Parish of St. Michael, Tadley and St. Oswald, Burghfield Common

Priest-in-Charge: Father Stephen Vooght
Parish Administrator: Dan Wisniewski

Safeguarding (St. Michael's Church): Christine Caren
safeguarding.tad.sm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Safeguarding (St. Oswald's Church): Ellen Goodall
safeguarding.tad.so@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Pastoral Facilitation Team: Gerry Penfold (Chair)

Presbytery & Office: Tel. 0118 981 4572 **Email:** tadley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Address: St. Michael's Presbytery, Bishopswood Road, Tadley, RG26 4HG
Office hours: Tues, Weds, Thurs, Fri: 9.45am-2.45pm. Closed on Mondays
Website: www.stmandsto.org.uk

MASS TIMETABLE

Day	Date	Feria, Memorial (M), Feast (F), Solemnity (S)	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sat	21st Nov	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sun	22nd Nov	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	9.00am	St. Michael's	Sue Elliot RIP
			11.00am	St. Oswald's	Souls of the Hennessy family of County Cork & their descendants the Husher family of Chelsea
Mon	23rd Nov	NO WEEKDAY MASSES – FATHER STEPHEN IS AWAY ON RETREAT			
Tues	24th Nov				
Weds	25th Nov				
Thurs	26th Nov				
Fri	27th Nov				
Sat	28th Nov	1st Sunday of Advent - Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sun	29th Nov	1st Sunday of Advent	9.00am	St. Michael's	Louise Butler RIP
			11.00am	St. Oswald's	John Gomes RIP

Mass Intentions: If you would like a Mass Intention, please contact Dan in the Parish Office

ADVANCE NOTICE:
Children's Liturgy at St. Michael's will take place at the 9.00am Mass next Sunday 29th Nov.

MISSO RED BOXES
For St. Michael's parishioners who have not already returned their box. Please kindly return it to Sue Tull ASAP. Alternatively, please leave your box in the porch area where the Missio leaflets are kept, next to the Welcomers' table, or deliver to the Parish Office during the usual advertised Office Hours.



CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN IN GLORY AS KING & JUDGE

On this last Sunday of the Church's year, we hear the Gospel of the Last Judgement, when Christ will come again in glory as King of the Universe and Judge of all nations. It is a passage that resounds with Old Testament echoes: the Son of Man is enthroned over all nations and peoples of every language (cf. Daniel 7:13-14). The nations are gathered to witness His glory and receive His judgement (cf. Isaiah 66:18; Zephaniah 3:8).

In keeping with this theme of divine judgement, the first reading from Ezekiel foreshadows Christ as the Shepherd King, who comes to seek out His flock and judge between them: *"Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats."* The Gospel echoes this image of Christ as the Shepherd King who comes to judge all nations, *"separating people from one another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats."* Each of us will be judged according to how faithfully we have put into practice the simple works of mercy outlined by Jesus in today's Gospel. These works are tangible expressions of our love for Him and our faithfulness to His commandment that we love God with all

Fittingly, the chosen Psalm is number 23: *'The Lord is my Shepherd'*. He is the Good Shepherd, our Shepherd King, and we are called to follow His lead by imitating His example (see 1 Peter 2:21; Ephesians 5:1). He healed our sicknesses (see Luke 6:19), freed us from the slavery of sin and death (see Romans 8:2, 21), and welcomed us, who were once strangers to His covenant, into God's household (see Ephesians 2:12, 19). He clothed us in the new life of Baptism (see Revelation 3:5; 2 Corinthians 5:3-4) and continues to feed us with the food and drink of His own Body and Blood.

Let us pray that we will always strive to follow Jesus, our Shepherd King, along the right paths, so that we may receive His Kingdom as our inheritance and enter into the eternal rest promised to the people of God (see Hebrews 4:1; 9:11).

SYCAMORE COURSE

The eighth session of the course takes place at 7.00pm – 9.00pm this Tuesday 24th November in the Parish Room of St. Michael's Church, Tadley, and is entitled:

THE POWER OF PRAYER: ***What is prayer? Does prayer make a difference? How to pray.***

All are welcome to attend.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP MEETING – Wednesday 25th November

A reminder that the next meeting of our Parish Youth Group will be held in the Parish Room of St. Michael's on Wednesday 25th from 7.30pm to 9.00pm

PRAYER AND REFLECTON FOR ADVENT - ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BASINGSTOKE: SUNDAY 29th Nov., 2pm - 4pm

All parishioners in our Pastoral Area are invited to this event, which will be led by Sr. Issy from the Verbum Dei community, with reflections on MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS, Mark 1: 1-8 (Gospel for the second Sunday of Advent: Proclamation of John the Baptist: Prepare the way) and Psalm 80 (psalm of the first Sunday of Advent: Let your face shine on us, that we may be saved).

BASINGSTOKE FOODBANK LOOKING FOR VOUNTEERS

1) **A Wednesday Foodbank van driver** (we usually buddy up) for our van on Wednesday mornings weekly. Usually needed from about 9am to 1pm at our warehouse in Houndmills. Our van drivers take stock in small crates to our centres and collect surplus stock at the end of each session to return to our warehouse. In between the centre delivery/collection, the drivers will visit 1 or 2 supermarkets on Wednesdays to collect donated goods.

