

THE MESSENGER

Serving the Parish of St. John the Baptist, Andover and St. John Fisher, Whitchurch
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ALL SAINTS 1st NOVEMBER 2026



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Eighth Bishop of Portsmouth

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Saturdays

After 10:00am Mass;

5:15pm-5:40pm

Or by appointment

Parish Bank Details:

Name: CDP Andover St John the Baptist

Sort Code: 30-93-04

Account Number: 00873633

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Parish Collections

Loose Plate: £625.55

Gift Aid: £227.60

Standing Orders: £933 (average)

Direct Debits: £315

Thank you for your generosity!

Entrance Antiphon: Let us rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

Psalm Response: Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest. Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Upcoming Masses in **Andover (A)**, **Whitchurch (W)** and **Farleigh (F)**

Sat 31st **A** 10:00am-*Tony Downing-RIP Anniversary*
Exposition and Confession after Mass

Sunday 1st NOVEMBER- ALL SAINTS

Sat 31st **A** 6:00pm- *Tadeusez Janosz-RIP*
Confession before Mass

Sun 1st **W** 8:30am- *Uncle Alan Bowden-RIP*
F **NO MASS**
A 10:30am- *People of the Parish*

Mon 2nd **A** 10:00am- *ALL SOULS DAY-Holy Souls in Reparation & Thanks*
Rosary after Mass

Tue. 3rd **A** 10:00am- *Xi & Donald-Special Intentions*
Andover-Healing Prayers from 6:30pm-7:00pm

Wed 4th No Mass or Service

Thurs 5th **W** **NO MASS** (*Canon Chris-Family Funeral*)

Fri 6th **A** 10:00am- *Deceased members of the Smyth family*

Sat 7th **A** 11:00am-**Requiem Mass for Adi Nanice Saluaca Tuikoro**
NO MORNING CONFESSION
2:30pm-Syro Malabar Mass

Blessing of Graves. There will be Blessing of Graves at **2.30pm on SUNDAY November 8th at Charlton Cemetery.**

and at **2.30pm on SUNDAY November 15th at St Mary's Cemetery**, Please come along if you would like the graves of your loved ones to be blessed. The graves in the **Memorial Plot at St John the Baptist will be blessed after Mass on SUNDAY 22nd November.**

The Month of November

During the month of November, a Holy Souls Memento Box will be placed on the table near the Baptismal font in Andover. If you so wish, please write the names of your deceased loved ones on the slips of paper and put them into the box. There will be Masses offered for those names on the following days: **Mon 2nd Nov (10.00am Andover); Sun 8th Nov (8:30am Whitchurch); Tues 10th Nov (10.00am Andover); Thursday 12th Nov (10:00am Whitchurch); Sunday 15th Nov (10:30am Andover); Sun 22nd Nov (8:30am Whitchurch); Thurs 26th Nov (10:00 Whitchurch); Fri 27th (10:00am Andover)** . An offering can be placed in an envelope for CAFOD, marked 'CAFOD' and placed in any Sunday collection in November-*Please do not leave any money in the box*

Thought for the Week

All Saints' Day reminds us that holiness is not something distant or reserved for extraordinary people. The saints were ordinary men and women who tried to live faithfully, showing kindness, courage, forgiveness, and love in the circumstances of everyday life. The Beatitudes in the Gospel describe the attitudes that helped them become saints: mercy, humility, peacemaking, compassion, and perseverance. In our daily lives, being a saint may mean being patient with a difficult colleague, offering encouragement to someone who is struggling, forgiving a hurt, or making time for a lonely neighbour. It can be seen in parents caring for their families, volunteers giving their time to help others, or someone quietly doing the right thing when nobody notices.

The feast also reminds us that we are surrounded by examples of holiness. Many of us have known people whose faith, generosity, and goodness have inspired us. They may never be formally recognised as saints, but their lives reflect the values that Jesus praises in the Gospel. Their example shows us that becoming a saint begins with small acts of love carried out faithfully each day.

The vision of the great crowd gathered before God is a message of hope. It tells us that people from every nation, background, and walk of life are called to share in God's life. We do not become saints through perfection, but by allowing God's grace to work through us in the ordinary moments of life. As we celebrate All Saints' Day, we might ask ourselves: *Where can I bring more kindness, peace, mercy, or hope today?* The answer may seem small, but it is often through these simple actions that the path to holiness is found.

SECOND COLLECTION

THIS WEEKEND FOR BAMENDA Each year on the **first Sunday of November** we celebrate the link between our diocese and the **Archdiocese of Bamenda** in Cameroon. It is a time where we also ask for your financial support to help our brothers and sisters, who are still impacted by the civil unrest that has affected the region since 2016. Despite the risks and challenges the archdiocese continues to run its parishes, provide education and health services, and support thousands of displaced people. Currently, most government services in the region are closed and the only services available are those the archdiocese provides to people of all faiths. Donations can be made online, cash or by DONA machine. We CAN claim Gift Aid on this collection, so please use your envelopes!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

All those who are sick and housebound in the Parish and also, please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Workman and Ron Charlwood. May the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

The full list of the sick and housebound will appear here monthly. Please keep that newsletter for your prayers.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY- 8th November 2026

A simple Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated at all of our weekend Masses.

Andover Town Remembrance Sunday Service Parade to The Cenotaph at St Mary's Church will begin at 10:35am with wreath laying at 11:00am.

COFFEE MORNING

The next coffee morning is **THIS TUESDAY 3rd** of November after 10:00am Mass. Pop in for a slice of cake and a chat. Everyone is welcome.

ORGAN APPEAL

The organ is the principal instrument of our liturgy, and we are very blessed at **St John the Baptist** to have both a beautiful instrument and talented organists who enrich our worship week by week.

Unfortunately, the organ's amplification system has failed, and we now need to replace the speakers and amplifier. This essential work will also improve the overall sound quality and reliability of the instrument for the future. The total cost, including VAT, is **£6,000**.

Canon Chris would be very grateful for any donations towards this project. Any contribution, however small, will help ensure that the organ continues to support the worship and musical life of our parish for many years to come.

Thank you for your support and generosity



On the weekend of the
World Day Of The Poor

CHARITY MASS AND NETWORKING EVENT

Connect with other people in the Diocese who are passionate about social justice and supporting their community.



St Bede's Church
Popley Way,
Basingstoke,
RG24 9DX.

Saturday 14 November 2026

10:30am - 3:00pm

Everyone welcome!
Register your interest →



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'The Lord is the refuge of the Poor' PS 14:6

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ROSARY

Please join us for the Rosary, we meet every Monday at 10:30am in the church hall.