

**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**

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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.

CAFOD THANKS!

We have been thanked as a Parish for our support of CAFOD during Lent. All monies donated by the Parish will be doubled by the UK government. The closing date for donations to the scheme is 12th May.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
29th APRIL 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 29 April 2018

12noon	Thu 3 May	Tadley	<i>Ss Philip & James (Feast)</i>
12:30pm	Fri 04 May	Burghfield Common	<i>Funeral Service of Mr Ron Howlett (RIP)</i>

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Response to the Psalm: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears the fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Next Sunday's Readings: (Sixth Sunday of Easter—Year B)

Apostles 10:25-26.34-35.44-48. St John 4:7-10. John 15:9-17.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

30/03-01/04	PARISH COLLECTION LATE	£10.00
	EASTER OFFERINGS	£690.97
	HOLY PLACES	£261.31
07-08/04	PARISH COLLECTION	£227.51
	EASTER LATE OFFERINGS	£70.00
14-15/04	PARISH COLLECTION	£295.58
	QUARTERLY DIRECT DEBITS	JAN £2,999.32
		FEB £2,595.66
	GIFT AID	JAN £1,966.12
		FEB £4,378.91

CHURCHES TOGETHER AROUND TADLEY SERVICE FOR OUR DEAD

This takes place next Sunday, 6th May, at 3:00pm in Tadley Common Methodist Church, transferred from March because of the bad weather. Anyone wishing to have a loved one mentioned and wishing to attend should let Mrs Winsper know by Tuesday 1st May.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Common-sense having prevailed, our Bishops have decided that the Ascension of the Lord should return to being celebrated on a Thursday, as was the custom in the past. We celebrate it as an Holyday of Obligation on Thursday, 10th May, when all Catholics are obliged to attend Mass if possible. Masses are at 10:00am at St Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common and 7:30pm at St Michael's Church, Tadley.

COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY

There is an Obligatory Collection for Catholics Communications on the weekend of 12/13 May, and cards are available in our churches about this.



CONDOLENCES

Fr Patrick offers the condolences of the Parish Area to Mrs Howlett and her family on the death of her husband, Ron.

The Funeral Service is at St Oswald's church on Friday 4th May at 12:30pm, followed by a Reception in the Church Hall.

GIFT GIVING ENVELOPES

The gift giving envelopes for the new tax year are now available in the porch for your collection and we would ask existing givers to collect their boxes and sign the sheet to confirm that they have taken them.

This is an important part of our commitment to the Church and if you would like to part-take in the gift giving scheme we would encourage you to sign your name on the list in the porch and take a numbered envelope box (adding the number on your box alongside your name).

If you have any questions regarding the scheme you can contact Eamonn McArdle (0118) 970 1438 who administers the scheme on behalf of our Parish.

ABORTION UP TO THE MOMENT OF BIRTH!

It sounds crazy, but some in Parliament and the Medical Profession wish to decriminalise abortion totally, in effect allowing it up to the moment of birth. English Law already allows babies suffering from disabilities to be destroyed up to the moment of birth, which many regard as discrimination.

There is a growing concern, as Bishop Philip pointed out in his recent Pastoral Letter, that peaceful attempts to protest outside abortion clinics are being forbidden. There is a real need to act against the casual acceptance of a practice alien to Christian teaching, and to concentrate more effectively resources to assist those not wishing to have an abortion and those, having had them, receiving adequate support because of side-effects. The following events are brought to your attention:

- **MARCH FOR LIFE UK:** This takes place in London on Sunday 5th May, with speeches outside Parliament from 2:30pm—4:00pm, following the March For Life at 1:30pm. Full details from: 07773 501 721 or 07885 505 116.
- There is a meeting at St William of York Church, Upper Redlands Road, Reading, RG1 5JP on Friday 11th May 2018, from 8:00pm-9:30pm. The tour across the country is organised by The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, to make people aware of the terrible situation we are in danger of drifting into. On 22nd September 2017, without balloting it's 6,000 members, The Royal Collage of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists demanded the full decriminalisation of terminations at any stage in a pregnancy. Many of its members are Christians and others who are not agreement with the 1967 Abortion Act's effect. All the Baptised are called to react to these developments in the name of Christ. Will you? Information in our churches.

