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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**

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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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

17/18 Feb 2018 £297.16

24/25 Feb 2018 £405.36

SPECIAL COLLECTION

CAFOD £466.37

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
4th MARCH 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 04 March 2018

12:00noon Mon 05 Mar **Tadley**

Lent Mass

7:00pm Fr 09 Mar **Tadley**

Stations of the Cross followed by Mass at 7:30pm

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT—YEAR A READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord..

Response to the Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts.'

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Communion Antiphon: For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

Next Sunday's Readings: (Fourth Sunday of Lent—Year A)

Samuel 16:1. 6-7.10-13, Ephesians 5:8-14. John 9:1-41.

CONGRATULATIONS MARY!

On Sunday 25th February, at the end of the 9:15am Mass at St Michael's Church, Tadley, parishioner Mary Coleman received the Tadley Good Citizen Award from Councillor Jo Page, Chairperson of Tadley Council.

Mary has given voluntary service to St Michael's Hospice in Basingstoke for 22 years, and is now retired.

In consulting the Hospice for the award, Councillor Page was told that Mary's presence often lit up the place and richly deserved local recognition.

Our thanks to Bill Reilly for the photograph which is on display in St Michael's Church. It shows Fr Patrick alongside Mary, holding her award. Behind them is Rosemary Bond, a member of our Tadley community, who initiated the process after speaking with Fr Patrick last year. Councillor Page is alongside them wearing her Chain of Office.

The presentation has received considerable attention on local Facebook, with many people sending their congratulations to "a lovely lady".

WELL DONE LILY!

At the same Mass following the Gospel, Fr Patrick presented Lily Kartar to our Tadley community as she prepares for Confirmation in the Cathedral on 14th April, asking her if she was prepared to accept with due seriousness this Sacrament. Mary Lee and Roy Singh as Catechists testified that she was worthy to be presented for the Sacrament, and the congregation assured her of prayer and support. It was a good moment in our community life, Lily obviously happy to be there with us and her mother, Paula, who contributes so well to our Music Group. Keep her in prayer!

CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND

This obligatory Collection is taken at all our Parish Masses next weekend.



PAT HUGHES (RIP)

The Funeral Service of Pat Hughes has been arranged for 11:00am on March 19th at St Michael's Church, Tadley.

MARY GREKULAK (RIP)

Mary, a former member of St Oswald's Church, died on 16th February. Anne Seward of our Burghfield Common community has informed us that her Ukrainian Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 1:30pm on Wednesday 7th March in St James Church, Reading, near The Forbury Gardens. At 3:00pm her burial takes place at Henley Road, Caversham, to which all are welcome. This is adjacent to Reading Crematorium.

WINTER NIGHT SHELTERS

The winter night shelter project has proved to be a great success once again this year. We are coming together to celebrate our successful involvement at St Bedes Hall on Saturday 10th March. Everyone from the Catholic Parishes in the Area who was involved is invited: volunteers, laundry team and set up & clear up teams. Partners are also very welcome. We have also invited Rev Kay and the team from URC, who allowed the Catholic community to come together on Thursday nights to provide friendship and shelter in the URC to the rough sleepers in Basingstoke.

To get an idea of numbers, please email katie.tambascia@gmail.com to let us know if you are coming.

A TIME FOR PRAYER

Fr Patrick hopes to get a period of prayer and reflection at St John's Seminary from 20th March—23rd March to prepare for Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum. He will return in time for Stations of the Cross and Mass on Friday 23rd March.

FLO AND FRIENDS

Come and enjoy a few hours of sharing fun food friendship with a concert and raffle. Held on Friday 16th March at St Oswald's Church Hall between 12:00noon to 2:15pm, cost is £5.00

SILCHESTER RETREAT DAYS

Information on these day at Silchester Methodist Church are available at both our churches and on our church noticeboards. The next one is on Saturday 17th March: Journeying to the Cross.

CAFOD LENTEN LUNCHES

During Lent, there will be two Tadley Lenten Lunches in support of the work of CAFOD. Our Government has agreed to doubling any sums raised by the Catholic community for CAFOD (The Catholic Fund for Overseas Development) in Lent.

