

Parish of Tadley (with Kingsclere) and Burghfield Common - PARISH NEWSLETTER

13th July 2025 (15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C)

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This Weekend's Mass arrangements

Saturday 12th July: 6.00pm at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Sunday 13th July: 9.00am at St. Michael's Church, Tadley – **With Children's Liturgy!**

Sunday 13th July: 11.00am at St. Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common

2nd Collection this Weekend is for: Stella Maris (Sea Sunday)

- Unless you are Gift Aiding your donation to Stella Maris, **DO NOT** use the special Stella Maris envelopes.
- Also, if you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please also remember the Gift Aid rules: Anyone who makes a gift aid donation must be charged income tax and / or capital gains tax for the year of donation, at least equal to the tax treated as deducted from all their gift aid donations.

HEAT ALERT

At the time of writing, all three Masses are planned to go ahead as usual. We have a number of portable fans set-up at St. Michael's Church. St. Oswald's Church is normally a few degrees cooler inside.

However, Parishioners whose health may be impacted by very high temperatures should consider whether their attendance at Mass this weekend is appropriate. This also applies for anybody who you are responsible for, or who is in your care. Please be assured there is no issue whatsoever if anyone is unable to attend Mass due to a genuine health concern.

NOTE: Dan will update you over the next few days if I am unable to celebrate any of the weekend Masses. So please keep an eye on your email Inbox, just in case.

REMINDER -Tadley Remembers – Sunday 13 July at 3pm:

For details, please see the item in the CTAT section hereunder, or the printed invitation letter in St. Michael's Church porch

**** NO SATURDAY VIGIL MASS – ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH - Next Saturday 19th July ****

Father Patrick will unfortunately not be able to celebrate the Vigil Mass at St. Michael's Church next Saturday 19th July, since he will be concelebrating at the Ordination of Deacon Ryan Browne to the Sacred Priesthood in Portsmouth Cathedral.

REMINDER: Parish Office Closed this Friday 11th July

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Banns of Marriage

Damian Pauric Duffy and Niam Margaret Tolan intend to enter into The Sacrament of Matrimony in the Republic of Ireland, in late July. Should any person have a reason to suggest that this marriage should not take place, that person is obliged to inform Father Patrick as soon as possible.

REMINDER: St. Oswald's Site – Part-time Cleaner Vacancy

Contact Dan in the Parish Office for more details, or take a look at the Diocesan Vacancies section toward the end of this Newsletter & click on the Current Vacancies link, & then the section "Parish Roles".

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Availabilities – Fr. Patrick & Parish Office

- **Week commencing 14th July**

Father Patrick: Not available on 14th, 16th & 17th July

Parish Office: Closed as usual on 14th & also on 16th July due to Dan attending contractor visit at both sites

- **The rest of the Summer**

Father Patrick: Generally not available throughout August

Parish Office: Closed from 25th of July to 13th of August when no emails will be addressed and telephone messages will only be checked sporadically.

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****IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT – OUR NEW PRIEST IN CHARGE! ****

We are delighted to announce that **Fr. Stephen Vooght** will move from South Wight to become Priest in Charge of St. Michael's Tadley with St. Oswald's Burghfield Common, with **Fr. John Lee** as the Parish Priest.

We all look forward to welcoming Fr. Stephen, who is expected to be with us from early September (exact date to be confirmed).

Collection for a Parish Retirement Gift for Fr Patrick:

We shall be having a special collection for a retirement gift for Fr Patrick over the next few weeks and there are the following ways to contribute, so donations will not get muddled with any other parish donations: special white envelopes will be available to take away from church porches to be used for cash or cheque donations. Please seal the envelope before placing it in the marked collection boxes in our churches over the next few weeks. Any cheques should be made payable to: 'CDP Tadley St Michael' and marked 'Retirement Gift' on the back. Please return the envelopes by Sunday 24 August.

If you prefer to pay by bank transfer, please transfer your gift to the parish account by Sunday 24 August, using the reference: Retirement Gift.

