

## Parish of St. Michael, Tadley (with Kingsclere) and St. Oswald, Burghfield Common

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<b>MASS TIMETABLE</b>					
Day	Date	Feria, Memorial (M), Feast (F), Solemnity (S)	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sat	2nd May	Our Lady - First Saturday	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Sat	2nd May	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	Derek Taplin RIP 5 <sup>th</sup> anniversary
Sun	3rd May	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	9.00am	St. Michael's	Barbara Stocker RIP
Sun	3rd May	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	11.00am	St. Oswald's	
Mon	4 <sup>th</sup> May	NO MASS			
Tues	5 <sup>th</sup> May	Funeral Mass	12 Noon	St. Oswald's	Kathleen Briggs RIP
Weds	6 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter	9.30am	St. Michael's	Dorothy Emmerson RIP
Thurs	7 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Fri	8 <sup>th</sup> May	Easter	7.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sat	9 <sup>th</sup> May	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	Stephen Hayden RIP + Patrick & Doris Duffy RIP
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup> May	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	9.00am	St. Michael's	
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup> May	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	11.00am	St. Oswald's	Reg & Marge Elson RIP & Deceased Family Members
<i>Weekday Masses preceded by 30 mins of Eucharistic Adoration. Rosary after Mass (NOT THIS TUESDAY)</i>					
<i>Confessions: Before Weekday Masses, 11.00am - 12 Noon Saturday (NOT THIS SATURDAY), or by appointment</i>					



### Christ is the Cornerstone Chosen and Precious

In this Sunday's reading from St Peter's first letter, he speaks to us of Jesus Christ as the "living stone"—rejected by men, yet chosen and precious in the sight of God. He tells us that we, too, are "living stones," being built into a spiritual house. In the Old Covenant, God's presence was centred on the Temple. Now, through Christ, that presence is found in a living body—the Church. Not a structure of stone, but a people transformed by grace. Christ is the cornerstone, and we are the stones built into Him. It is He who holds the whole structure together.

In the Gospel from John, Jesus tells His disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled... In my Father's house there are many rooms... I go to prepare a place for you." He is not only speaking of a future dwelling, but revealing that He Himself is the Way to that dwelling.

Through our baptism, we were joined to Christ, and so our lives became a dwelling place for God—a temple of the Holy Spirit." And yet, this Temple is still under construction. We are on a journey. The 'many rooms' of the Father's house point us to the fullness still to come—the eternal dwelling place Christ has prepared for us.

**O Jesus, our cornerstone, keep us always united to you.**

### Kathleen “Kim” Mary Briggs RIP

Kim’s Funeral Mass will be at St. Oswald’s at 12 Noon on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

### Parish Directory

Some parishioners have reported difficulties in accessing our Parish Directory after registering their details on our new Parish database system, CHUCHSUITE. If you have experienced this issue, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office, so that we can send you a copy via email (for those without email access, we can arrange for a printed copy to be made available for you to pick up at Mass).

### A Name for the Parish We Are Becoming

There is much to look forward to in the weeks ahead.

Over the coming weeks, we will hear more about the Local Mission Plan and the vision it sets before us. As part of this, we will soon be invited to help **discern a new name for the parish we are becoming**.

At its heart is a simple Gospel moment. Like Bartimaeus, we are called to hear the voice of Jesus and respond: *“Take heart. Rise. He is calling you.”* Mark 10:49

This is the invitation for us. To become a parish where people truly belong, encounter Christ, and grow in faith, together.

As we move towards becoming one parish family, our individual church names, like St. Michael’s and St. Oswald’s, will remain unchanged. Alongside them, **a new parish name will be given**. A shared name that reflects who we are becoming and the mission we share.

Key dates:

- Sunday 10th May (Sixth Sunday of Easter): Shortlist of six names shared
- Sunday 7th June (Feast of Corpus Christi): Voting concludes

Bishop Philip will make the final decision.

For now, take heart, listen, and pray for where the Lord is leading us.