Our St Michael's Archangels Group will hold these in the Parish Room at St Michael's Church on:

- Thursday 8th March from 12-2pm
- Saturday 17th March from 12-2pm ALL WELCOME

TADLEY SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR OUR LOST ONES

On Sunday March 18th at 3:00pm in Tadley Common Methodist Church CTAT is arranging a special time in remembrance and in thanksgiving for those we have loved in this life but are now deceased. Invitations are being sent to those families for whom our local clergy have led funerals in the last 12 months in Tadley. Their names will be read out and candles will be lit in their memory. If you know of someone who has been bereaved recently, please invite them to the Service to join us, and why not offer to come with them? If you, or a friend or relative will be coming and would like the name of a loved one read out, please let The Reverend Ruth Midcalf know by Email (ruth.midcalf@methodist.org.uk). The Reverend Ruth will lead the Service on behalf of Churches Together Around Tadley. Each of our Churches has been asked to provide a cake for this event. Please let Fr Patrick know if you wish to do so.

HAVE YOU HEARD OF CROSSLINK?

Crosslink is a Tadley based voluntary Care Group. Formed in 1988, Crosslink is run on a Christian ethos, and comes under the umbrella of CTAT. Crosslink aims to help anyone in need in our community (Tadley and surrounding villages). Our clients are referred to us from a variety of sources, such as Social Services, the Red Cross, doctors, nurses, health visitors, Age UK, Dementia Care, and many more. Our volunteers are very important to us, and we try to look after them as much as they look after the clients. The 'jobs' are many and varied, - shopping, befriending, lifts to local appointments, help with gardening, help with DIY jobs, - we have even been asked to do some dog walking in the past! At the present time our main request is befriending. The request for help seem to be increasing in number, and consequently we have the need for more volunteers.

If you feel that you would like to help those in need in your community, and have some time to spare, do please contact us on 07884 016 367.

CAN YOU HELP?

Paula Vallance of Basingstoke Foodbank writes: Due to generosity of our shoppers to Tesco in Chineham, we need to increase our collections to empty the permanent crate from 6 times a month to 8 times a month.

Would anyone be willing to pop into Tesco once a month a month to empty the crate and deliver it to the Centre on one of our opening days please? You'll be given a 3-day 'window' in which to collect each month. We'll give you a badge so that the security team know who you are. Please contact Paula Vallance 07722673645.

Also do not forget that CTAT has a collection area in the Sainsbury's store, Tadley, and The Reverend Richard Harlow is always grateful to hear from people who may wish to help collect items. Telephone (0118) 981 4860.

!!PLEASE COME!!

We do hope you will come to our next Uganda Supper at St Paul's Church Hall at 7pm on Saturday March 24th. After supper, see the smiling faces of the Ugandan children you help.....and the changes made possible by money raised last year... and more..!

During supper, enjoy the scenery from Salzburg, across the Austria Alps, to Venice. Visit the islands of the lagoon then make your way to Florence and on to Pisa with a boat trip along the Adriatic coast to La Spezia. This "all-inclusive trip!" is free but please be generous - all money raised is given directly to the children cared for at schools in Namugoga and Gayaza near Kampala, Uganda. We trust your spirits will be lifted as you spend time 'visiting' these children who are so thankful for your help. We do hope you will be able to come and please bring friends. All are welcome BUT, to help with catering, we really need to know numbers. Choice of at least 3 hot suppers and 10 desserts! Limited seating so please book your place as soon as you can, Christine and Bryan Watson Tel: (0118) 970 0415 or E-mail: bryanwatson@onetel.net

ROSARY ON THE COAST

Martin of our Burghfield Common community is interested in organising a coach for the Portsmouth part of this event.

It would be good if parishioners at St Oswald's Church spoke to him about this, to organise a group to attend if people are interested. Then people at Tadley can be given a chance to engage if there are places available.

A Mass Rosary Prayer event is being planned in April along the coastline of Britain.

The Rosary on the Coast is scheduled for 3pm on Sunday, April 29th. It follows similar events that drew many thousands of people in Poland and Ireland.

Organisers say the day is aimed at a "re-flourishing of the faith, for the grace to build a culture of life and true peace to reign in the hearts of all peoples and nations".