Account Name: CDP Tadley St Michael

Sort Code: 30-93-04

Account No: 00889440

Many thanks in anticipation of your generosity!

Fr Patrick's Retirement Party – Friday 29 August – please register your attendance:

We do hope that many parishioners will be able to join Fr Patrick on this special occasion to mark his retirement as our Parish Priest after nearly 17 years! The party will take place at Heath End Village Hall on Friday 29 August from 7pm to 10pm. We shall be providing light refreshments, a celebration cake, tea/coffee/squash and fizz for the toast. You are welcome to 'bring your own bottle' (and glasses!) if you wish to bring alcohol or your own favourite drink.

To assist us with planning the party, it would help us to know how many people are planning to come as soon as possible, but no later than Sunday 10 August please. We need to know how many adults and children will be in your party; any food or drink allergies or dietary needs, such as Gluten Free; and if you need help with transport.

Sign-up sheets will be available in the church porches or you can phone Mary Lee on 07821 254100 or you can email the information to Retirement.FrP@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you and hope you will be able to come!

Archangels Social Group Events

Message of thanks from St. Michael's Hospice

Thank you so much for your donation of £513.21 in support of St. Michael's Hospice.

It was very thoughtful of you to think of us to receive this donation from your games and stalls at the Tadley Fete on the Green on 14th June, I am sure everyone who came along had a great day.

Your kindness and generosity are truly appreciated by everyone, especially our patients and their families who are or have been affected by life limiting illness in our community. Your donation will help to support 5 weeks of medical transport ensuring patients can safely travel to and from the hospice for treatment which is amazing.

On behalf of all our patients, their families and the dedicated staff and volunteers at the Hospice, thank you so much for your support and kindness.

A huge "Well done" to all those involved. A most notable achievement!

Parish walk/Cream tea – Sunday 20th July:

There will be a parish walk on Sunday 20th July, including a stop at the Silchester Methodist chapel for a cream tea. There will be two routes - one easy, short and flat and one a little longer with some slopes up and down. **IMPORTANT NOTE: Anybody who does not want to do the walk is very welcome to simply just sign up to join the walkers for the cream tea at Silchester Methodist Chapel at 3.30pm – But please still confirm your attendance via the contact details below** (we need to let our friends at Silchester Methodists know numbers in advance so they don't run out of cream teas!).

So please email penfoldfamily5@yahoo.co.uk or phone Mary Lee on 07821 254100 **by Monday 14th July** if you would like to join us and please confirm to them which walk you will do, or if you are coming just for the tea. Please also let them know if there are children coming and any dietary needs or allergies.

Walk details:

Route 1

Park before 3pm in the lay-by on the left hand side of Impstone Road, Pamber Heath.

We will walk across the common to Silchester Methodist church for cream teas and then return the same way, 0.5 miles each way. Short and flat with good gravel paths.

This walk will start at 3pm and will take about 30 mins each way at a gentle pace.

Route 2

Park before 2:30 at Silchester recreation ground. This is a circular walk through Pamber Forest down to the stream and back up to Pamber Heath, then across the common to Silchester Methodist Church (1.8 miles). Then after tea this group will have a short walk to their carpark at Silchester recreation ground (0.5 miles) - a total of 2.3 miles at a moderate pace.

Please note, the short walk starts at 3pm and takes 30 mins to reach the chapel while the medium walk starts at 2:30 and takes an hour to reach the chapel so that we can all arrive at about the same time for tea, coffee or squash, and cream teas and biscuits .

Mingle at St Michael's:

Our next gathering will be next **Wednesday 16 July** in the Parish Room or on the patio from 2pm – 4pm. Please join us for tea/coffee/squash and cake, conversation and laughter – all welcome!

SAVE THE DATE: Games Night on Friday 19 September:

This will be held in the Leonard Rooms at St Oswald's with doors opening at 7pm. Further details will follow nearer the time.

CTAT

Ladies' Breakfast – Saturday 12 July: Our guest speaker this month is Graham Midcalf, who will be speaking on "Working in the Air", including the Mission Aviation Fellowship, a humanitarian air operator which takes help to the remotest locations in the world. Please join us at the Immanuel Centre, URC, RG26 3NJ, from 10am to noon. All welcome!

