

## Parish of St. Michael, Tadley (with Kingsclere) and St. Oswald, Burghfield Common

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<b>MASS TIMETABLE</b>					
<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Feria, Memorial (M), Feast (F), Solemnity (S)</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Mass Intention</b>
Sat	11th July	15th Sunday - Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sun	12th July	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	9.00am	St. Michael's	Gina Poulter RIP
			11.00am	St. Oswald's	Joyce Neves RIP
Mon	13 <sup>th</sup> July	NO MASS			
Tues	14 <sup>th</sup> July	NO MASS - Father Stephen is away			
Weds	15 <sup>th</sup> July	NO MASS - Father Stephen is away			
Thurs	16 <sup>th</sup> July	Feria	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Fri	17 <sup>th</sup> July	St. Bonaventure (M)	7.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sat	18 <sup>th</sup> July	16th Sunday - Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sun	19 <sup>th</sup> July	16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	9.00am	St. Michael's	
			11.00am	St. Oswald's	
<i>Second Collection at all Masses this Weekend: Stella Maris – The Apostleship of the Sea</i>					
<i>Children's Liturgy this weekend at the 9.00am St. Michael's Sunday Mass</i>					
<i>Weekday Masses preceded by 30 mins of Eucharistic Adoration. Rosary after Mass</i>					
<i>Confessions: Before Weekday Masses, Saturday at St. Michael's 11.00am - 12 Noon, or by appointment</i>					
<i>Mass Intentions: If you would like a Mass Intention, please contact Dan in the Parish Office</i>					

### Stella Maris

- To find out more about the subject of this weekend's Second Collection, together with details on how to donate online if you prefer, click on this link: [Sea Sunday](#)
- **Gift Aid envelopes** for this collection will be available in the porch areas of both our churches for the use of those parishioners who are not regular Gift Aiders. For regular Gift Aiders, you will find the envelope at the back of your Lockie box, where all the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection envelopes are grouped.



### The Parable of the Sower

This Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 13:1–23) marks the beginning of a section of St Matthew's Gospel in which Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven through a series of seven parables.

This week, in the parable of the Sower, Jesus describes four kinds of soil, representing four ways people respond to God's Word. Some hearts are hardened by indifference or unbelief. Others receive the Gospel with enthusiasm but soon fall away when faith becomes costly. Some allow the worries, distractions and false promises of a materialistic world to choke the life of grace within them. Yet there is also the good soil: the heart that listens, welcomes God's Word, perseveres through difficulties, and allows it to transform every part of life.

This parable is particularly relevant to us Christians living in today's increasingly secular society. We are surrounded by countless voices competing for our attention. It is easy for our lives to become crowded with busyness, entertainment, anxiety, ambition and endless distractions until God's voice is drowned out. Without even realising it, the soil of our hearts can gradually become less receptive to God's Word.

The encouraging news is that Jesus never suggests we are permanently one type of soil. The condition of our hearts can change. It is through prayer, regular reading of Scripture, faithful participation in the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, acts of charity, and a willingness to surrender our lives more completely to Christ, that the power of Holy Spirit will continually cultivate the soil of our hearts, making them more receptive to God's grace.

### Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul at St. Oswald's

We would like to give all parishioners an opportunity to see the beautiful and thoughtful decoration of St. Oswald's Church for this Solemnity a couple of weeks ago.

Our sincere thanks to Mel Stevens for all her hard work and creativity in enhancing the interior of the Church.



Photo courtesy of Marc Mildenhall

**Now, THAT'S what I call a BBQ!!!**

Ellen Goodall writes: "The Parish BBQ was a great success, and it was good to see such a big turnout. Wonderful food, happy, friendly atmosphere, and sunshine what more could we ask? Please may I thank all who helped to bring it together. Thanks to Marion, Ann, Kevin and Claire who worked throughout the day. However, the biggest thanks goes to the BBQ team, Chris 1, Chris 2, Hugh and Anna, who cooked relentlessly in the scorching heat to ensure a constant flow of delicious chicken wings, burgers, sausages, etc".

