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ANDOVER, BASINGSTOKE,
HOOK, TADLEY AND
BURGHFIELD COMMON



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

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COVENANT TO THE PEOPLE

If you would like help from the Covenant to the People scheme, please call Mary Lee on (0118) 981 3221.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament is celebrated on most Saturdays in St Michael's Church from 5pm to 5.30pm, but not on Saturday 31st August 2019.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

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| 14/07/19 | £212.99 |
| 21/07/19 | £165.52 |
| 28/07/19 | £230.94 |
| 04/08/19 | £190.63 |
| 11/08/19 | £238.44 |
| Apostleship of the Sea | £323.99 |

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
18th AUGUST 2019**

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Tadley and Kingsclere and Burghfield Common Masses

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| 6.00pm | Saturday Vigil Mass | Tadley |
| 9.15am | Sunday Parish Mass | Tadley |
| 11.15am | Sunday Parish Mass | Burghfield Common |

Week Days 19 August - 23 August 2019

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| 12:00 Noon | Tue 20 Aug | Tadley | <i>St Bernard (Memorial)</i> |
| 12:00 Noon | Wed 21 Aug | Tadley | <i>St Pius X (Memorial)</i> |

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, come to my aid!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

Next Sundays Readings (Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time)

Isaiah 66:18-21. Hebrews 12:5-7. 11-13. Luke 13:22-30.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLYLAND

There will be a Meeting in the Parish Room on Saturday 31st August from 3:00pm to 4:30pm. Mo Lynn, our Group Leader, will be present to provide information and answer any questions.

POPE FRANCIS'S 'SURPRISE' LETTER TO PRIESTS

The Pope has just written a surprise *Letter to Priests*, marking the 160th anniversary of the death of St. John Vianney, Curé d'Ars and Patron Saint of Parish Priests. In four parts – on pain, gratitude, encouragement and praise – the Holy Father seeks to address the abuse crisis and the sense of shame that many priests feel. He thanks the silent army of priests who betrayed neither faith nor trust but who continue to serve faithfully the People of God. The *Letter* is meant to give priests, many of whom feel disheartened because of the horrendous crimes of abuse committed by a small percentage of their fellow priests, hope in these times of tribulation when they are so often blamed or treated with suspicion, distrust, contempt or ridicule. Pope Francis addresses the *Letter* to all those priests who have given their lives to Jesus and “are working in the trenches” exposed to countless difficulties, and says he wants to be close to them. “I want to say a word to each of you who, often without fanfare and at personal cost, amid weariness, infirmity and sorrow, carry out your mission of service to God and to your people,” he says. He tells them that “despite the hardships of the journey, you are writing the finest pages of the priestly life.” Writing “as an older brother and a father,” he says he wants “to thank you in the name of the holy and faithful People of God for all that you do for them” and “to encourage you never to forget the words that the Lord spoke to us with great love on our ordination day: ‘I no longer call you servants...I call you friends.’” (From the Diocesan E-News).

TONY DARROCH THANKS!

Tony Darroch would like to express his sincere gratitude for the many cards, gifts and kind wishes expressed by members of the Parish following his Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. The attendance at the Cathedral from members of the Parish was amazing, thanks to everyone who attended and to Roy Singh for organising the coach. The Mass at St Oswald's followed by the lunch was a great way of getting everyone together. Thank you to everyone who came along, to his wife Pam for organising the food and to everyone who helped on the day. Tony hopes to send out individual Thank You messages soon, but these have been delayed because of a delay at the printers of a fresh supply of Prayer Cards. Please continue to keep Tony in your prayers and he assures everyone of his prayers for the Parish.

REFURBISHMENT OF THE TADLEY CHURCH WINDOWS

This will begin in the last week of August and continue for at least two weeks in September.

Until the Site Meeting to discuss various issues, Fr Patrick is unable to confirm whether the Parish Room will be closed and if it is necessary to transfer Masses to Burghfield Common.

PARISH MEETING

As mentioned in previous Newsletters, our Parish is faced with a considerable amount of work to maintain our sites for the future Mission of the Church in this area.

There will be a Parish Meeting on Wednesday 16 October at 7pm to discuss our Parish Vision and how our finances can support it. Please note the date in your diaries and make every effort to attend.

60th ANNIVERSARY OF ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

On Sunday 29th September we celebrate our Anniversary Mass in St Michael's Church at 11:00am, with no other Sunday Masses in the Parish that day. The Saturday evening Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 6:00pm as normal, for those unable to attend the Sunday Mass.

