

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

29th June 2025 (SOLEMNITY OF ST. PETER & ST. PAUL)

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Office hours: Tues, Weds, Thurs, Fri: 9.45am-2.45pm. Closed on Mondays

This Weekend's Mass arrangements

Saturday 28th June: 6.00pm at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Sunday 29th June: 9.00am at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Sunday 29th June: 11.00am at St. Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common

2nd Collection this Weekend is for: Peter's Pence

Reminder for Gift Aiders: Please use the correctly labelled envelope located at the back of your box.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ST. MICHAEL'S PARISHIONERS:

Unfortunately, one of the cubicles in the Ladies' WC is **OUT OF USE**, since the toilet pan has started leaking. A plumber is scheduled to attend early next week, but in the meantime please kindly use, if necessary, the Parish Room WC as an alternative. Thank you.

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LAST CALL!!!: Pastoral Area - Ten Year Mission Plan – PARISH MEEETING 30th June

A final reminder of this meeting for all parishioners of this Parish in the Leonard Rooms, adjacent to St. Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common, on Monday 30th June. **Arrival from 7:00pm to enable a prompt start at 7.30pm.** This meeting will provide feedback from the Saint Bede's meeting concerning the move of our Pastoral Area to become one Parish.

FOR MORE DETAILS: PLEASE SEE POSTER & AGENDA ATTACHED TO THE BACK OF THIS NEWSLETTER

PLEASE let Dan in the Parish Office know ASAP if you plan to attend.

Many thanks to those parishioners who have already confirmed their attendance.

REMINDER: St. Oswald's Site – Cleaner Vacancy

We are looking for someone to replace our existing part-time cleaner, Ana, who is moving on to a different job. We are very grateful to Ana for her work over the last few years & we wish her all the best with her new job.

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in taking on this part-time paid role, please do get in touch with 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, where the vacancy is now posted in the section "Parish Roles".

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Archangels Social Group Events

Parish walk – 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.

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 .

Those not wanting to walk are very welcome to drive direct to Silchester Methodist Chapel at 3.30 to join the walkers for cream tea there.

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 9 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.

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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CTAT

Next CTAT Forum – 3rd July:

Please be aware that the next CTAT Forum is almost upon us on **Thursday 3rd July**. All are welcome.

Location: United Reform Church, Malthouse Lane, Tadley, RG26 3NY

Time: Arrive from 7.00pm for prompt start at 7.00pm.

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 Tadley Concert Brass 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.

Cream Teas at Silchester Methodist Church:

Cream teas are available on **Sunday afternoons in June and 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!

Organisers needed for the CTAT Christmas Day 2025 Lunch:

For several years, Tammy & Nathan and Julie & Mark have generously organised this special occasion for about 70 people who are on their own on Christmas Day to come together to celebrate. Planning usually starts in September, so they have given early warning that they will not be able to organise the event this year, although they will be available to offer advice in advance to new leaders, if desired. If you think you may be able to help with this great community project, please contact Mary Lee in the first instance: 07821 254100 or email her at secretary.ctat@gmail.com

Green Health Tadley:

This is a horticultural project based at Rowan Road allotments, providing people with free opportunities to come together and enjoy the many health benefits of gardening. They are looking for extra help with their polytunnels over the summer and also any volunteers who like ponds. Anyone interested in finding out more can look at their Facebook page, go along on a Friday afternoon or get in touch by emailing ghtadley@gmail.com

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Lourdes Petition

If you would like Bishop Philip to offer a prayer for your intention at the Grotto in Lourdes, during our annual Diocesan pilgrimage this July, please email your petition in confidence to lourdespetition@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

New Diocesan Website

The Diocesan Communications Team is pleased to announce the launch of the new website for the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth. With a fresh design and improved content, the site is now more accessible and reflective of our parishes, schools, clergy, and all who seek to deepen their faith and stay connected with diocesan life.

The Communications Team would like to thank everyone who supported this project by helping to update their content.

Please see the new website here: Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth - Home

Vatican Cricket Team at Douai Park – 6th July

The Vatican City Cricket team (also known as St Peter's Cricket Club), the smallest international side in the world, will visit England for their eleventh "Light of Faith" tour.

They will take the field for a special charity tournament on **Sunday 6th July** at Douai Park in Berkshire. This unique event aims to raise funds and awareness for the Douai Foundation (set up by school alumni), which supports educational and pastoral care projects rooted in Benedictine values around the world.

The Vatican team will compete in a triangular tournament against the wandering Emeriti Cricket Club (founded in 1871) and the Old Dowegians (the alumni of Douai School) for the Pope Leo XIV trophy, named in honour of the new pontiff, which will be presented by the Foundation's Patron, the Duchess of Somerset. The day will be compered by author and BBC commentator Isabelle Duncan.