Tadley Remembers – Sunday 13 July at 3pm: CTAT and Tadley Town Council invites you to their annual memorial service in the grounds of Tadley Cemetery, Church Road, RG26 3AU, which will be led by local clergy and church leaders. You are welcome to bring a chair if you would prefer to sit.

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.

Anna Chaplaincy – Licencing Service – Sunday 20th July

Anna Chaplaincy is an ecumenical, community based, chaplaincy promoting the spiritual welfare of older people. It is a person centred and non-judgmental ministry for people of strong, little or no faith, visiting older people wherever they may be living.

Training has been undertaken by nine would-be Anna Chaplains and friends from across the Anglican Benefice and CTAT, who are in the process of discernment as to whether they should become Anna Chaplains, with a commitment of a day per week, or the lighter role of an Anna Friend. There will be a short licencing and celebration service on **Sunday 20th July at 4:00 PM, at Saint Pauls Church, Tadley**, which the founder, Debbie Thrower, will be attending to licence the Tadley and Basingstoke participants. All welcome.

Anna Chaplaincy is intended to support rather than replicate or replace ministry already being undertaken by churches. There will be a mapping project over the summer to identify what spiritual support to people in older age is already available and what needs could be met by Anna Chaplains & Friends in the future.

Teas at Silchester Methodist Church: Cream teas are available on Sunday afternoons in July from 3pm to 5pm in the church hall, RG7 2NY, to raise funds for the church. All are welcome, but if you are bringing a party of people or have special dietary needs, early warning would be appreciated for catering purposes!

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Report on the Diocesan Significant Wedding Anniversary Mass – 21st June at St. Bede's

For Bishops Philip's report on this auspicious event, previously advertised in our Newsletter, please see the article & photos in via this link: [Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass at St. Bede's, Basingstoke - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](#).

ADoRE mini retreat "Pilgrims of Hope – Provision for the Journey" - Saturday 26th July

In the next ADoRE mini-retreat in Alton, we will consider how Jesus is the Bread of Life and provides for all our needs on our Pilgrimage through life. There will be an inspiring talk from John Hesketh, a Catholic Evangelist and New Dawn 2024 Keynote Speaker. John has been in Catholic ministry in a variety of forms for over 25 years. He has been a teacher, youth minister and school chaplain. He received his Master's degree from the Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio.

As well as the inspiring talk, there will be live-streamed Mass and Adoration, Prophecy, Praise, and Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be fanned into a flame, so that your community members can be beacons of hope in the darkness of our present age.

Please register for the free Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADOREJUL2025 More information at www.altonrenewal.com

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REMINDER: Money Lifeline is needing to grow its debt adviser team!

We have received this message from the Basingstoke Foodbank:

THE GOOD NEWS: Money Lifeline has been successful with one or two potential new trainee debt advisers which was really encouraging for the team.

THE BAD NEWS: If this wonderful debt charity run by Christians in the town is going to be able to continue beyond the summer, they could do with **at least 2 more volunteers** to train.

THERE IS STILL TIME to contact Money Lifeline ASAP to chat further if you are interested...

<https://www.moneylifeline.org/> please email them on moneylifelinebasingstoke@gmail.com (they do have phone numbers but the office is part-time and the email is checked regularly). The Money Lifeline team is happy for anyone considering this role to shadow them in the next week or so, to see what it's like. The volunteering commitment is only a morning, or afternoon weekly. *Money Lifeline is affiliated with, & supported by Community Money Advice* <https://www.communitymoneyadvice.com/>

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Diocesan Vacancies

For current vacancies visit: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/people/careers/>

There are also opportunities in our Diocesan schools:

<https://www.casop Portsmouth.org.uk/current-vacancies-2/>

Further reading

Portsmouth Diocese news items:

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/communications/news/enews/>

Catholic Bishops Conference of England & Wales news items:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/news-and-media/>

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