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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 Bill Reilly on (0118) 981 981 3784.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament is celebrated on most Saturdays in St Michael's Church. However due to the closure of the church for two weeks, Reconciliation is available only by appointment in advance with Fr Patrick until the work is completed. There will be no reconciliation on Saturdays 05th, 12th & 19th October 2019.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

08/09/19

£114.31

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
22nd SEPTEMBER 2019**

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Tadley and Kingsclere and Burghfield Common Masses

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

Week Days 23 September - 27 September 2019

UNFORTUNATELY THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

FR PATRICK NOT AVAILABLE

Fr Patrick is not generally available during the week beginning Monday 23rd September, nor from Monday 30th September—Saturday 12th October.

60th ANNIVERSARY OF ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

On Sunday 29th September we celebrate our Anniversary Mass in St Michael's Church at 11:00am, with no other Sunday Masses in the Parish that day. The Saturday evening Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 6:00pm as normal, for those unable to attend the Sunday Mass. Following the Mass on Sunday, there will be a Parish Lunch, for all who have sign the necessary sheet, at Pamber Heath Memorial Hall. The list closed on Sunday 8th September. There will be an opportunity to give a donation towards the three course lunch on the day, as there will be no fixed charge. Soft drinks will be provided, but if those attending wish to bring their own wine this is all right.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

Fr Patrick would like to know by Sunday the 27th October 2019 the names of all those who wish to receive the Sacrament of the Altar in 2020.

They must be aged 8 years by the end of August 2020 and should be regular Church attendees. Completed forms should be returned in an envelope addressed to Fr Patrick.

NAME OF CANDIDATE:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NO:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

DATE OF BIRTH:

NAMES OF PARENTS:

(Who agree to participate in the Preparation Programme)

IMPORTANT CHURCH CLOSURE ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the on-going heating issues at St Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common i.e. the boiler has 'died', an initial decision has been made to close the church during the first two weeks of October, Sundays 05th & 14th October. There will be ONE Mass in the Parish Area on those Sundays for all Parishioners at 10:30am in St Michael's Church, Tadley. The Saturday Evening Vigil Mass at 6:00pm at Tadley continues as normal. There will be further details announced as to Mass arrangements and parishioners from both our communities are encouraged to attend the Parish Meeting in the Leonard Rooms (which recently has a new boiler installed!) on Wednesday 16th October at 7pm.

PARISH MEETING

As mentioned in previous Newsletters, our Parish is faced with a considerable amount of work to maintain our sites for the future Mission of the Church in this area.

There will be a Parish Meeting on Wednesday 16th October at 7pm to discuss our Parish Vision and how our finances can support it. Please note the date in your diaries and make every effort to attend. This will be held in the Leonard Rooms at St Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common, which has heating!

CAFOD AUTUMN FAST DAY

This will take place on Friday 4th October, and the monies raised by fasting and self-sacrifice will be collected in the Second Collection on the weekend of 05th/6th October. There will also be a Bishop's Letter that weekend.

EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION (EMM2019)

Pope Francis has declared October 2019 to be a special month of prayer and action to support the worldwide Mission of the Church, especially the poorest parishes spiritually and materially. We think especially of the youngest local church in the world—Mongolia. It came into being in 1992, and serves the poorest and most neglected in society with few resources.

Pope Francis reminds us that October 2019 is the centenary of the Apostolic letter of Pope Benedict XV, a letter he regards as "a milestone in the evolution of the Church's missionary work."

He reminds us that we are all called to engage in the Church's missionary work, locally and nationally. Every Baptised man or woman is a mission, he declares, to be drawn out of themselves to others and build life-giving relationships with our fellow brothers and sisters. Our Baptism calls us to break through the narrow limits of worlds, religions and cultures, growing in respect for the dignity of men and women and growing deeper in the truth of the Risen Lord.

There is a Second Collection at all Masses on the weekend of 19th/20th October, as we celebrate World Mission Sunday. We are called to be especially generous in this Collection in love for our brothers and sisters in Christ struggling to proclaim the Good News. Fr Patrick has ordered special Prayer Cards for this Extraordinary Month.

