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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 3321.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament is celebrated on most Saturdays in St Michael's Church from 5pm to 5.30pm.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

21/22 April	£219.42
28/29 April	£278.75
05/06 May	£261.25
COMMUNICATIONS	£246.76

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
13th MAY 2018**

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Tadley and Kingsclere and Burghfield Common Masses

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

Week commencing 13 May 2018

12noon	Wed 16 May	Tadley
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Funeral Mass for Neil McDonald (RIP)

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

Response to the Psalm: The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

Next Sunday's Readings: (Pentecost Sunday —Year B)
Apostles 2:1-11. Galatians 5:16-25. John 15:26-27; 16:12-15.

THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

This is celebrated next weekend and brings Paschaltide to an end. We are encouraged to use the time leading to Pentecost in prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us individually and as members of Christ's Body, the Church. Ordinary Time begins on Monday 21st May when we enter Week 7 of the Church's Liturgical Year, with cycle 2 of the Weekday Readings.

TIMES OF PRAYER FOR PENTECOST

- a) **Tadley:** Churches Together Around Tadley is offering 5 days of prayer at St Paul's Church on the Green, from 7am-10pm, beginning on Monday 14th May and concluding on Friday 18th May. Our thanks to The Reverend Richard Harlow for facilitating this for our Christian communities. The side chapel will be filled with prayer resources and tea/coffee will be available. There is no booking system this year, so people are able to attend at any time in groups or as individuals. If a person or group wishes to pray throughout a night, it will be necessary to contact The Reverend Richard for a key. Posters are available in St Michael's Church and the Parish Room about this event.

Burghfield Common: Churches Together in Burghfield, Sulhamstead & Mortimer have a Service at St Mary's Church, for all our local churches, on Wednesday 16th May at 7:30pm. Fr Patrick hopes that there will be a good attendance from our St Oswald's community for this important time of prayer before Pentecost.

FR PATRICK APOLOGISES!

Last weekend Fr Patrick was asked if there was a mistake in the Communications Collection being taken then. They were right! Normally it is taken at the time of Ascension, but with the return of the Holyday to the Thursday, rather than being celebrated on the nearest Sunday, he was, as one parishioner said "foxed". There will be a second opportunity to contribute this weekend for parishioners who were similarly "foxed".

MEETINGS!

Fr Patrick will be unavailable for most of next week due to Meetings, a Funeral Mass and his day off, so please bear with him, if you leave a message for him. Next week is no better!

A MOVING SERVICE

Those who attended the Service for our dead, organised by CTAT, last Sunday in Tadley Common Methodist Church at 3pm have expressed thanks to our local ministers for organising it and would like it to be repeated each year. Our intention is to have it next time at another of our Tadley churches.

On a very warm Sunday afternoon, a very large number of local people gathered in the church for the Service, led by The Reverend Ruth Midcalf (Methodist), assisted by The Reverend Kay Blackwell (URC), Captain Barry Ashton of The Salvation Army, The Reverend Richard Harlow (Anglican) and Fr Patrick. The Reverend Kay preached a thoughtful sermon on the events surrounding the Raising of Lazarus, meditating on why Jesus delayed until his friend had died before going to Bethany and on the reaction of the sisters Martha and Mary to this delay. Weaved into this Spiritual Meditation was how we react to death, and to the knowledge that we shall die, and where is Jesus in all this.

Within the Sanctuary was a large cross-shaped arrangement of lights, encompassing the area, lights which were lit one by one when people came up to remember their dead. Fr Patrick, at the request of parishioners, lit one for Betty Cobb, who died recently. It was a very moving event for all involved, and tearful for some.

