

**NORTH WEST  
HAMPSHIRE**

**PASTORAL AREA**

SERVING THE PARISHES OF  
ANDOVER, BASINGSTOKE,  
HOOK, TADLEY AND  
BURGHFIELD COMMON



**St Michael's Parish, Tadley,  
Kingsclere,  
and St Oswald's Church,  
Burghfield Common**

**St. Michael's Church**  
Bishopswood Road, Tadley,  
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**St. Oswald's Church**  
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**COVENANT TO THE PEOPLE**

If you would like help from the Covenant to the People scheme, please call Bill Reilly on (0118) 981 3784.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

The Sacrament is celebrated on most Saturdays in St Michael's Church from 5pm to 5.30pm, but not on Saturday 15 December.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS**

10/11 Nov £ 195.40  
17/18 Nov £ 242.91  
24/25 Nov £ 300.97

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
02<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

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**Tadley and Kingsclere and Burghfield Common Masses**

<b>Sundays:</b>	6.00pm	Saturday Vigil Mass	<b>Tadley</b>
	9.15am	Sunday Parish Mass	<b>Tadley</b>
	11.15am	Sunday Parish Mass	<b>Burghfield Common</b>

**Week commencing 3 December 2018**

12noon                      Tues 4 Dec                      **Tadley**                      St John Damascene(Memorial)

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Entrance Antiphon:** To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

**Response to the Psalm:** To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

**Next Sunday's Readings: (Second Sunday in Advent)**

Baruch 5:1-9. Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11. Luke 3:1-6.

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

**CHRISTMAS EVE:** Vigil Service at 11:30pm leading into Midnight Mass at St Michael's Church, Tadley

**CHRISTMAS DAY:** 9:15am Mass at St Michael's Church, Tadley  
11:15am Mass at St Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD:** Saturday 5th January 2019 Vigil Mass at St Michael's Church, Tadley

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD:** Sunday 6th January 2019 09:15am Mass at St Michael's Church, Tadley  
11:15am Mass at St Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common

**FATHER PATRICK'S CHRISTMAS DAY LIFTS**

On Christmas Day, Tuesday 25th December, Father Patrick would like a Parishioner from Tadley to take him to St Oswald Church for the 11:15 am Mass, and a Burghfield Common Parishioner to bring him back to Tadley. After celebrating Midnight Mass, and two morning Masses, he will be tired and does not wish to drive in that state. He needs to know of help by next weekend, please.

**A MESSAGE FROM DEACON ANTHONY AND DIANA**

*We are leaving ...* In the next few weeks we will be leaving the Parish. Everything has come to a head rather suddenly as opportunities and possibilities have come together almost 'out of the blue.' We will be moving to Lymington. Our new home is within a short walking distance of the Catholic Church; of shops, Supermarkets, butchers, bakers, banks, coffee shops, restaurants and some very nice sellers of 'Ale.' At the moment we are battling with the very acute challenges of 'downsizing' (not for the first time but present experience beats all previous records!) and discovering, once again the fundamental fact that 3 into 1 won't go! We have been in the Parish for nearly twelve years and treasure many memories. We will update you when we can (notes in newsletters or distress flares!). We will cherish you in our hearts and keep you in our prayers. Please pray for us, Love & God bless Anthony & Diana

**CHURCH CLEANING**

St Michael's Christmas cleaning Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December, 10:30am –12:30pm:  
Please contact Helen Warner on (0118) 981 2107 "Many hands, make light work"

### **60th ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT MICHAEL'S CHURCH**

We begin our preparation for the 60th Anniversary of the Tadley Church this week-end. A special Prayer Card has been prepared by Tony Darroch and will be available to Parishioners this Advent. Our Preparation will be centred on the Eucharist each weekend by a time of Prayer before each Mass starts. Parishioners are asked to carry the card to our Masses on Saturday evening and Sunday morning, and arrive at least ten minutes early before Mass to engage in the weekly time of prayer. Tony Darroch will lead the prayer this weekend.

### **WELCOME TO MRS JAN HUGHES**

Our Parish Office is now closed until late February 2019, whilst our part-time Secretary Mrs Winsper recovers from open-heart surgery. E-mails may still be sent, but will not be dealt with immediately. Urgent matters should be addressed to Father Patrick by telephone or by written note. He will do his best to address them when he is available.

Mrs Jan Hughes, who is secretary at Sacred Heart Parish, Hook, will be helping Father Patrick once a week during this time. So we are grateful to Father Chris for releasing her one day a week to help us.

**SHELLEY UPDATE**.. She has had the operation and is now recovering in intensive care. Her family ask that you continue to keep her in prayer as there is still a long way to go for complete recovery.

### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS COLLECTION**

This will be taken at all Masses in the Parish next weekend 8/9 December.

