

PARISH OF OUR LADY, QUEEN OF PEACE**St. Michael's, Tadley
& St. Oswald's, Burghfield Common****Priest-in-Charge:** Father Stephen Vooght**Parish Administrator:** Dan Wisniewski**Safeguarding (St. Michael's Church):** Christine Carensafeguarding.tad.sm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk**Safeguarding (St. Oswald's Church):** Ellen Goodallsafeguarding.tad.so@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk**Pastoral Facilitation Team:** Gerry Penfold (Chair)**Presbytery & Office:** Tel. 0118 981 4572 **Email:** tadley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk**Address:** St. Michael's Presbytery, Bishopswood Road, Tadley, RG26 4HG**Office hours:** Tues, Weds, Thurs, Fri: 9.45am-2.45pm. Closed on Mondays**Website:** www.stmandsto.org.uk**MASS TIMETABLE**

Day	Date	Feria, Memorial (M), Feast (F), Solemnity (S)	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sat	5 th Sept	23 rd Sunday - Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	Wayne Togher RIP (2nd Anniv.)
Sun	6 th Sept	23 rd Sunday	9.00am	St. Michael's	Thanksgiving (Roberts Family)
			11.00am	St. Oswald's	Patrick Sugrue RIP (6 th Anniv.)
Mon	7 th Sept	NO MASS			
Tues	8 th Sept	Nativity of The BV Mary (F)	9.30am	St. Michael's	
		Funeral Mass	2.00pm	St. Oswald's	Marc Mildenhall RIP
Weds	9 th Sept	Feria	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Thurs	10 th Sept	Feria	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Fri	11 th Sept	Feria	7.00pm	St. Michael's	Private Intention
Sat	12 th Sept	1 st Saturday	9.30am	St. Michael's	
		24 th Sunday – Vigil	6.00pm		Edmund & Patricia Welsh RIP
Sun	13 th Sept	24 th Sunday	9.00am	St. Michael's	Sue Elliot RIP
			11.00am	St. Oswald's	

*Children's Liturgy will take place this Sunday 6th September at BOTH our churches**Weekday Masses preceded by 30 mins of Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary after Mass (except 8th Sept.)**Confessions: Before Weekday Masses (except 8th Sept), Saturday at St. Michael's 11.00am - 12 Noon, or by appt.**Mass Intentions: If you would like a Mass Intention, please contact Dan in the Parish Office***Changes to Parish Office hours next week****Tuesday 8th September** - Parish Office closes earlier at 1.30pm.**Wednesday 9th September** - Parish Office closed all day, but Dan working from home during the usual Office hours. Phone messages and emails will be regularly monitored.

Fraternal Correction: A Duty of Love



This Sunday's readings remind us that Christian love is not simply about being pleasant to one another or avoiding anything that might cause disagreement. Sometimes, precisely because we love someone, we must have the courage to speak when we see that their words or actions are causing harm to themselves or to others.

In the first reading, God appoints Ezekiel as a “*watchman*” over His people. If he sees someone doing wrong and fails to warn them, he will be held responsible for having remained silent. His duty is not to condemn the sinner, but lovingly to warn him so that he may turn away from his wrongdoing and live.

Jesus gives a similar teaching in the Gospel. If a brother or sister does something wrong, we are first to approach them privately and seek to help them recognise what they are doing. If they refuse to listen, others may become involved, and ultimately the matter may have to be brought before the Christian community. Persistent and unrepentant wrongdoing cannot simply be ignored, because it can damage the harmony and spiritual wellbeing of the whole community. Yet even exclusion is not intended as an act of hatred or permanent rejection. Its purpose is ultimately restorative: to awaken the offender to the seriousness of their refusal to change and hopefully lead them back to communion.

When Jesus says: “*For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them*”, these words apply not only when He is present as we gather to worship, but also when the Christian community exercises fraternal correction. In response, the person being corrected must not harden their hearts, but humbly listen and be willing to change. Hence why the words from today's Psalm are so fitting: “*O that today you would listen to his voice: harden not your hearts.*”

Marc John Mildenhall R.I.P. (19th July 1966 - 7th August 2026)



Marc pictured here on the day of his Baptism

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marc Mildenhall R.I.P., who died recently. His funeral will take place this coming Tuesday, 8th September, 2.00pm, at St Oswald's.

Marc's departure from this life came just a few weeks after he had celebrated his 60th birthday. Remarkably, he had only recently been Baptised, Confirmed and received his First Holy Communion, four months ago, on Easter Sunday, 12th April.

Although we naturally feel a deep sadness at Marc's death, there is also, among those of us who had the privilege and joy of getting to know him during this past year, a profound sense of gratitude and hope. Having enthusiastically participated in the RCIA course, while also regularly attending Mass at St Oswald's, it was a great joy to see Marc's journey of faith unfold, culminating in his reception of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at Easter.

