and homes? TC24 will explore the context of 'post-Christendom' society, and the implications this has for the Church's mission today. For the full timetable and booking info see: <https://www.leadstrinity.ac.uk/events/events/trinity-conference-2024-reawakening-the-catholic-vision.php>

## 2023 Christmas Giving Tree Love at Christmas.

We will have a Giving Tree during Advent.

This year our gifts will be distributed to Aylesbury Women's Aid and those in need around Wendover, in collaboration with Caritas Diocese of Northampton.



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diocese of northampton

Please select a label/s from the tree, wrap your gift/s & attach the label (which will be removed by those who distribute the gifts so that the recipient has a surprise, e.g. child's toy aged 8, biscuits etc.) or, use your own label/ add your own card, if you wish, and place your gift under the tree by the 17<sup>th</sup> of December



**St Vincent  
de Paul Society**

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

### Suggested Christmas Gifts

This list is for suggested gifts and to provide ideas. Anything that you would give as a gift to a family member or friend will be suitable and will be distributed to someone appropriate in need in our locality and to the women and their families in the Aylesbury Women's Aid refuge. This year we are collaborating with the Diocese who will distribute some of our gifts to local charities through Caritas.

**Adults:** hand cream, toiletries, hairbrush, toiletry gift packs, lap blanket, insulated mug chocolates, shortbread, luxury biscuits, family size or individual Christmas pudding, family size or small Christmas cake, cake bars, jams, honey, teas

**For children:** selection boxes, games and toys, puzzles, dolls, craft sets, action toys, fidget toys, balls, playing cards, family games, activities, board games, colouring books, crayons, pens, notebooks, stationary set, books, playing cards, crayons, pens, notebooks, stationary set, Christmas activities, games, Play doh, Christmas crackers, sugar-free sweets

**Babies and toddlers:** cuddly toy, bath toy, building blocks, animal figures, musical toys

*You are invited to:*

# ***Advent Reflection***

## ***'The Voice of God'***



**A service of Advent Carols and Readings with some quiet time in the midst of the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations.**

***St. Anne's Church, Wendover***

***4.00 pm***

***Sunday 3 December***

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