Take some time to read the Local Mission Plan magazine using the link below

<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/fae88b7530.html>

Or point your phone camera at the QR code below.



### Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years?

If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede’s church in Basingstoke on Saturday 20th June at 11am. This will be followed by a buffet lunch. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. Please contact your parish secretary if you would like to attend and they will send you a form for you to complete and return to Kirsten McGuire ([kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)), in the Bishop’s Office.  
Thank you.



### Formation day for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The next Diocesan Formation Day is next Saturday 9 May in Winchester. Email the Liturgy team to book a place: [liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### Pope Leo’s visit to Bamenda

Pope Leo XIV recently visited our sister diocese in Bamenda. He appealed for peace for the region, to fight corruption and give younger people a future in the country. You can read about his visit by clicking [here](#)

## ARCHANGELS SOCIAL GROUP

### SAVE THE DATE

Cake Sale for Christian Aid on Sunday 17 May after 9am Mass

### “Life of Christ” – Saturday 20 June – 10am – 3.30pm

The “Life of Christ” is a three-act play, performed annually by over 100 actors in the open air in the grounds of the Wintershall Estate, near Guildford, covering: the Nativity; scenes from the Ministry of Christ; and the Passion of Christ. It is an immersive theatre experience where the action unfolds around the audience. It runs from 10am to 3.30pm on Saturday 20 June. We highly recommend the experience! On previous trips, we have travelled by coach from St Michael’s at 8.15am. Please see a short ‘Life of Christ’ promotional video at this link:

<https://youtu.be/bhvEV8zxhe8?si=c1tHoTfOOEP6VHP9>

Due to the nature of some scenes, they recommend parental guidance for children under 5 years old. Ticket prices for the performance are Adult: £40; Child (3-18) £20; Family (2 Adults, 2 Children) £110, but if we have a group of over 30, we should be able to negotiate a discount. Please note that coach or minibus travel will be an extra cost.

People are invited to take folding chairs, rugs and packed lunches. Toilets are dotted throughout the site. The Estate will provide free transport for people with reduced mobility from the car park to the opening setting and then between the main locations of the action around the estate and back to the coach.

Please register an interest by Wednesday 29 April by signing up on the forms in the church porches or contacting Mary Lee on 07821 254100 or emailing her at [maryt.lee@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:maryt.lee@yahoo.co.uk). A price to cover tickets and transport from St Michael’s will then be advised and those who have registered an interest will be able to confirm their participation.



### Ladies’ Breakfast – Saturday 9 May

The next Ladies’ Breakfast will take place at the Immanuel Centre, Tadley URC, RG26 3NJ, from 10am on Saturday 9 May, when Nick Bhugeloo of A&N Wellbeing Services will be the speaker on “Supporting Others Without Losing Yourself – the Sandwich Generation”. Come along and enjoy a continental breakfast in the company of other women. All welcome!

### ‘Almost Family Fortunes’ – Saturday 16 May at 7pm

URC is holding a fun time for all ages fundraising event on Saturday 16 May at 7pm in the Immanuel Centre. Enter your teams of 4-8 people, £7.50 per person. Bring your own drinks and snacks. Money raised to go to the Adonai Children’s Centre in Uganda. If anyone is interested in joining up to make a St Michael’s team or teams, please contact Mary Lee on 07821 254100 or email: [maryt.lee@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:maryt.lee@yahoo.co.uk)

### Volunteers to help with CTAT Stand at Treacle Fair – Sunday 31 May

Volunteers are needed to help please with setting up the pitch, manning the stand during the day (this could just be for part of the day) and/or clearing down the pitch. If you are willing to help, please contact Dina Haywood who is co-ordinating the stand: [dinahaywood@btinternet.com](mailto:dinahaywood@btinternet.com)

### SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 9 May in the morning: St Mary’s Tadley Plant Sale, timing TBC

### Further reading

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/communications/news/enews/>

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/news-and-media/>

Diocesan vacancies: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/people/careers/>

Diocesan schools vacancies: <https://www.casoportsmouth.org.uk/current-vacancies-2/>