

Parish of Tadley (with Kingsclere) and Burghfield Common

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 4th October: 9.30am at St. Michael's (Every First Saturday of the Month)

Saturday 4th October: 6.00pm at St. Michael's

Sunday 5th October: 9.00am at St. Michael's *Thomas Jakubowski*

Sunday 5th October: 11.00am at St. Oswald's

Tuesday 7th October: 12 Noon at St. Oswald's

Wednesday 8th October: 9.30 am at St. Michael's

Thursday 9th October: 9.30 am at St. Michael's

Friday 10th October: 7.00 pm at St. Michael's

❖ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (with Confessions available in Sacristy): 30 minutes prior to the start of each Weekday Mass.

❖ The Rosary: Immediately following each Weekday Mass.

• **NOTE: No heating in St. Oswald's Church this Sunday** - Boiler repair scheduled for Monday

• **World Day of Migrants & Refugees** - Celebrated on 4th & 5th October

• **Annual Mass Count** - Continues at all Masses this weekend

• **2nd Collection at all Masses this weekend: CAFOD Family Fast Day**

Posters, together with Gift Aid Envelopes & leaflets, available in the entrance areas of both our Churches.

• **Harvest Festival:**

Both our Churches will celebrate Harvest Festival next Sunday 12th October in aid of the Basingstoke Food Bank (at St. Michael's) & the West Berkshire Foodbank (at St. Oswald's). Please kindly consider bringing items to donate to the Foodbanks. Details of items which are "in demand" can be found further on in this Newsletter.

• **Missio:**

World Mission Day is on 19th October. Therefore, the 2nd Collection on that Weekend will be for Missio (the Pope's Charity for World Mission – Info link: [World Mission Sunday 2025 - Missio](#)). Posters, together with Gift Aid Envelopes, will be available in the entrance areas of both our Churches from next weekend.

Parishioners who have a red Missio box will need to return these to Sue Tull during the month of November. If you are unable to see Sue, please contact Dan in the Parish Office to make an alternative arrangement.

• **REMINDER - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026:**

Would parents of those children that they wish to be part of the preparation programme for First Holy Communion 2026, please declare their interest to the Parish Office by the end of October. An initial meeting for parents is anticipated for December, with preparation sessions for candidates beginning in January.

REMINDER - Draw closer to Jesus through Mary

A Powerful Study on the Blessed Mother – Begins on Monday 20th October at 7.30pm

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. She will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ. Join us for Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother beginning Monday 20th October at 7.30pm and continuing every Monday for 8 weeks, leading up to Advent. For more information or to register for the study, email Joan at jkent@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

ADoRE Golden Jubilee - 25th October

You are invited to a special celebration of 50 years of ADoRE's ministry, with Bishop Philip Egan, Charles Whitehead KSG, and the Basingstoke Filipino Choir. Face to face meeting at St. Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG24 9DX. From 9.30am to 3.30pm, including Adoration, Confession and Healing Prayer Ministry. Theme: is "PILGRIMS OF HOPE: THE PATH OF PRAYER" - Our spiritual pilgrimage into an intimate relationship with Jesus. Register in advance for in-person attendance at bit.ly/ADOREOCT2025 Morning 10.00-1.00 will also be live-streamed at: www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk/live/ Further information at www.altonrenewal.com/this_month

Radio Maria England - Annual "Mariathon" – 15th to 17th October

This year's Mariathon has special programming focused on "Turning Up the Volume" on the Quiet Revival in this country. Inspiring guest speakers will share how they have witnessed the growth of faith, church attendance, and ministries over the past decade in this country. Tune in via DAB+, the Radio Maria app, online at www.radiomariaengland.uk, or smart speaker.

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Harvest Festival – 12th October

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival on Sunday 12th October at both our Churches. Please be generous and bring food items to donate.

St. Michael's Church:

Donated items will be processed at the Offertory & placed before the Altar (please let Dan in the Parish Office know if you, or your children, would like to participate in the procession, or speak with Pauline Penfold). NOTE: Items can also be brought to the Saturday evening Mass on 11th October.