### **CAROLS AT SAINT OSWALD**

On Saturday 15th December at 3:00 pm there will be carols, followed by a children's party. Parents are asked to bring a plate of suitable food plus a named gift for obvious reasons!

### **SAINT OSWALD HALL BOOKINGS**

No further bookings for the hall will be accepted until Mrs Winsper return in 2019 and when a new Hall Committee is established. Father Patrick expresses his thanks to Alison Harlen and Katherine Whitehouse of the Saint Oswald Community for agreeing to form this Committee.

### **LEAF CLEARING THANKS TO VERONIKA AT ST OSWALD**

The recent fall of leaves in St Oswald's Car Park was amazing – covering the area like snowfall! Car Parking spaces could not be identified and there were obvious raised parts of the parking area impossible to see, causing Heath and Safety issues. On Saturday 24th November, led by Veronika Kucharcik, a group of parishioners and some local people cleared the area magnificently! Tony Darroch, our Parish Health and Safety representative who helped, told Father Patrick that it was a splendid turn-out. Many Thanks!

### **PARISH ALPHA COURSE**

A date for your new 2019 diary -ALPHA Programme for our entire Parish Community and anyone else interested commences 12 January 2019.

Saturday Morning 9.30-11.30 at St Oswald's Hall. We start with breakfast each Saturday More information to follow. Keep your eyes on the church noticeboards and ears open for announcements. What a great way to begin our new year together as a worshipping community.

### **MISSIO BOXES—TADLEY**

You are asked to return these boxes for emptying by the week-ending 15/16 December (Gaudete Sunday) Please give them to Geoff and Gina Poulter or leave them in the Sacristy, advising Father Patrick that you are doing so. They must not be left in the Church Porch.

### **ADVENT PREPARATION IN THE PARISH**

The period we now enter is the beginning of a new Church Year, and calls us to prepare for two Comings:

- a) The Coming of Jesus as one of us, without Sin, to save us from Sin.
- b) The Coming of Jesus at the end of time, to Judge us and if we are worthy, to save us from sin.

We are urged to prepare for the Mass of Christ (Christmas), making Our Saviour the centre of Advent being ready for Christmas Day up to Epiphany as the time of Celebration.

### **CHURCHES TOGETHER AROUND TADLEY**

#### **ADVENT DAY OF PEACE AND PRAYER**

This takes place in Saint Michael's Church on Wednesday 5th December, from 2 pm—7:30 pm. Spend time reflecting at candlelit focal points around the Church for as long as you like. There will be Times of United Prayer and Tea from 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm. The Church will be closed after 12 noon Mass on 4th December to facilitate preparations for this Day.

#### **PASTORAL AREA RECONCILIATION SERVICE WITH INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION**

This will take place at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke for all Pastoral Area Communities on Friday 14th December at 7:30 pm.

#### **LOS POSADAS**

The tradition of Los Posadas commemorates Mary & Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem; going from 'inn to inn' (Los Posadas) with the 9 nights remembering the 9 months of Mary's pregnancy.

You are invited to host this special couple (at your inn) on their journey. The journey begins at the Saturday evening Mass on the 15<sup>th</sup> December. A St Michael and St Oswald Posadas list is available in our churches. A free night, for prayer and hospitality, can be selected by either community. Further information from Pam Dorroch (0118 981 1105)

#### **LIVING NATIVITY**

On Friday 21st December, following the preparation of Lanterns at 4:00 pm in Saint Paul's Church, Tadley, we process at 4:30 pm to the Immanuel Centre to hear the story of Christmas. There is an opportunity to visit the Crib containing live animals. Music will be provided by the Tadley Concert Brass for the singing of Carols and there will be a reception with Mince Pies and Hot Drinks.

#### **CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH**

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, it is planned to repeat the successful event held in 2017, when some of those living locally and alone were invited for a time of Carol singing and afternoon tea in the Parish Room. Please see the posters in St Michael's Church for 2018 event.

We are seeking a band of volunteers to help potentially with transport, with the making of cake and sandwiches and to serve on the day. Donations of raffle prizes would be appreciated. Because of the small capacity of the Parish Room numbers will be limited so we need suggestions as soon as possible on whom to invite. Please contact Gina Poulter on 01256 541052, on the above.

#### **OUR THANKS TO CLIVE WARNER**

Father Patrick expresses his thanks on behalf of both of our communities to Clive for donating 10 food parcels for those who will benefit from them over Christmas. Clive and Father Patrick have known each other as former students of the Old Presentation College and the parcels have been financed by the Old Boys Association.

Clive is the grandfather of Oliver Warner who is presently fighting live threatening cancer and Clive appreciated the opportunity to spend quiet time in St Michael's Church during Oliver's continuing illness. It is hoped to support the campaign for Oliver's treatment in the New Year and posters are available in our Churches about this. More information in the future.