

ST HUGH OF LINCOLN RC CHURCH

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Parish Office Opening Hours: Monday 9.00-2.30pm, Tuesday 9.00 -2pm and Thursday 9.00-2.30pm



Mass Times: Sunday (Sat 6pm) 9.30am and 11.30am; 1pm Mass in Polish. Holy Day Mass 9.30am & 7pm.

Weekday Mass: Monday to Friday 9.30am. Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday 9.10am. Adoration & Confession Wednesday 10.00-10.45am; Benediction Thursday 10.45. Confession Saturday 5.15 to 5.45pm & on request.

**SUNDAY 30TH November 2025,
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WEEKDAY MASSES ARE HELD IN ST HILDA**

‘YOU MUST BE READY, FOR THE SON OF MAN IS COMING AT AN HOUR YOU DO NOT EXPECT.’

Today marks the beginning of the new liturgical year and the season of Advent, a time of watching and waiting, of longing and preparation for the Lord. Isaiah presents his vision of a peaceful world, where weapons of conflict are turned into tools for agriculture and to rebuild communities as people grow together in God’s love. Psalm 122 continues this prayer for peace and security, with a reminder to look to the Lord for guidance on how to live in unity, peace and joy. Paul urges the Romans to wake up, to abandon thoughts and behaviour keeping God in the dark, and to live in the light of his love. He is direct and uncompromising, but reassuring; God’s salvation is as attainable as putting on new clothes. The theme of awakening features again in the Gospel, as Jesus calls on people to ‘be ready’ for God’s salvation by living in love and faith. Jesus uses examples ranging from the dramatic events of Noah and the flood, the mundane image of workers in the field and at the mill, and the unexpected thieves breaking into a house. All of these highlight God constantly invites us to follow his example in all we do. As Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee year, we reflect on how we might cast off old habits keeping us in the dark and walk in the light and hope of God’s eternal love. *Prego & Fr Jimmy*

POPE FRANCIS’ PRAYER INTENTIONS

November 2025: For the prevention of suicide.

Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life. *Amen*

WELCOME

If you are new to our parish, please pop along to a coffee morning after Sunday Mass and meet some fellow parishioners. We are friendly bunch and are always glad to see new faces. New parishioner’s forms are available at the back of church.

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE. Please speak to Fr Jimmy after Mass.

WALK WITH ME: Advent booklets are available. Suggested donation £1.50, this can be placed in the “Papers” section of the box in the porch. Thank you.

FORTESCUE HALL CARPARK

Today and next weekend, Fortescue Hall is rented out to Little Ruggers. The hall's carpark will therefore be taken up by parents and staff running the session. Please allow additional time to park when coming to church.

OFFICE CLOSURE

Monday 1st December for Annual Leave.

ADVENT CRIB APPEAL

Each year many parishes very kindly donate their Crib Offering to support the work of the Catholic Children's Society. This enables us to provide vital support for disadvantaged children and families. We would be extremely grateful for any donation you are able to make and will ensure this goes directly towards supporting local families in need. Thank you for helping disadvantaged children and families this Christmas. Donations can be made directly using this link: [Donate - Catholic Childrens Society](#) or you can use one of the envelopes available in our church.

CARITAS ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR

Advent is a special season in the Church's year when we prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ. However, with the cost of living crisis, many in our communities are facing difficulties. Each day in Advent, find the corresponding snowman on the calendar, which will tell you what you need to buy to add to your collection. You could team up with others too, and share the collecting between you. The caritas Advent Giving Calendars are available at the back of church. Collected items can be put in the Foodbank bins in the porch. Thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS POSTERS

KEEP CHRIST INTO CHRISTMAS posters are available at the back of church. Please take one and display it in your window. It is HIS birthday!

CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS URGENTLY NEEDED

Please help the parish by joining Jon in the running our Confirmation programme. Sessions are due to start in January. Contact the office to know more about the role.

STM CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Parents Association at our primary school have organised a Christmas raffle. There are some truly impressive prizes: Wo-

burn Safari Park family Ticket; Laser tag vouchers; Willows Activity Park Tickets; Family Photography Package; The Grapevine voucher; Cultivo lounge voucher; Cut&Blow Dry at Dead Swanky and many other prizes. Please visit: <https://go.rallyup.com/christmas-2025/Campaign/Details> A QR code is available on the poster in the porch.



STEP INTO CHRISTMAS

Letchworth Arcadians will be delighting us with carols and Christmas songs on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th December. Tickets are on sale on their website, £15 general admission and £5 for children (small booking fee applies). [Letchworth Arcadians Musical Society online ticket sales powered by TicketSource](#)

CHRISTMAS CONCERT FOR KANYIKE

Come and get a bit of festive cheer while raising much needed funds for the Kanyike Project. The concert starts at 2pm at church, Refreshments in St Hilda. Tickets are £10 each. Contact Sue and Jacquie for info.

