

Dear All,

- * Just a brief email update this week. Next "proper" Newsletter will be for the weekend of 17th August.

- * Parish Office is now closed until 13th August.
 - * During this period no emails will be addressed and telephone messages will only be checked sporadically.
 - * Father Patrick generally not available except in an emergency.

- * Weekend Mass arrangements for next 3 weekends are planned to be as normal:
 - * Saturdays: 6.00pm at St. Michael's Church, Tadley
 - * Sundays: 9.00am at St. Michael's Church, Tadley
 - * Sundays: 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

- * Archangels Social Group Events
 - * Parish Walk: 11 parishioners enjoyed a lovely circular walk in Silchester on Sunday afternoon and a very welcome cream tea at Silchester Methodist Church where another parishioner joined them. Lots of chatter and good company and as much tea and cream scones as you liked! Thanks to Peter Hughes for the attached photo!
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- * Mingle at St Michael's: Please come along to join us in St Michael's Parish Room or on the patio for conversation, laughter, tea, coffee and cake on Wednesday 20 August from 2pm - 4pm. All welcome!

- * Fr Patrick's Retirement Party - Friday 29 August - please register your attendance: We do hope you 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. It would help us to know how many 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 are 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!

* Collection for a Parish Retirement Gift for Fr Patrick: Please use the special white envelopes for cash or cheque donations and place sealed envelopes in the marked collection boxes in our churches by Sunday 24 August. Any cheques should be made payable to: 'CDP Tadley St Michael' and marked 'Retirement Gift' on the back.

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!

* CTAT

* VJ Day Commemorations: VJ Day fast approaches in August, when most youth organisations, which usually support remembrance services, will be on summer breaks. The Tadley & District Branch of the Royal British Legion and CTAT have arranged short services to mark VJ Day on Friday 15 August. There will be the laying of wreathes at the following memorials: 10am at the Heath End Memorial and 11am at St Paul's Memorial. Then at 7pm, there will be a service at St Mary's Church, Tadley. All welcome.

* On 7 September at 3pm, there will be a Community Commemoration on The Green to mark the 80th anniversary of the signing of the Treaties to end WWII. All welcome.

* Ladies' Breakfast: Please note there is no gathering in August. The next Ladies' Breakfast will take place on Saturday 13 September.

* Cream Tea at Silchester Methodist Church: Last chance this season for a highly recommended cream tea on Sunday 27 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!

* Weekend Teas in August at St Mary the Virgin, Silchester: There will be tea, coffee and cake available in St Mary's on Saturday & Sunday afternoons in August, except for the first Saturday of the month.

* ST BEDE'S ADVENT FAIR POSTER COMPETITION

Please design an A4 size poster to go up around Basingstoke to advertise our Advent Fair. There will be three age groups: 4-11 years, 11-18 years, over 18 years. The closing date for entries will be Sunday 14th September. Relevant information to include in your poster is as follows:

- Saturday 29th November from 11.30am to 3pm at St Bede's, Popley Way, Basingstoke
- FREE ENTRY. musical entertainment, £250 Prize Draw.
- Opening by Luke Murphy MP. Fancy hat competition. Tombola. Bottle stall, Craft stalls, Games, Food from multinational groups in the parish.

- Money raised will be split between St Michael's Hospice and Holy Ghost Parish
Please bring your completed poster to St Bede's Parish Office. To enable us to contact you, can you also please include your name and contact details separately when submitting your poster.

* Right to Life

Latest updated from Right to Life:

We are expecting the Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill to have its Second Reading in the House of Lords on Friday 12 September.

As I've shared with you before, there is a real chance we can defeat this Bill in the Lords - and the assisted suicide lobby knows it.

That's why their campaign in the Lords is now in full swing. Several Peers have told us they're getting a large amount of correspondence urging them to support the Bill.

It's crucial that Peers also hear from those of us who oppose this dangerous change in the law.

We've just launched a new EasyAction tool to help you email a few Peers directly. It creates a tailored message that highlights a key concern with the Bill and ensures it reaches the right Peers.

Please click on this link to email Peers: take action<<https://righttolife.org.uk/aspeers>>

Kind regards,

Dan.

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