Looking back now, we cannot help but see in Marc's journey something of the mysterious providence of God. It is as though, in His loving mercy, the Lord had been gently preparing Marc for that ultimate call which comes to each of us: the call to leave this earthly life and to enter into the presence of God.

Marc entered the Church through the waters of Baptism at Easter, and we now commend him to the Lord in the hope of sharing in Christ's Resurrection.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027

Parents of children who will be aged 8 in August 2027 are invited to declare their interest in our 2027 First Holy Communion programme. To do so, please kindly contact 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.

Youth Group - Meeting

An important update of the progress towards forming our new Youth Group from Marjorie and Karolina:

On September 23rd we will meet to form our parish youth group. We had hoped to get going sooner but both Karolina Mazur and myself Marjorie Dean have to undergo DBS checks before we begin and I wanted to delay the start to make sure the DBS clearance has been processed. We will meet at 7:30pm in the Parish room at St Michael's. There are three people who I know of in St. Oswald's and I will discuss transport arrangements with you later. Regards Marjorie and Karolina

Online Giving

"And this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house; and of all that you give me I will surely give one-tenth to you" - Genesis 28:22

In support of our churches, and in alignment with the Catechism of the Catholic Church fifth precept (cc 2043) that we shall help to provide for the needs of the Church, the following QR Code has been established for scanning to enable us to give easily online.



UPDATE - Diocesan Catechist Day – Portsmouth Diocese Saturday 10 October | 9:30am–1:30pm | St Bede's, Basingstoke

Whether you are a parish catechist, sacramental preparation leader, RCIA team member, children's liturgy volunteer, youth catechist, or involved in any ministry of faith formation, you are warmly invited to the Portsmouth Diocese Catechists' Formation Day. **This update is to inform you that we will be joined by Fr Emmanuel Mansford of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and Dr Káren North from St Mary's University Twickenham** as we come together from across the Diocese for a morning of prayer, inspiration, and practical formation as we reflect on our shared mission to form missionary disciples. The day will start with Mass before we move into our sessions, there will also be a time for prayer and reflection as well as hearing from each other before we finish the day with a shared lunch (provided as part of the day).

To register your interest please go to <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/RFGROzEzDh> or email Meghan on ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

ADORE mini-retreat - 22nd August

The theme this month is "HEALING - LOVE IN ACTION"- stepping out in love and faith to pray for people. *"I will heal them; I will guide them and restore comfort" (Isaiah 57:18)*

This month's guest speaker will be Ros Powell, a Catholic Evangelist with a healing, deliverance and prophetic ministry, she is a frequent keynote speaker at New Dawn Conference. She also has a powerful prison ministry: along with her team she speaks and ministers healing and restoration to inmates throughout the UK.

Meeting details [HERE](#)

Anyone can attend free of charge, but will need to register in advance here: bit.ly/ADORESEP2026 to participate in the next Zoom meeting.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF OCTOBER IN-PERSON MEETING on October 24th in Reading. More details [HERE](#)

ARCHANGELS SOCIAL GROUP

Mingle @ St Michael's

The next gathering will be on Wednesday 16 September in the Parish Room from 2pm to 4pm. All welcome!



Praise, Pitch & Picnic! – 6 September - CANCELLED

Sincere apologies from Rev Karen West and the St Mary the Virgin Church community to those who had already signed up or were thinking of going to the Picnic & Rounders in Silchester on Sunday 6 September, but they have had to cancel the event. Maybe next summer!

Silchester Country Fayre – Saturday 5 September

This popular annual Fayre takes place from 11am to 4pm this Saturday 5 September in Silchester. Please come along and visit the CTAT pitch! There will be many attractions including Basil and Crew Mobile Farm, many stalls and in the arena: Berkshire Birds of Prey Display, Paws for Thought Dog Display, Storm in a Teacup Circus and Bubble Display, CM Gymnastics Display, Silchester Choir performance and Musical Sits for Dogs - all dogs welcome! Please visit their website for full details, including timings for the various displays in the arena:

<https://www.silchesterfayre.org.uk/fete-attractions/>

CTAT Ladies' Breakfast

The next Ladies' Breakfast will take place on Saturday 12 September at the Immanuel Centre, Tadley URC, RG26 3NJ, from 10am to noon. Maddie Gavrolivic from Compassion UK will be our guest speaker, describing their charity's child development work to release children from poverty in 29 countries across the world, including the opportunity to sponsor a child. All welcome!

CTAT Forum

The next CTAT Forum meets on Thursday 17 September at the Salvation Army, Mulfords Hill, RG26 3LJ, 7pm refreshments for 7.30pm meeting.

SAVE THE DATES

The Tadley Arts Festival, organised by CTAT, takes place over the weekend of Friday 16 October – Sunday 18 October. Details to follow.

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.casop Portsmouth.org.uk/current-vacancies-2/>

Further reading

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

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