All proceeds will go to support the Douai Foundation's work, including recent initiatives such as a new boarding house in northeast India for 50 rural girls aged 11–15 who would otherwise have been unable to complete their secondary education. Tickets are available now from the [Douai Foundation](#) and can also be purchased at the gate on the day. For more information or any queries, [contact the Secretary](#).

“Lucky Me” winner for June

Congratulations to: Gary Allen

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For your diaries

• Fatima Relics at the Cathedral – 4th to 5th October

The World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) Team are organising the visitation of the two National Pilgrim Statues and the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco to all Cathedrals and Catholic shrines in England and Wales between May 2025 and October 2026. Further details: [Fatima Devotion Events | World Apostolate of Fatima](#)

• “Love Basingstoke” event at Tadley – 13th August

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council are planning to bring their Love Basingstoke events programme to **The Green** in Tadley this summer on **Wednesday 13th August, 11am to 3pm**.

The [Love Basingstoke](#) programme is our series of free, family-friendly events designed to celebrate creativity, learning, and community spirit in Basingstoke town centre and across the borough during the school holidays. This year, it will deliver a Science and Discovery Week.

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Could you be a Trustee?

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. tdarlison@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Action – to be advertised in parish newsletters

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 here: [Could you serve the Church as a Trustee of the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth? - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](#)

Volunteer Debt Advisers needed for Money Lifeline

There is an urgent need for new volunteer Debt Advisers in the Basingstoke area. Please consider attending an informal information meeting to find out more.

Money Lifeline <https://www.moneylifeline.org> will close if new volunteer Debt Advisers are not recruited to train very soon.

Over the years Money Lifeline has supported hundreds of people through to freedom from debt. With debt being a frequent reason for people needing to use Foodbanks throughout the UK.

Money Lifeline Debt Advisers work in pairs and are responsible for giving debt and budgeting advice, offering practical assistance to help people implement an appropriate debt solution. A regular commitment of one or more sessions of 3-4 hours weekly would be required. If you're interested, it is possible to visit and see the work in practice by shadowing a member of the team.

Money Lifeline has been operating in Basingstoke for 18 years and is affiliated to the national charity 'Community Money Advice' (CMA). They support centres across the country with training, mentoring, bespoke software and an advice line. CMA will be present to talk about training given, and on-going support offered to new, and experienced advisers.

Go to CMA's site and watch their 2 min video: <https://www.communitymoneyadvice.com/about-cma/video>

When and where? Time is of the essence, so please see if you can attend an information meeting on **Wednesday 9th July at:**

Buckskin Church, Chiltern Way, Basingstoke, RG22 5BB

7.30pm – 9pm. Free parking on site. Teas & coffees will be served from 7.15pm!

IF YOU'RE HOPING TO ATTEND PLEASE CONTACT: moneylifelinebasingstoke@gmail.com or call them on 01256 351026/ 07954 040961 if you have any questions

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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/>

Best wishes for the weekend, and a joyful celebration of The Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul!

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St. Michael's and St. Oswald's

Catholic community of Tadley, Kingsclere, Burghfield Common and Mortimer

PARISH Meeting

MONDAY, JUNE 30TH
7:30PM - 9:30PM

PLEASE ARRIVE FROM 7PM FOR A PROMPT START

10 YEAR MISSION PLAN

- OVERVIEW OF THE PASTORAL PLAN
- Q AND A SESSION
- PLANNING FOR NEXT PARISH MEETING

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED



**ST LEONARD ROOMS, ST OSWALD'S,
BURGHFIELD COMMON, RG7 3HQ**

Parish of St Michael's and St Oswald's

Parish Meeting - Monday 30 June

Venue - The Leonard Rooms, St Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common

Timing - 7:00 - 7:30pm - Gathering, tea/coffee; 7:30 - 9:30pm - Meeting

Objective

To share the draft pastoral area plan, listen to feedback, answer questions and deepen understanding of how to make it relevant in our parish. (NB after this meeting, a second meeting is planned to discuss and agree how best we can contribute to the draft plan)

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introduction (GP)
2. Opening Prayer (Fr Patrick)
3. Overview of Pastoral Area Plan (Fr John Lee)
 1. Introduction - how the draft plan was developed
 2. Presentation of the draft plan
4. Q&A Session (All)
5. Closing Prayer (Dcn Tony)

Notes

Copies of the plan are available in advance to anyone who would like to read it before the meeting

Fr John Lee is the parish priest of Holy Ghost/St Bede's parish Basingstoke and the co-ordinating pastor for our pastoral area