The app "Bank the Food" has an up-to-date list of the food where stock levels are currently low, such as:

Tinned meat (e.g. chilli, stewing steak, meatballs, ham etc)

Custard

UHT milk

Hot and cold desserts (e.g. jelly, sponge pudding, Angel delight)

Sweet treats

Tinned fruit

St. Oswald's Church:

Mel Stevens will arrange for a basket for donations to be placed in a prominent place in the Church. West Berks Foodbank has identified the following items as currently having low stock levels:

Cereal Bars	Toilet cleaner
Coffee	Tinned Fish
Confectionary	Sugar
Fruit juice	Tinned meat meals
Jam/ Marmite/ Honey	Tinned fruit (particularly low stock levels)
Rice pudding/ Custard pots	

Archangels Social Group Events

St Michael's Night:

Many thanks to all those who came to our Patronal Feastday Mass on Monday evening, concelebrated by Fr John and Fr Stephen, and took the opportunity to meet them afterwards and socialise in the Parish Room for a while. Many thanks to the Archangels Social Group for organising and serving the refreshments – and doing the washing up!

Quiz Night in Aid of St Michael's Hospice on Friday 17 October:

We are organising a Quiz Night & Raffle at St Mary's Church Hall, Bishopswood Road, Tadley, RG26 4HQ on Friday 17 October from 7pm – 10pm. All proceeds will go to St Michael's Hospice, Basingstoke, to help fund their invaluable services. Entry: £5 cash per person on the door (and please bring more cash for the raffle!). Please bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles.

Teams of up to 6 people are allowed, but if you don't have a team, please don't let that stop you coming! Please register your interest and we will form teams, where needed. Also, please don't let transport be an issue as we shall be able to help within the parish area. To register your team or individually, please contact Mary Lee by calling or texting on 07821 254100 or emailing her: maryt.lee@yahoo.co.uk

Many thanks to those who have donated much appreciated raffle prizes.

CTAT

“IronSAMS Relay”:

On 3rd and 4th October, Sam Dunn, Children and Youth Community Pastor, will be undertaking challenges to raise money to fund his activities in the community and in our four local primary schools and The Hurst.

On the 3rd, he will be joined by students in a playground marathon across the five schools. Hundreds of children are taking on personal running goals and among them, five relay teams will carry Batons of Hope, passed from school to school like torches of hope, unity and belief for a connected and compassionate community.

On the 4th, Sam will be found in the foyer of Sainsbury's Tadley, undertaking a 125-mile solo bike ride, but this year there will be student relay teams undertaking a 125-mile relay ride alongside him. Please stop to cheer them on, if you're in Sainsbury's, and donate if you can.

Donations can also be made online at <https://sams-uk.org/donate>

CTAT Ladies' Breakfast - Saturday 11 October.

Guest Speaker: Sam Dunn, Children and Youth Community Pastor. All welcome!

Meeting 10.00am, usually on 2nd Saturday of the month (except August & December)

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

CTAT Men's Breakfast – Saturday 25th October & 22nd November:

25th October – Speaker: Sally; Topic: Hampshire Fire & Rescue

22nd November – Speaker: Michael; Topic: North Hants Villages

Open to all & Free.

Meeting 10.00am

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

Blazing Lights Party - Thursday 30th October

This alternative children's party to Halloween will take place on Thursday 30 October from 5pm to 7pm at Tadley Common Methodist Church, RG26 4HN, for children in Y1 – Y6. Crafts, sweets, glowsticks and more! No Halloween costumes – please come dressed in bright colours. Sign up online:

www.ctat.org.uk/blazinglights

Could you support a local school by becoming a School Governor?

Silchester Church of England Primary School has vacancies for three school governors. Applications from Christians of any denomination welcomed. To find out more, please contact Rev Karen West, whose normal working days are Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Sunday morning on 07525 494025 or email revkarenw24@gmail.com

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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/>