

**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 3221

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament is celebrated on most Saturdays in St Michael's Church from 5pm to 5.30pm, but not on Saturdays 2nd December, 23rd December 2017 and 30th December.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

18/19 Nov £326.21



**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE
26th NOVEMBER 2017**

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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 26 November 2017

11:00am Thu 30 Nov **Tadley**

St Andrew (Feast)

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Response to the Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Next Sunday's Readings: (FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT—Year B)

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8. Corinthians. 1:3-9. Mark 13:33-37.



**WE WELCOME IN BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND
SUZANNA LOUISE CALLADINE**

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

This will take place on two Saturdays during Advent, in St Michael's Church, Tadley as announced at all Masses last weekend. They are 9th December (9.45am - 4.45pm) and 16th December (9.45am - 12.45pm).

A list is available in St Michael's Church with vacant slots to be filled. Please sign your name if you're able to commit for an hour. There has to be a minimum of two people present at all times for this to go ahead and the list is to ensure the minimum number of people will be present. It goes without saying that it's hoped there will be a lot more than just two people keeping Jesus company during those ten hours spread over two Saturdays. Hopefully, members from both our communities will be able to sign the list.

Fr Patrick expresses his thanks to Bill Reilly for his work on this.

CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER

We are planning a Christmas afternoon tea in the Parish Room on the above date from 2.00-4.00pm. This will be for those living alone or unable to come to Mass or perhaps a lonely neighbour. It will be by invitation only as we have restricted space in the Parish Room. If there is someone that you would like to be invited then please contact Gina Poulter on 01256 541052. We will also be looking for volunteers to help by baking a cake, drivers to collect guests, helpers on the afternoon to set up, serve and clear up. So if you would be willing to help them please contact Gina on the above number.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTIONS

These will be taken at both our churches on the weekend of 9th/10th December for Christmas flowers at our churches.

ADVENT—LAS POSADAS

Las Posadas (Spanish for “The Inns”) commemorates the journey of Joseph and Mary from Nazareth to Bethlehem, seeking a safe place for the birth of Jesus.

For the first time in St Michael’s Church part of our Parish this will be celebrated during Advent.

So what is involved?

At the beginning of December a rota will be placed at the back of St Michael’s Church covering 16th-24th December. This covers 9 nights, representative of Mary’s 9 month pregnancy. By signing it, parishioners will be able to volunteer to host a simple service in their own homes over the 9 nights; one service in one home per night. Service sheets and advice will be provided.

The idea is that friends, family and neighbours are invited to your home on the applicable night for a simple service. Afterwards, hospitality may be offered (sandwiches, a light supper etc.) but this is not obligatory. Whom you invite is your choice, but this is an excellent opportunity for simple evangelising of neighbours and lapsed Catholics.

Pam and Tony Darroch have made available a fine representation of Joseph and a pregnant Mary on a donkey, which will travel from home to home according to the rota. If you have any questions about this, please contact Pam Darroch (0118) 981 1105.

There will be a special ceremony within our Saturday Evening Vigil Mass on the 2nd December, when the representation of Joseph and Mary will be blessed by Fr Patrick to begin its Advent journey.

NIGHT LIGHT WINTER SHELTER

Thank you for responding in great numbers to the appeal for the Catholic community in the Deanery to get involved with this year's winter shelters. Next we are appealing for new or good quality SINGLE duvet covers, pillows, pillow cases, pillow protectors, WASHABLE blankets and hand towels. Alternatively a donation to help us buy them would be gratefully received.

Please do not bring the items to St Michael’s or St Oswald’s, without first contacting Tony Darroch at torrisdale_tony@awe.co.uk or 07723763767, who will make arrangements with you to receive them.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BURGHEFIELD, SULHAMSTEAD AND MORTIMER (SECRETARY WANTED)

Do you have a heart for Christian Unity?