ASSISTED DYING IN GUERNSEY

Fr Patrick spent three years of his early priesthood on the island of Guernsey, which is part of the Channel Islands and under the care of our Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth.

Like Bishop Philip, he is deeply disturbed to learn that there is an attempt to introduce Assisted Dying, which simply means Assisted Suicide, into Guernsey Law. The Islands have their own judicial systems, based on Norman & English Law, and in many matters act independently of the UK.

Christian ministers on the island have come together to oppose this attempt to change the law, and would value our prayerful support. They have raised several serious issues, amongst which is the involvement of medical personnel issuing medication to kill a patient, questions of conscientious objection by Christians and others, and

the danger of the development of a euthanasia mentality against one of care and respect for life.

There is an initial vote on 16th May, so please pray that the politicians of the island will be led by God's spirit, as there is a strong Christian culture on Guernsey. As Bishop Philip warned in his recent Pastoral Letter, a new Dark Age could be on the horizon!

REFUGEE PROJECT MANAGER

The Diocese requests that people be made aware of the intention to employ a Refugee Project Development Manager in respect of refugee resettlement within the Diocese. The appointed person will be expected to work closely with parishes, local authorities and the Home Office. Full details on the posters in our churches. The application closing date is 16th May. For informal enquiries about this post, please contact Fr Mark Hogan on 01962 852 804, at St Peter's Church, Winchester.

DBS CHECKED CHILDREN'S LITURGY!

Fr Patrick, as obliged to do so, regularly points out at Tadley and Burghfield Common the need for TWO Diocesan DBS checked persons to be available at every Sunday Liturgy involving children. Some parishioners think this an optional extra—IT IS NOT! No Liturgy is permitted without two properly checked Diocesan DBS persons.

Failure to comply with this means that should there be an accident, or accusation of any of any form of abuse, involving organisers of a Liturgy, the Diocese is unable to protect them against legal sanctions or even imprisonment as they have acted contrary to Safeguarding/Vulnerable adults protocols. A Diocesan DBS has to be obtained through Parish Safeguarding Representatives before any persons act in this role.

GDPR IS COMING!

On Friday 25th May 2018 the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) becomes UK Law. This EU legislation applies to all current member states and replaces the UK Data Protection Act. All need to be aware of this legislation, and Fr Patrick, Dcn Anthony and Mrs Winsper have attended a Diocesan Training Programme, receiving Certificates of GDPR Training.

We are obliged under the legislation to respect the wishes of any parishioners who desire to be 'forgotten'. However, there are certain circumstances where, under the legislation this may not be possible. If a parishioner wishes to be 'forgotten' it is necessary to contact personally Mrs Winsper in the Parish Office. Parishioners are advised in so far as their personal circumstances are concerned in respect of data to study the legislation.

The Diocese is ensuring that all out parishes will be compliant when the legislation comes in to force.

MR DENNIS CLARK

A former parishioner of Burghfield Common, Mr Clark, has entered a local nursing home and his family is happy that parishioners who knew him are given the new address. This is available from Mrs Winsper through the Parish Office.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BURGHELD, SULHAMSTEAD AND MORTIMER

There is a Service at St Mary's Church, Burghfield, at 7:30pm on Wednesday 16th May for all our local churches. This is to enable us to join the 10 days of prayer from Ascension to Pentecost which the Anglican Archbishops have called for over the last couple of years and is supported by our Catholic and Methodist Churches.

A FINE CELEBRATION!

Our thanks to Geoff and Gina Poulter for arranging a most enjoyable Parish Reception for Carole Ellery following her Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil at Tadley on Saturday, 31st March 2018. People remained until after Midnight enjoying a fine spread and good wine. Carole expresses her thanks to all who made this night so memorable for her. She found it an intense spiritual moment in her personal life and its Christian Journey.