

**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**  
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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**

01/02 Dec £ 304.70

**SECOND AND THIRD SUNDAYS OF ADVENT  
09 AND 16 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 9 December 2018**

12noon	Thurs 13 Dec	<b>Tadley</b>	<i>St Lucy (Memorial)</i>
12noon	Fri 14 Dec	<b>Tadley</b>	<i>St John of the Cross (Memorial)</i>

**Week commencing 16 December 2018**

11:30 am	Tues 18 Dec	<b>Tadley</b>	<i>Funeral Mass for Carole Ellery</i>
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**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Entrance Antiphon:** O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

**Responsorial Psalm:** What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

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

Zephaniah 3: 14-18. Philippians 4: 4-7. Luke 3: 10-18

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

**Next Sunday's Readings (Fourth Sunday in Advent)**

Micah 5:1-4. Hebrews 10: 5-10. Luke 1: 39-44.

**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. 6:00pm 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**

Father Patrick is grateful for the offer from a member of St Oswald's community last Sunday to bring him back to Tadley after the 11:15am Christmas Day Mass there. So far, he has received no offer from the Tadley community to bring him over to St Oswald's Church that morning! He needs one this weekend, please.

**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"

## **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS COLLECTION**

This will be taken at all Masses in the Parish this weekend.

## **CAROLE ELLERY, RIP**

Carole died at approximately 4:00am in Saint Michael's Hospice on 4th December, soon after being absolved and Anointed by Father Patrick. She had been diagnosed with terminal cancer a few months ago, but deteriorated rapidly at the beginning of Advent.

Father Patrick had Baptised and Confirmed her at the East Vigil this Year in Saint Michael's Church, following her preparation during the Lenten Scrutinies. During the year before, although not Baptised, she had become a committed member of our Parish Community. Most Sundays she was in the church porch before 9:15 am Mass welcoming people, and she had succeeded Helen Warner in being responsible for counting and banking our Parish Collections.

Part of her preparation for becoming a Catholic was in one of our Parish Cell Groups, and she will be deeply missed by many who got to know her. We keep in prayer her family, and also Jackie, her close friend, who cared for her so well during her illness. Our thanks also to the nursing staff at Saint Michael's Hospice, who ensured that Father Patrick was contacted, early that morning, and were so helpful to all at a difficult time.

Carole's Funeral Mass is at 11:30am in Saint Michael's Church on Tuesday 18th December.

## **FIRST COMMUNION MEETING**

Father Patrick thanks the parents of Leo, Manav and Niamh for attending the meeting with our Parish Catechists on Monday 3rd December. They have now been accepted for our Parish Preparation in 2019, and will be enrolled at our Tadley Epiphany Mass at 9:15am on Sunday 6th January.

Three families were not present, so the parents are asked to complete the necessary documentation within the next two weeks so that their youngsters are accepted for the 2019 preparation. They will be expected to be at the enrolment ceremony on 6th January.

A condition of the Preparation is that parents and youngsters will attend our Sunday Masses on a regular basis in the New Year and that the youngsters will join the Children's Liturgies offered by both our communities at these Sunday Masses. If parents are unable to accept this condition, they need to speak to Father Patrick as soon as possible. Please keep Leo, Manav and Niamh in your prayers.

## **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 returns 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.

## **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 AND BURGHELD COMMON**

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 (Tadley) and Andy and Sarah Hunneman (Burghfield Common). They are not to be left in the Porches of our Churches. If you wish to leave them in either Sacristy, please advise Father Patrick that you are doing this.

## **SHELLEY UPDATE ..**

On Tuesday evening, 4th December, Father Patrick was delighted to receive a telephone call from Shelley from her hospital bed in London. She was in good form and her mother was with her, having arrived from Spain that afternoon. Shelley wished to thank all in Tadley & Burghfield Common for signing the cards wishing her a speedy recovery, and Helen Warner for organising this. She greatly appreciates the concern of Parishioners for her good health. It appears that her breathing difficulties, following the open-heart surgery, have been resolved, and she is hoping to return home for continued recuperation as soon as possible. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

## **ADVENT PREPARATION IN THE PARISH**

a) Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service with Individual Reconciliation at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke for all Pastoral Area Communities, on Friday 14th December at 7:30 pm.

b) **The Los Posadas list is full**

c) **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.

d) **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. Please contact Gina Poulter on 01256 541052, on the above.

## **CRIB BLESSINGS**

Our Church Cribbs will be blessed for the Arrival of the Lord at our 9:15am and 11:15am Masses on Sunday 23rd December.

## **CHRISTMAS DAY COLLECTION**

By tradition, The collections on Christmas Day and on Easter Sunday are for the upkeep of the clergy caring for Parishes and form an important part of their yearly income. Father Patrick thanks all in advance for their continuing and deeply appreciated generosity.

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

A sincere "Thank you", on behalf of Church Together Around Tadley, to Christine Watson for the tasteful re-arrangement of Saint Michael's Church for this prayerful time last Wednesday. Also to all who helped her before and after the event. The attendance was impressive throughout the afternoon, with a great sense of prayer and peace in the Church.

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

We began our preparation for the 60th Anniversary of the Tadley Church last week-end. A special Prayer Card has been prepared by Tony Darroch and is 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.

## **PRAYING FOR OUR SEMINARIANS**

We are asked to pray, by our Vocations Team, this month for Paul Nwune, studying at St John Seminary for the Priesthood. Paul comes to us from Nigeria and Father Patrick knows him well from his visits to the Seminary.