2) **A volunteer Thursday delivery driver:** to deliver ready packed goods to households who can't visit our centres. This is only between 1 - 4 homes a day.

Please contact Paula Vallance : paulavallance@basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk if you'd like to know more!

ON THE WAY: CHRIST AT THE CENTRE OF EVERYTHING

Over the past nine weeks, we have explored our Guiding Star, the vision inspired by Bartimaeus, and our B.E.C.O.M.E. journey.

As we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, we return to the heart of it all: Jesus Christ.
His kingship is unlike any earthly power. He leads through love, serves rather than demands to be served, and gives Himself for others.

That is the kind of Church we are called to become.

Our vision is not simply about bringing five churches together under one name. It is about creating communities where people belong, encounter Christ, grow in faith and discover the joy of serving others.

Bartimaeus heard Jesus calling, threw aside his cloak and followed Him. His story reminds us that faith is never simply about where we have been, but where Christ is inviting us next.

As Advent approaches, our journey enters a new chapter. Our Parish Pastoral Council will begin its work in early December, helping our clergy listen, discern and look towards the future.

There will be important decisions ahead. But this feast reminds us of something that must never be lost amid the changes:

Christ is our King. Our parish exists to follow Him and help others discover His love.

Next week: Looking Towards the Horizon.

PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING – Wednesday 25 November at St Bede's, 7.30pm

"Caring for creation is not an option. It is an expression of our faith and our humanity" *Pope Leo XIV.* In 2015, in *Laudato si*, Pope Francis said: "We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it."

If you missed the community screening of the People's Emergency Briefing at St Paul's Church last week, there's another opportunity to see it next week in St Bede's Church Hall, Popley Road, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX on Wednesday 25 November at 7.30pm. Tickets are free, but must be booked in advance at https://buytickets.at/peoplesemergencybriefingstbedesbasingstoke

We recommend arriving early as parking in the church car park is very limited. St Bede's Primary School is kindly allowing use of their car park next door and some parking is also available in neighbouring roads.



Christmas Day Lunch

There will be fun, games, quiet areas and Christmas Lunch at the Ambrose Allen Centre, Tadley from 11.30am to 4pm. We hope to welcome 50 guests with about 20 volunteers also sharing lunch on Christmas Day and enjoying festive fun together. This is a free event, but advance booking is required. Transport can be provided, subject to volunteers being available to ferry guests. Improved for this year! If you have mobility issues and would prefer a lunch to be delivered, there are a small number of home delivery tickets available. These lunches should be delivered between 1pm and 2pm and should be reheated before eating.

To book or for more information, please call 07471 848508 or email: tadleychristmasday@gmail.com or register online at: https://ctat.churchsuite.com/events/fimvzmlb



'Follow the Star', Live Nativity Trail – Monday 21 December

There was an excellent response last weekend from across the CTAT network to the request for actors for the Live Nativity Trail and all roles have been filled – many thanks to those who volunteered! The performance will begin at 4pm at St Michael's, go on to TCM in Newchurch Road and end at St Mary's Church at 5pm. As well as the actors, there will be live music, real animals in the stable, and mulled wine and mince pies in St Mary's Church Hall. All welcome!

We need volunteers to help: 1) as stewards at St Michael's and then to journey with visitors safely along the Trail; 2) with serving refreshments at St Mary's. Please contact Mary Lee if you can help on 07821 254100 or email: maryt.lee@yahoo.co.uk – thank you!

Discover the Missing Piece – Saturday 21 November

Advent begins this year on 29 November and with it the busyness of the run-up to Christmas, but, amidst all the activity, an important piece of the jigsaw can easily go missing! We are invited to discover the missing piece on Saturday 21 November. Choose from a range of ways designed to help us reflect on the true meaning of Christmas in the peace of Silchester Methodist Church, Pamber Road, RG7 2NY (opposite Soke Road). All welcome from 10am to 12.30pm - please drop in for an hour or go for the whole morning. There is no charge to experience this oasis of peace in preparation for Advent.

Tickets for the TCM Panto: Treasure Island

Tickets may be booked online at: https://www.ticketsource.com/christchurch-players

Performances of Treasure Island will take place at Tadley Common Methodist Church, Newchurch Road, RG26 4HN on Friday 27 November from 7pm – 9.30pm; Saturday 28 November from 5pm – 7.30pm; Friday 4 December from 7pm – 9.30pm; Saturday 5 December from 5pm – 7.30pm. Tickets are £6 for under 12s and £8.50 for all others.

Action for Children Coffee Morning – Saturday 5 December

There will be a coffee morning with a stall of home produce, Christmas cards and gifts at Silchester Methodist Church Hall from 10am – noon to raise funds for the charity, Action for Children. The church is located opposite the Soke Road turning onto Pamber Road, RG7 2NY. All welcome!

Tadley Christmas Craft Market – Saturday 5 December

There will be a Christmas Craft Market at St Paul's Church, The Green, Tadley, RG26 3PB from 11am - 2pm.