

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

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Dear All,

A short Newsletter this weekend, as Dan and I were unwell during the last few days, meaning the Parish Office was effectively closed for two days. We are still struggling with the effects of the bug - and with a backlog of work as a result!

I am not generally available for most of the coming week. On Wednesday there is a Fire Risk Assessment for St. Michael's Church, Parish Room and Parish Office, arranged by Worknest, and in the evening a Ten Year Mission Plan meeting at St. Bede's Church from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM. Our thanks to those who have agreed to represent our Parish at this meeting.

We have Barry Rockhill's Funeral Mass at St. Oswald's Church on Thursday, and there is a meeting of the Churches Together Around Tadley (CTAT) Forum at the Salvation Army Hall at 7:00 PM for 7:30 PM.

Next Friday, we will produce a double Newsletter to enable Dan to have a break from the 26th - 30th May, when the Parish Office will be closed, also giving me an opportunity to recharge my batteries!

Ann Heavey, RIP

The sad news that Ann Heavey of our Burghfield Common community had died was received on Wednesday 14th May. Please keep her soul in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

Marriages

For anybody planning to get married in the foreseeable future, or if you know anybody who is, please note the item hereunder in this Newsletter, providing important Diocesan guidance.

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This Weekend's Mass arrangements

Saturday 17th May: 6.00pm at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Sunday 18th May: 9.00am at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Sunday 18th May: 11.00am at St. Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common

Barry Rockhill Requiem Mass

This will be celebrated at St. Oswald's Church on Thursday 22nd May at 12 Noon.

Ascension Day

This Holy Day of Obligation is celebrated on Thursday 29th May, with Masses at 11.00 AM (Burghfield Common) and 7.00 PM (Tadley). All Catholics are obliged to attend Mass that day unless there is a serious reason for not doing so.

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REMINDER: First Holy Communion

Next preparation session: Tuesday, 20th May at 4.30pm - 5.30pm, St. Michael's Church, Tadley

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GETTING MARRIED

If you live in this Parish or elsewhere in our Pastoral Area of North West Hampshire and plan to marry either in our Parish Churches or elsewhere, we require one year's notice to assist you with the pre-nuptial enquiries. If you wish to marry here but live outside the Parish or its Pastoral Area, it is the responsibility of your own Parish Priest to assist you with the pre-nuptial enquiries.

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Bishop Philip's thoughts on the election of Pope Leo XIV.

"In his first address, Pope Leo XIV stressed the importance of Christ being a bridge: "Humanity needs him as the bridge to be reached by God and his love. Help us too, and then each other to build bridges, with dialogue, with encounter, uniting us all to be one people always in peace." In this time of challenge and difficulty in many parts of the world, he is reminding us to turn to Christ, the ultimate bridgebuilder. One of the roles of a Pope is to be a pontifex or bridge between bishops, Christians, and all of humanity. The Church has a crucial role in bridge building: "We must seek together how to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges and dialogue, always open to receive - like this square with its open arms - all those who need our charity, our presence and our love."

Let us pray for Pope Leo XIV, the visible source and foundation of our unity in faith, that through his words and example he may be of service to the flock entrusted to his care. God bless our Pope! May Mary Immaculate pray for him. May St. Peter pray for him. May St. Edmund of Abingdon pray for him."

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Archangels Social Group Events

Parish Cake Sale & Tombola for Christian Aid

Many thanks to all who baked, donated prizes, manned the stalls, served refreshments and were generous customers on the day - it was a great parish effort, as usual! We raised a total of £249.70 as follows:

Cakes & Donations:	£93.50
Tombola:	£98
Jewellery:	£15
Refreshment donations:	£43.20.

Christian Aid will much appreciate this contribution to their funds for their work for those in need overseas – many thanks for your support!

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CTAT Events

CTAT Forum – Thursday 22nd May at 7.00pm – 9.00pm

This is the General Business Meeting of CTAT. Everybody interested in the work of CTAT is welcome. Hot drinks available from 7pm.

Venue: Silchester Methodist Church

Tadley Treacle Fair – Sunday 1st June

Help still needed for the CTAT stand at the Treacle Fair please in the afternoon of Sunday 1 June: Many thanks to those who have already volunteered to help Dina Haywood with setting up the CTAT pitch and manning the stand. We still need volunteers to help in the afternoon please with either manning the stand and talking to visitors (even for a limited period) and/or with breaking down the stand around 5pm. Can YOU spare some time on the day to assist please? If you can help, please contact Dina:

dinahaywood@btinternet.com Thank you!

REMINDER: Men's Breakfast – Saturday 24th May

The next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday 24th May, at 10.00am – Noon.

Full English breakfast, good company & conversation. Venue: Tadley URC Immanuel Centre, Tadley URC, Main Road, Tadley, RG26 3NJ.

Our speaker will be Michael Laizans on "Stratfield Saye: Some historical highlights".

IMPORTANT! CTAT Ladies' Breakfast

Please note that the gathering scheduled for **Saturday 14 June** has been cancelled as it clashed with St Paul's Church's Fete on The Green and so many of the ladies who regularly attend the Breakfast will be helping to set up for the Fete. The next Ladies' Breakfast will therefore take place on **Saturday 12 July**. Please note there will also be no gatherings in August nor December.

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Called and Gifted online Information Evening - Monday 7th July at 7pm - 8:30pm

The Called and Gifted team in the Diocese are planning to hold an online information evening for Called and Gifted on Monday 7th July. This is intended for anyone who may be interested in hearing more about discerning charisms and the spiritual and practical benefits this can bring for individuals and communities. To register, please email calledandgifted@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk with your name and parish.

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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.casoportsmouth.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/>

Caritas Portsmouth Newsletter:

<https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk/news-events/>

Best wishes for the weekend,

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