Following the Mass on Sunday, there will be a Parish Lunch, for all who sign the necessary sheet, at Pamber Heath Memorial Hall. There will be an opportunity to give a donation towards the three course lunch on the day, as there will be no fixed charge. Soft drinks will be provided, but if those attending wish to bring their own wine this is all right. The list will close on Sunday 8th September.

ALPHA REUNION and THE PRAYER COURSE

The next Alpha Reunion meeting is planned for Monday 2 September at 7.30 – 9.00 pm in St Oswald's Leonard Room - there will be Tea/Coffee plus cake so leave some room after dinner to enjoy this. On this evening we will look at session number one from the DVD based "The Prayer Course" which is an eight session programme looking at prayer from a variety of different viewpoints by exploring The Lord's Prayer in depth. It is a very practical programme designed to help each of us grow closer to God by hearing Him more clearly and unlocking the power of prayer in our lives. We hope to meet generally once a fortnight and the planned dates for the remaining seven sessions are Mondays 16th and 30th September, 21st and 28 October, 11th and 25th November and finally 2nd December when it will be Advent!

IMPORTANT – THE PRAYER COURSE is open to everyone in the Parish and anyone you want to bring along with you – so even if you did not participate in the Alpha Course earlier this year you are most welcome to join us on 2nd September – Why not give it a try – what have you got to lose? But on the other hand, think what you could be missing out on!

For more information contact Geoff or Gina Poulter on 01256 541052.

CHRISTMAS SHEEP ARE COMING...

Last Christmas CTAT (Churches Together Around Tadley) organised the scattering of homemade Angels across Tadley, Pamber Heath and Silchester. This was widely acclaimed locally and was even given coverage in our Diocesan E-News.

This coming Christmas we recognise the gift of sheep brought to the crib by the shepherds who sought Jesus as the result of the Angelic Message they received.

Already over 400 have been completed, but some people are still unaware of this initiative under the auspices of CTAT. If you would like to participate and make some sheep, please contact Shelley in the Parish Office.

HAPPINESS LAB

This resumes on Monday 30th September 2019. Details are on the Poster in St Michael's Church, Tadley.

FOODBANK PRAYER HOUR

You are invited to join us to pray for our Foodbank, the challenges faced by our clients, for the work of our partnering agencies, its day-to-day running and our wonderful volunteers.

This will take place on 22nd August at Tadley Common Methodist Church, 7.30pm - 8:30 pm.

The Foodbank is also short on the following items: Meat, Fruit juice, Milk, Desserts~ not jelly or angel desserts, Treats, Coffee, Shampoo

CARITAS SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB: SUPPORTING THOSE FAMILIES IN NEED 27-30 AUGUST 2019.

Caritas are running a Holiday Club at St Bede's Primary School for those children who will not have a holiday this year, we are now taking applications for children aged 5-11.

If you are fortunate enough to be able to help us financially or if you would like more information or an application form please email caritas_nwhpa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or text me on 07719 012955.

HOMES WITHOUT BORDERS

There will be another get together for the group of parishioners who expressed support for the project to help house a displaced refugee family in Basingstoke. The meeting will take place at 7 pm on 12th September at St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke

We will update you on progress and also outline some of the practical ways that you could help get ready for the family's arrival.

CAFOD UPDATE MEETING

You are invited to a CAFOD update meeting on Saturday 7th September from 10:30am to 1:00pm at St. Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. Elouise Hobbs our regional news officer will be talking about her recent trip to refugee camps in Lebanon and how your donations are making a difference to people's lives. Please book your place so that we have an idea of how many people are coming by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or phone 01252 329385.

NIGHT LIGHT WINTER SHELTER

Planning has started again for this year's program which offers shelter and friendship, from 1st December to 28th February, to people sleeping rough on the streets of Basingstoke.

All new volunteers must undergo a training session and two hour training sessions are available on 28th September or 15th October at Sarum Hill Centre, RG21 8SR. Returning volunteers will be contacted by email. For more information please contact Pat Murphy 07785 312486.

EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION

Pope Francis has called the whole Church to observe October this year as an Extraordinary Month of Mission. He calls us to commit ourselves anew to Missio ad gentes. (Mission to the nations), recognizing the importance and obligation of all Catholics to support churches too poor to support themselves for the spread of The Good News.

Fr Patrick has ordered special Prayer Cards for our Parish, and Bishop Philip will be sending a Pastoral Letter in late September to our Parishes.

PEGGY ROLSTON, RIP



Our Condolences to the family of Peggy Rolston, a former member of our Parish, who died suddenly in Marnel Lodge Home, Basingstoke, on Friday 09th August 2019. Fr Patrick said the Prayers for the Dead at her bed later that morning, and will be taking her Funeral.