The singing, as one would expect within a Methodist church, was first-class, ending with the Methodist hymn, Love, Divine, all loves excelling, which Cardinal Hume requested for his Funeral Mass and was sung recently at Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor's Requiem as the Final Hymn. The hymns of Charles Wesley are magnificent! There followed a fine reception, with tea, coffee and a splendid array of cakes. Our thanks to Pam Darroch for providing two from our community. As one person said to Fr Patrick, it was so good to see all the Tadley clergy coming together for this community Service.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK (13th—19th MAY)

- a) **Burghfield Common:** Our thanks to Ellen Goodall, who provided envelopes for the St Oswald's community last Sunday, a number of which are available this Sunday. Please ensure that any filled envelopes are given to Ellen or to Fr Patrick, not left on the benches.
- b) **Tadley:** On Thursday, 17th May, at 9:30am, Tina Van Ewyk, our Catholic Christian Aid Representative in Tadley, will make a sponsored walk from St Oswald's Church to St Michael's Church with her husband and Leo the dog! Any individuals who wish to join her on the walk are welcome to do so as private individuals, as this is not a Parish organised event. Forms of sponsorship are available in both our churches.

NEW CELEBRATIONS ADDED TO THE WEEK AFTER PENTECOST

Pope Francis has authorised two new celebrations:

- a) Monday after Pentecost—The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (Memorial)
- b) Thursday after Pentecost—Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest (Feast)

MISSIO BOXES

Please return your boxes for the counting of new sums as soon as possible to Geoff and Gina Poulter. Those from the St Oswald's community should have been returned by now to Andy & Sarah Hunneman.

There will be a Missio Appeal which is not for money, in our Parish Churches on the weekend of 21st/22nd July. This will be given by Fr Vincent Oates, who has kindly agreed to cover our Masses that weekend, enabling Fr Patrick to have a break.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 30th June 2018**. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate

and witness to Marriage. If you would like to come, please visit the Cathedral website <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/> and complete the on-line form, Or send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Please note this address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact your Parish office, who will have the form you need to complete. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a **COPY** of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you complete the form online. Alternatively scan and send via email to above email address. Again if you have no access to the internet you can post a **COPY** along with completed form by post to the following address: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. Please mark envelope Significant Wedding Mass.



PARISH CONDOLENCES

Neil McDonald, RIP

Fr Patrick celebrates Neil's Funeral Mass on Wednesday 16th May at 12noon in St Michael's Church. He expresses his condolences to Neil's wife Catherine, and Andy, his son, and the family. Neil, of our Kingsclere community, was a delightful and talented artist who had several years of illness, lovingly cared for by his wife. Fr Patrick enjoyed chatting with him when visiting Kingsclere. He remembers his sketches for The Observer newspaper many years ago of political personages, and his artistic ability covered a large area. It was a joy to discuss art with him, which he cheerfully did in spite of ill-health, and with great humour at times.



Dennis Clark, RIP

Fr Patrick and members of the St Oswald's community were taken back to hear of the death of Dennis, whose entry to a local nursing home was noted in our Newsletter of 29th April.

Although Fr Patrick did not know him, members of the Burghfield Common community remembered the deep involvement of he and his wife in the community years ago. Fr Patrick expresses his thanks to his son, Trevor, who contacted him the day after his sudden death. The Funeral Mass will be at St Oswald's Church on Wednesday 23rd May at 11:00am. Members of the community at Burghfield Common add their condolences at this time.

DIOCESAN NOTICE

The new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into force on the 25th May 2018 and will impact every organisation which holds or processes Personal Data. The diocese in conjunction with Parishes and curial offices are now in the process of revising processes to ensure that we are compliant. The Diocese is committed to ensuring high standards of information security, privacy and transparency.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE OF BAMENDA

The situation in our sister Archdiocese continues to deteriorate because of political and social unrest caused by the refusal of the French-speaking government to enter into peaceful discussion with the English-speaking areas of the Cameroon.

Bishop Philip has written to the 35MP's in our Diocese to ask them to raise with our Foreign Office the continuing discrimination and breakdown of order.

Following the kidnapping of Fr William Neba, the Head teacher of St Bede's College in Bamenda, which is twinned to Bishop Chaloner School, Basingstoke, in our Pastoral Area, all the Catholic schools will be closed by 20th May to prevent further trouble.

Although it is unclear who was responsible for the kidnapping, Fr William was returned only on the condition that St Bede's College close before students took their GCSE's and A Level exams. One of the students has also been shot.