

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

6th July 2025 (14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C)

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This Weekend's Mass arrangements

Saturday 5th July: 6.00pm at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Sunday 6th July: 9.00am at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Sunday 6th July: 11.00am at St. Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common

Advance Notices:

- Next weekend, there will be a 2nd Collection for: Stella Maris
- Tadley Remembers – Sunday 13 July at 3pm: For details, please see the item in the CTAT section hereunder, or the printed invitation letter in St. Michael's Church porch

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Banns of Marriage

Damian Pauric Duffy and Niam Margaret Tolan intend to enter into The Sacrament of Matrimony in the Republic of Ireland, in late July. Should any person have a reason to suggest that this marriage should not take place, that person is obliged to inform Father Patrick as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: St. Michael's Parishioners:

Please to confirm that the cubicle in the Ladies' WC which was **OUT OF USE** last weekend is now fixed & back in use. Our thanks to Hugh Lobo for his help in getting it fixed.

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".

Thank You!

Many thanks indeed to all St. Oswald's parishioners for your participation in the Fire Drill conducted last Sunday. Our thanks also to our Fire Wardens for enabling us to meet this regulatory obligation: Marc Mildenhall & Mick Breslin.

Volunteers needed

We are looking for parishioners at both our churches to distribute the weekly "Look" worksheet to our younger parishioners after the Dismissal at the end of each Mass, which Father Parick has been personally doing up till now. Please do let Dan in the Parish Office know if you would like to consider helping.

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Dear All,

It was very encouraging to have almost 40 parishioners from across our Parish at the important meeting at Saint Oswald's Church last Monday, which afforded all in this part of our Pastoral Area the opportunity to engage in the process of becoming one Parish in a couple of years.

Father John Lee, our Pastoral Area Coordinator, emailed me the following message for those who were present: "Please pass on my thanks to the good people of Saint Michael's and Saint Oswald's who we met on Monday. I do look forward to meeting everyone again at another time as we progress the Local Mission Plan".

Feedback from those I have spoken to is that it was a good meeting, outlining clearly the challenges and opportunities facing all across our Pastoral Area.

At the present moment, there is no replacement priest available when I leave the Presbytery on 8th September, although Bishop Philip is hoping, if possible, to appoint a Priest-in-Charge. So, it is important that we all now pray that this will happen during the next few weeks. If not, Father John and his assistant, Father Paul Nwune, will celebrate one Mass in Tadley and one Mass in Burghfield Common, each weekend following my departure. In the meantime, Father John and I will be in contact over any developments and shall update you as necessary.

My thanks to Gerry Penfold (Tadley) and Sarah Hunneman (Burghfield Common) for organising this opportunity to begin addressing change, alongside Deacon Tony Darroch, who is a member of our Pastoral Area Leadership Group. Not forgetting Andy Hunneman, who set things up for the presentation in the Church, when Sarah, myself and Andy came to the conclusion last Sunday that the good number who let Dan know they would attend would not fit comfortably into the Leonard rooms in respect of Health and Safety. And thanks to those from Saint Oswald's community who provided welcome refreshments on a very warm evening. All was done very well!

Please find attached to the email containing this Newsletter, a copy of the presentation made at the meeting, for your review.

- **Availabilities – Fr. Patrick & Parish Office**

I am not available next week unless there is an emergency, having to deal with a number of retirement issues following a good meeting on retirement yesterday.

During the month of August this will also be the case, especially with the need to move personal items to my new home and engage with the retirement team on matters associated with the move. Time to say "Goodbye" looms! Keep me in your prayers that all goes well in the few weeks left.

The Parish Office will be open from Monday to Thursday next week & will therefore be closed next Friday 11th July.

Also, **the Parish Office will be closed from 25th of July to 13th of August** when no emails will be addressed and telephone messages will only be checked sporadically.

- **Churches Together Around Tadley update**

The CTAT Forum at the United Reformed Church yesterday evening went very well, with a good attendance. It was chaired by the Reverend Steve Mackay, responsible for the Anglican churches locally, with Mary Lee from St Michaels Church as Minutes Secretary.

The Reverend Steve opened the meeting with a reading from Chapter 17 of St. John's Gospel, as Jesus prayed at the Last Supper for the unity of his followers throughout the ages:

"May they be one... so the world may believe that the Father has sent me"

In news from our local churches, I outlined the developing 10 Year Mission Plan in our Pastoral Area and the importance of Ecumenical involvement as part of it, reflecting Our Saviour's prayer at the Last Supper. I asked our local churches to pray that any new priest will support CTAT.

Amongst many items, the following is being advertised in our local churches concerning the Anna Chaplaincy:

"It is an ecumenical, community based, chaplaincy promoting the spiritual welfare of older people. It is a person centred and non-judgmental ministry for people of strong, little or no faith, visiting older people wherever they may be living.

Training has been undertaken by nine would-be Anna Chaplains and friends from across the Anglican Benefice and CTAT, who are in the process of discernment as to whether they should become Anna Chaplains, with a commitment of a day per week, or the lighter role of an Anna Friend. There will be a short licencing and celebration service on Sunday 20th July at 4:00 PM, at Saint Pauls Church, Tadley, which the founder, Debbie Thrower, will be attending to licence the Tadley and Basingstoke participants. All welcome.

Anna Chaplaincy is intended to support rather than replicate or replace ministry already being undertaken by churches. There will be a mapping project over the summer to identify what spiritual support to people in older age is already available and what needs could be met by Anna Chaplains & Friends in the future".

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Archangels Social Group Events

Thank You from Christian Aid

Thank you for your single donation of £249.70 on behalf of Tadley St Michael to Christian Aid Week 2025. *We acknowledge receipt of donation raised from your Christian Aid Cake Sale & Tombola Event on Sunday 11th May. Please pass on our thanks to your parishioners who baked cakes, donated prizes, manned stalls, served refreshments and the supporters..* Your donation will help [people like Aurelia in Guatemala](#).

As increasingly intense conditions kill her crops, Aurelia's ability to safeguard her family slips away. Aurelia's observed many impacts of the climate crisis, including extended dry seasons, the degradation of soil, contaminated water and a decreasing diversity of plants and crops.

'Climate change has been killing our crops, and this is our food.'

But with a little help from Christian Aid and Congcoop, Aurelia's gained the skills and knowledge to cultivate native seeds that are better suited to the changing climate.

'I want to tell donors to continue supporting Christian Aid, because, through Congcoop, they've been supporting us.' Aurelia

Your donation this Christian Aid Week will help people like Aurelia in putting the [unstoppable power of hope](#) into action

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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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 the Salvation Army 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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Jubilee Year

Please find attached (and also below) a new resource and article for the Jubilee Year explaining what a novena is and how we can pray the novena to Our Lady Undoer of Knots to untie the knots we are experiencing in our own lives and those of the world. <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year-2025/>.

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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.casopportsmouth.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,

Father Patrick

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