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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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**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 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS**

18/18/19 £231.08

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2019**

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**Tadley and Kingsclere and Burghfield Common Masses**

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 Days 26 August - 30 August 2019**

12:00 Noon	Tue 27 Aug	<b>Tadley</b>	<i>St Monica (Memorial)</i>
3:00pm	Thu 29 Aug	<b>Tadley</b>	<i>Funeral Mass for Peggy Rolston, RIP</i>

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day.

**Next Sundays Readings (Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time)**  
Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20. 28-29. Hebrews 12:18-19. 22-24. Luke 14:1. 7-14.

**PEGGY ROLSTON, RIP**

Our Condolences to the family of Peggy Rolston, whose Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday 29th August 2019 at 3:00pm at St Michaels' Church.

**60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH**

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**EILEEN O'DONOVAN BENCH**

Parishioners and visitors will notice a fine bench on the Patio of St Michael's Church, fronting The Parish Room door out onto the Patio.

This is the outcome of the generosity of those who contributed to Bill and Joy Reilly's recent 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration. They wished to use this happy time to remember Eileen O'Donovan, RIP, a former member of the St Michael's community. Their request was that monetary contributions be made for this intention. Bill and Joy express their great appreciation to those who made the provision of the bench possible.

There is a plaque on the bench which reads:

IN LOVING MEMORY OF EILEEN O'DONOVAN who spent many years of her life serving St Michael's Parish. She died aged 77 years on 8th April 1995. May she Rest in Peace.

So, as you enjoy sitting there, remember Eileen's soul in your prayers.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLYLAND**

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

## REFURBISHMENT OF THE TADLEY CHURCH WINDOWS

Parishioners know that this work begins in the last week of August and continues for at least two weeks into September. Fr Patrick and Shelley will not be available on Friday 30th August, as there will be an important Site Meeting at St Michael's Church to put in place various requirements of Health and Safety and Building Legislation in respect of the major work on the church windows. Until this Meeting, Fr Patrick is unclear about the availability of St Michael's Church during the two weeks of September, and the possibility of Sunday Masses being transferred to St Oswald's Church. He will update people at the Masses at the end of the week.

## BURGHFIELD COMMON CHURCH PROBLEMS

Investigations have shown that the suspected problems with the roof at St Oswald's Church now require immediate attention. The oil boiler heating the church is now unfit for purpose because of age and other defects, and will have to be replaced. At the moment there is no heating for the church. Fr Patrick is grateful to our Parish Finance Committee for all the time being given to these issues, and will update parishioners as further investigations are undertaken.

## 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.

## GARDENING UPDATE

Many thanks to Brenda O'Donovan and her group of gardening volunteers for the work they do in keeping the St Michael Church grounds attractive and tidy. A special "Thank you" to Robert May, our Kingsclere representative on The Parish Finance Committee.

Robert has spent considerable time tidying the area around the church walls and lawn, which appear to be a suitable area to dump litter and other items at times! He has also removed a sizeable amount of shrubbery generated by the good work of Brenda and her small group. Volunteers are always welcome to join them!

There will be no first Saturday of the month gardening on 7th September, because of the work on the church windows and those in the Parish Room.

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28 October, 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November and finally 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## HAPPINESS LAB

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

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## SYNOD FOR THE AMAZON—WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

During October, the Extraordinary Month of Mission takes place. Also during October, there will be a Synod for the Amazon, and this is causing controversy in the Church, partly because some are concerned that it is sidelining the Mission of the Church for other issues.

Most attention has been given to the proposed discussion that mature married men should be ordained priests because of the shortage of clergy in the Amazon area of South America. However, some senior churchmen are worried that its theological thrust is lacking in clarity. There is criticism that the Synod secretariat has produced a low-quality document, as was felt over the Synod on the Family in 2014 & 2015.

Pope Francis told La Stampa recently that "The important themes will be the ministries of Evangelisation and the different ways of evangelising". However, critics argue that the working document does not reflect the Pope's intentions—that it underplays the importance of Evangelisation and Mission. Some even say there is a drift towards a vague spirituality linked to the whole area of Climate Change. In fact, Pope Francis has called the Amazon Synod the Son of Laudato Si, his famous encyclical on Climate Change. However, the Pope's argument is that it is "not a green encyclical, it is a social encyclical, which is based on a "green reality", the care of creation". Understandably, some are asking for clarification about the nature of the Synod.