Are you prepared to volunteer your gifts, talents and time for the good of our local Christian Community, if so we are looking for you! Whilst not a very onerous role, it is a very important one for Christian Unity. Typing and word processing skills will be needed. If this is something you feel you can offer please contact Dcn John Foley on (0118) 327 4120. Posters in our churches.

JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

You will be welcome at the new venue of the Ambrose Allen Centre, Franklin Ave, Tadley at 12noon for coffee, drinks & biscuits when the festivities will begin. Afterwards enjoy the Christmas atmosphere in good company, with conversation and soft music as Christmas dinner is prepared, served and enjoyed! Then relax with an afternoon of fun, music and easy entertainment. There is no cost for this day. For more details please contact Mark and Julie on (0118) 970 1125.

FR PATRICK NOT AVAILABLE THIS WEEK

In the coming week Fr Patrick is generally unavailable. He has a Meeting at Winchester on Tuesday with Fr Mark Hogan and other priests about developing ideas from the Convocation of the Clergy. On Thursday afternoon until late Friday he is meeting with the Bishop and other priests for prayer and discussion. He has also a consid-

erable amount of paperwork to deal with, needing immediate attention. And he needs a day off! However he will celebrate the Feast of St Andrew on Thursday 30th November at 11:00am in St Michael’s Church. There are no other Parish Masses this week.

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS

These will be available for sale at both our churches from the 2nd December, and are a helpful guide for our journey through Advent preparing for the Lord’s Birthday. There will be a charge of £1.00 per booklet and any profit will go to CAFOD.

BURGHEFIELD AND AREA SCHOOL PASTORS

Centred on The Willink—“Friendship, Safety, Care”

Do you have a heart for community, for vulnerable people, and particularly for young people? Are you able to respond to changing situations, where emotions may run high, yet equally comfortable in situations with less ‘action’? Do you have a passion to ‘serve Jesus’ in our villages of Burghfield and Mortimer, and committed to a local church? If so, we’d love to hear from you!

We’re revisiting our vision of School Pastors and looking to expand, and would love to have you join in this next stage of our journey. libby@togetherinmission.org.uk, 0777-891-1182, Or visit the website: www.schoolpastors.org.uk/locations/burghfield-area/ Libby Hawkness-Smith is the Burghfield and Area School Pastors Co-ordinator and she spoke recently at St Oswald’s Church about her work. She would be happy to hear from parishioners interested in her work.

ADVENT FORMATION MEETING FOR ALL READERS AND ALL LAY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

The Bishop regards our Advent and Lent Formation Meetings as most important for good Liturgical Practice and greater understanding of the importance of these ministries.

This year’s Meeting takes place in the Parish Room at Tadley on Saturday 2nd December beginning with tea and coffee at 9:30am leading to start at 10:00am and aiming to finish by 12noon. As well as the opportunity for ALL to discuss aspects of ministry, there will be a presentation by Tony Darroch on the title EMMANUEL. This is an important title for the expected Messiah whom we recognise to be the child born at Christmas.

Tony is training for the Permanent Diaconate and presented a good paper on this area as part of training, which should lead to discussion and a greater understanding of the title.

Fr Patrick will be saying a few words towards the end of the Meeting on developments concerning the Convocation of the Clergy and any points arising from his overnight stay with Bishop Philip and other clergy.

There will also be a chance for participants to sign up for duties over the Christmas period at both our communities. Please let Cath Farrow or Pam Darroch know that you will be attending as soon as possible but no later than Wednesday 29th November.

KSC “LUCKY ME” WINNER

Congratulations to Bill and Joy Reilly for winning November’s draw.

THANK YOU TO ALBERT OF CTAT

On behalf of the Parish, Fr Patrick would like to thank Albert (Alan) Gingell for his years of service to CTAT in producing a first-class monthly guide to local church events and associated matters. Albert has decided to step down in December and there has been no response to his request for another volunteer to take over his role. He has found that modern technology is outpacing him and that a better qualified person was needed. His contribution to local Ecumenical work has been of great value and will be greatly missed. As so often happens, if nobody volunteers to take over an important role in this work the particular contribution comes to an end!