

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

20th July 2025 (16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C)

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**** THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED 26th JULY – 12th AUGUST ****

**** THIS IS THE LAST FULL NEWSLETTER UNTIL 15th AUGUST ****

(Although a brief update of any new items of importance will be sent on Friday next week)

This Weekend's Mass arrangements

Sunday 20th July: 9.00am at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Sunday 20th July: 11.00am at St. Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common

**** NO SATURDAY EVENING VIGIL MASS AT ST. MICHAEL'S THIS WEEKEND ****

Mass arrangements for next 3 weekends

Saturday 26th July / 2nd Aug / 9th Aug: 6.00pm at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Sunday 27th July / 3rd Aug / 10th Aug: 9.00am at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Sunday 27th July / 3rd Aug / 10th Aug: 11.00am at St. Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Friday 15th August – Mass arrangements

11.00am at St. Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common

7.00pm at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Note: This is a Holy Day of Obligation

HEAT ALERT

Just a reminder in case we get another heatwave in the next couple of weeks. 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 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.

Our thanks to Hugh Lobo, Michael Coelho and Ben Rowden for the time they spent last Saturday in enabling the windows on the Sanctuary in Saint Michael's Church to be opened & for addressing some issues with the blinds. This work enabled the building to be less hot for the week-end Masses, especially Sunday morning.

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AVAILABILITIES – Fr. Patrick & Parish Office

Father Patrick: Generally not available except in an emergency.

Parish Office: Closed from 26th of July to 12th of August when no emails will be addressed and telephone messages will only be checked sporadically.

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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".

Old missals - Last chance to donate

Hugh Lobo is planning to pick-up all our old missals on Wednesday the 30th in the morning, so it's a last call for anyone wanting to donate their old missal to churches in Africa.

Dear All,

At the end of June, MPs voted to decriminalise abortion up to the moment of birth and to legalise assisted suicide. These have not yet been enshrined in Law until they are considered by the House of Lords and returned to the House of Commons for final acceptance. So, we have time to continue opposing them as contrary not only to our understanding of God's Law, but also our respect for human life from the moment of conception to natural death. In fact, it is quite possible that the House of Lords will radically amend the deeply flawed Assisted Suicide Bill, if not actually vote against it, according to some commentators.

SPUC (The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) requests your support for this ongoing defence of and respect for human life.

The Society requests that all parishes across our country engage in this effort, raising awareness at Masses over the weekend of 19th/ 20th July. There will be postcards at the back of our churches during the next two weeks, which you can post independently, or deliver to the presbytery for me to post in a prepaid envelope provided by the organisation. I shall also be speaking on this issue at our Sunday Masses at Tadley and Burghfield Common. Don't forget, there is no Saturday evening Mass this weekend, as highlighted in last week's Newsletter.

St. Francis Leprosy Guild Anniversary

The Guild is the UK's only Catholic leprosy charity and celebrates its 130th Anniversary this year. It has asked for the following to be included in our Newsletter:

Founded in 1985, and with Cardinal Vincent Nichols as our patron, SFLG Today supports over 30 centres in 13 countries, caring for people who have been marginalised by leprosy. We also fund research projects, hospitals and an active case finding programme to detect and diagnose people affected by leprosy as early as possible to stop the transmission of the disease and prevent lifelong disabilities occurring.

Will you help SFLG work towards a leprosy free world?

For more information, please visit our website: www.stfrancisleprosy.org

Or email: parishes@stfrancisleprosy.org

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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!

Retirement Party Planning Meeting on Thursday 24 July: This takes place in St Michael's Parish Room at 7pm. All welcome!

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Archangels Social Group Events

THIS SUNDAY! Parish Walk/Cream Tea on Sunday 20 July – IMPORTANT UPDATE:

Please note there have only been bookings for the advertised longer 'Route 2' walk, so the 'Route 1' walk has been cancelled. If you have not booked but would like to join the hour-long Route 2 walk, please meet Pauline & Gerry Penfold in the Silchester recreation ground car park before 2.30pm.

Reminder of Route 2: Park before 2:30 at Silchester recreation ground. This is a circular walk with some slopes up and down 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 the group will have a short walk to their car park at Silchester recreation ground (0.5 miles) - a total of 2.3 miles at a moderate pace.

Anybody who does not want to do the walk but would like to join the walkers for the cream tea at Silchester Methodist Chapel at 3.30pm is very welcome to do so. We have only ordered cream teas for those who have booked, but there should be some capacity for other visitors on the day.

For further information, please email penfoldfamily5@yahoo.co.uk or phone Mary Lee on 07821 254100.

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.

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THIS SUNDAY! Anna Chaplaincy Licensing Service – 20 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!

CTAT Men's Breakfast – Forthcoming dates:

Open to all & Free. Just come along & enjoy cooked breakfast & the company of other men.

Meeting 10.00am, 4th Saturday of the month

Venue: Immanuel Centre, Tadley URC, Malthouse Lane, Tadley, RG26 3NY

July 26th – Speaker: John (Mental Health)

Aug 23rd – Speaker: Peter (A Journey from Ship to Shore)

Sept 27th – Speaker: Joyce (Thoughts on the Travel Industry)

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Could You Serve the Church as a Trustee on the Diocesan Finance Council?

Bishop Philip is seeking new Trustees to support the delivery of our 10-year Mission Plan, You Will be my Witnesses. We're looking for people who are passionate about the Catholic church and have significant professional experience in any of the following areas: finance, especially investment management , safeguarding or social work, or strategic planning and who feel called to offer their time and skills in service of the Church. This is a meaningful opportunity to help guide the Diocese's work across our parishes, schools, and communities, using the gifts God has given you for the good of His Church. **Closing date:**

Monday 1 September 2025.

To find out more or request an information pack, please contact: Deacon Tony Darlison Secretary to Trustees. Email: tdarlison@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

For a more detailed advert, please click: [Could you serve the Church as a Trustee of the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth? - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](#)

CAFOD are hiring

Could you inspire Catholics to participate in the Church's mission, working to overcome poverty and injustice? Do you want to work for CAFOD and encourage support and partnership within the Church? We are looking for a Community Participation Coordinator to work in the Diocese of Portsmouth. Follow the link for more details and please pass on to any friends or relatives who might be interested. **Closing date 27 July 2025.** See cafod.org.uk/work-with-us

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.casoposmouth.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/>

Have a good weekend & enjoy the Proms Season which starts this evening (Friday) on BBC2!

Father Patrick.

Fr. Patrick Tansey

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