Our sincere thanks to you Ellen, for leading the preparations for this fantastic event!



Photos courtesy of Ellen Goodall and Ben Rowden

### Bamenda Update

Please click on this link below to see the latest Diocesan Bamenda Newsletter:

**Bamenda**

Copies of the Newsletter will also be displayed at both our Churches

### Caritas Update

Please click on this link below to see the latest Caritas Newsletter:

**Summer updates from Caritas Portsmouth**

### Catholic Medical Association

Whether you are a doctor, nurse, student, or allied professional — if you are a Catholic in healthcare, you are invited to join the CMA to grow in fellowship, prayer and formation together.

For more information & upcoming events, visit: <https://catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk>

### ARCHANGELS SOCIAL GROUP

#### Mingle @ St Michael's

The next Mingle will take place on Wednesday 15 July in St Michael's Parish Room from 2pm to 4pm – please join us for tea, cake, laughter and conversation. All welcome!

#### Thanks received from St Michael's Hospice

We have received a letter of thanks from St Michael's Hospice, following receipt of the £536.93 raised at the Tadley Fete on the Green. They are very grateful for the contribution and for us raising awareness of the Hospice, which needs to raise £15,000 a day to fund its services. Our contribution would fund 23 hours of nursing care or four bereavement support evenings – support that can mean so much at a difficult time.

They send their sincere thanks to all who contributed in any way. Thank you!

#### SAVE THE DATES

Parish Walk to St Mary the Virgin Church, Silchester – Sunday 16 August

Picnic Tea & Rounders in Silchester – Sunday 6 September



#### IMPORTANT: Tadley Remembers – Sunday 12 July – 3pm VENUE CHANGE TO INSIDE ST. PETER'S CHURCH

CTAT and Tadley Town Council invites you this Sunday to their annual memorial service which will be led by local clergy and church leaders. **Due to the current heatwave, this will now take place inside St. Peter's Church, Church Road, Church Rd, Tadley RG26 3AX.**

At the service, we will remember and give thanks for the lives of those whom we have loved and lost, no matter how long ago or how recently. These services allow us to gather to share our sadness and show our solidarity with one another. The service will be simple and not too long - readings & poems, with music by the Salvation Army band, and a few prayers. We invite you to bring along a photograph of the family member or friend whom you wish to remember. There will be the opportunity for the name of your loved one to be read out during the service. We very much look forward to welcoming you. You do not need to let us know you are coming unless you have special access needs.

#### Ladies' Breakfast – this Saturday 11 July

The next Ladies' Breakfast will be this Saturday 11 July, when NAMYSTO, a local Ukrainian Choir, will be performing a special programme prepared for the Ladies' Breakfast. Please come along to support them and enjoy their sharing of their culture. The Breakfast takes place at the Immanuel Centre, Tadley URC, Main Road, RG26 3NJ, from 10am and the session will finish by noon. All welcome!

#### Cream Teas at Silchester Methodist

Silchester Methodist will be serving cream teas from 3pm to 5pm every Sunday until the end of July. All welcome.



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The Archangels Social Group  
Roman Catholic Parish of Tadley & Burghfield Common  
C/o Mary Lee

10 July 2026

### ***A very big THANK YOU!***

Dear Mary,

On behalf of everyone at St Michael's Hospice, a heartfelt thank you to you and all the members of The Archangels Social Group for your wonderful donation of £536.93, raised at the Tadley Fete on the Green held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026. What a fantastic effort—please pass on our thanks to everyone involved.

Your support helps us continue providing specialist care, comfort and compassion to patients and their families when they need it most. With just 22% of our funding coming from the NHS, we rely on the kindness of our community to raise the £15,000 needed each day to keep our services running.

To give an idea of the difference you've made, your donation could help fund around twenty-three hours of nursing care or provide four bereavement support evenings—support that can mean so much at a difficult time.

We're incredibly grateful for your support and for helping to raise both vital funds and awareness within your community. It truly makes a difference.

With our warmest thanks and very best wishes,

**Vicki Harty**  
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**Care and support when you need it most**

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