EMIL DALE SPARE CHAIR EVENT

Emil Dale Academy are hosting their annual "Spare Chair Christmas" project on Friday 5th December for the elderly in the local area who live alone and want to join students and

staff, in their studios, for a roast dinner and of course a song or two! Lunch is at 1pm. This is a FREE event sponsored entirely by the amazing Emil Dale Academy. All you need to do to get involved is email info@emildale.co.uk with CHRISTMAS DINNER 2025 in the subject and give them NAME / PHONE NUMBER / ADDRESS / ACCESS REQUIREMENTS or call 01462 677 808 if you or they don't have access to email.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 29th November to Sun 7th December 2025

Saturday 29th November

6pm: Michael & Breege Kerrane RIP

Sunday 30th November—Advent 1

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Mary Gamble, Diana & Patrick Diskin RIP

Monday 1st December

9.30am: Theobald Dep RIP

Tuesday 2nd December

9.30am: Julia helen Luke RIP

Wednesday 3rd December

9am: Holy Souls

Thursday 4th December

9.30am: Oliver Pykerman RIP

Friday 5th December

9.30am: Marion Reade RIP

Saturday 6th December

9.30am: Fr Dominic Byrne RIP

6pm: Michael & Breege Kerrane RIP

Sunday 7th December—Advent 2

9.30am: People of the parish

11.30am: Peter Ellmers RIP

MASS BOOKINGS

All remaining Masses for 2025 have now been booked. Thank you for your understanding.

REPOSITORY

Mass Cards, cards celebrating the sacraments, new babies and other occasions are located in the St Hilda Room. Prices vary, please check the dividers and leave money in the honesty box.

ROSARY FOR PEACE:

Every Friday at 10am, after Mass

TODDLER PLAYGROUP: Every Thursday, term-time from 9.45am till 11am.

SASH GROUP

A friendly group for seniors to chat and spend time in company. Next meeting on 27th November 2025 at 2pm in St Hilda Room.

MOTHER'S PRAYERS

This lovely prayer group for mothers of all ages is held every Monday morning after 9.30am Mass in St Hilda Room. It isn't a playgroup, but a chance to socialise and pray together for mothers and grandmothers. Tea and coffee available.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

On Tuesday 5-6pm, St Hilda room. Meetings consist of a short reading, followed by meditation and conclude with a time of reflection and discussion. All welcome.

INTERFAITH PANEL ON END-OF-LIFE CARE

'Dying to Live' was a panel discussion that took place at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, on Sunday 26 October. It examined how faith traditions approach dying, death, and bereavement and the religious and cultural practices observed in end-of-life settings. Moderated by Associate Professor Maggie Doherty, Lead at the Centre for the Art of Living and Dying Well, the session presented findings from the Centre's new community-based participatory research.

You can listen to the podcast here: [Interfaith panel discussion on end-of-life care - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)

ECUMENICAL MARIAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Christians of different denominations hoping for visible unity in Christ meet every two years for four days of spiritual ecumenism. We learn from one another's Liturgies. To mark the 1700th anniversary of the great Council of Nicaea the Ecumenical Marian Pilgrimage Trust are holding a four day retreat in Walsingham, from 10-14 March 2026. Accommodation (full board and accessible) is at the Anglican Shrine. The full cost is £345 (incl. £60 accommodation deposit), or £60 for non-residents. A coach transfer from Kings Lynn and return is an additional £40. Further details of speakers, events and booking:

www.ecumenicalmarianpilgrimage.org.uk

We pray for all those who are sick and those suffering in any way including:

Nora Ivers	Liz McCaul
Richard Parker	Dolores Connolly
Angela Horne	Rita Fletcher
Aron Haughton	Anthony Horne
George Marston	Philomena Johnson
Joe Fernandes	Margaret Haywood
Willie Hudson	Lynne Parker
Mary Wallace	Charles McCann
Phil Garvey-McGovern	Bob Pitman
Eric Bunson	Kristina Ullrich
Pauline Doran	Anne Moran
Battista	Maureen Breslin
Cathy McKenna	Mary O'Connor
Audrey Donnelly	Carol O'Brien
Gina Trasatti	Sienna

Easy Giving: Via the Contactless machine in the porch or via our parish website: www.pariah.rcdow.org.uk/letchworth . If you are in a position to Gift Aid your donations, please email the office to complete a declaration. Gift Aid allows us to claim some money back at no extra cost to you. Thank you for your generosity.

Standing Order: Making your offering to the Church by Standing Order is simple and enables the Finance Committee with Fr Jimmy to plan parish finances accurately. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like information about giving by Standing Order.

Collection Total October: £8,819.65 This is inclusive of standing orders, contactless and collections. The total for October will be available next week. Thank you for your continued generosity.

THE LETCHWORTH FOODBANK : Tins of Ham; Tins of Salmon; Christmas Cakes, all sorts; Selection Boxes; Boxes of Chocolates; Small & Medium Christmas Cakes; Crackers for Cheese; Crisps; Nuts; Mince Pies; Bags for Life. No expired items please.

Dates for your Diary:

4th December	Letchworth Arcadians Carols Concert, St Hugh of Lincoln Church with refreshments in St Hilda (paid event) 7.30pm
5th December	Letchworth Arcadians Carols Concert, St Hugh of Lincoln Church with refreshments in St Hilda (paid event) 7.30pm
13th December	Concert For Kanyike 2pm at church
14th December	STM Christmas Market 10am to 3pm Fortescue Hall
15th December	Opus Dei Retreat for Men, St Hilda Room from 6.30pm

Our Catholic Schools

St Thomas More RC Primary School, Highfield, Letchworth, Herts, SG6 3QB

Tel: 01462 620670 www.strcjmi.herts.sch.uk

The Saint John Henry Newman RC Secondary School, Hitchin Road, Stevenage.

Tel: 01438 314643 www.jhn.herts.sch.uk

Safeguarding Officer

Kate Hewitson: letchworthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

Lister Hospital RC Team

Tel: 01438 285138 (24/7) Urgent need: 01438 314 333

Via text message: 07884 187463 Email: chaplaincy.enhtr@nhs.net

Please remember Catholic patients can only be visited by the Catholic Chaplain, or a priest, if they, or a relative, contact the Chaplaincy or nursing staff.