BAMENDA COLLECTION

This will be taken at all Masses on the weekend of 2nd/3rd November. We welcome Fr Gaston to our Parish Area, a new arrival from Cameroon, to assist Fr Chris Whelan at St Joseph's Church. Our best wishes to Fr Emmanuel, also from the Cameroon, who leaves St Joseph's Church to serve at the Cathedral. And welcome to Fr Leo from Nigeria who will be assisting Fr Christ Rutledge at St Bede's Church.

DAY FOR CATECHISTS AND CHILDREN LITURGY LEADERS

10am—4pm on Saturday 19th October. The Dominican Sisters and the Formation for Mission team invite everyone engaged in passing on the faith to children, young people and adults to Portsmouth Cathedral on Saturday 19th October for a day of thanksgiving, celebration and formation where we will discover ways to share our faith in Jesus Christ as his witnesses within our ministries. The day will be

led by Fr Mark Hogan, and Mass will be celebrated in thanks giving for all diocesan catechists. Lunch will be provided. Register online: <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists> or phone the Dominican Sisters to book a place: 01590 681874

CARITAS IN TADLEY!

At our recent CTAT Forum on Thursday 12th September, Cathy Knight and two of her colleagues from CARITAS—Portsmouth outlined their hope to establish at The Ambrose Allen Centre, an opportunity for people to meet in a safe and caring environment, promoting positive mental health and personal growth. This was the result of Cathy, one of our parishioners deeply involved in the Diocesan work of CARITAS (Charity) (an international Catholic organisation reaching out to those in need, Catholic and non-Catholic) approaching Fr Patrick for local support. He expresses his thanks to his CTAT colleagues for agreeing to help as far as possible, and to giving time for Cathy and her helpers at our Forum to outline their hopes and to request volunteers once the scheme gets underway, possibly in November. The CARITAS members greatly appreciated the welcome they received and the good interchange of ideas to forward the scheme. It would be good if members of our Parish, especially in Tadley but not exclusively from there, made contact with Fiona Allen (CARITAS) to see if they might be able to help. It was agreed at the Forum that any interested people could contact her at fallen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PET SERVICE...A CELEBRATION OF GOD'S CREATION

This will be held on Sunday 22nd September 2019 at 3:00pm at Burrell's Farm, 45 Main Road, Tadley RG26 3NJ (opposite Knapp Lane) The Service will be led by the Revd. Dr Ruth Midcalf. You are welcome to bring a pet (even if you don't bring a pet, adopt a chicken or sheep for the Service). All dogs must be on a lead. Please bring a garden chair or blanket to sit on.

HAPPINESS LAB

This resumes on Monday 30th September 2019. Details are on the Poster in St Michael's Church, Tadley.

CROSSLINK AGM

The Crosslink AGM and lunch will be held on Sunday 6th October at 12:30 at The Immanuel Centre, Tadley United Reformed Church. Please let the Co-Coordinator know by the 29th September if you expect to come to the AGM on 07884 016 367.

TADLEY ARTS FESTIVAL (19th-25th OCTOBER)

Churches Together Around Tadley (CTAT), supported by our Town Council and others, launches this first time not specifically religious event at St Mary's Anglican Church at 11:00am on Saturday 19th October. Fr Patrick will be involved in the launch and other events that weekend. This is an outreach by our local churches to our local community, celebrating the many gifts of the artistic world—classical and modern music, drama, painting and mosaics amongst other ones. For Christians, the presence of the Holy Spirit is within all that is artistically good, leading us deeper into the love of the Trinity.

It is hoped that our local community as a whole will engage in this exciting venture, and we need stewards for the various events over the week. Please contact Fr Patrick if you feel you can help—and look out for the forthcoming events.

NIGHT LIGHT WINTER SHELTER

Planning has started again for this year's program which offers shelter and friendship, from 1st December to 28th February, to people sleeping rough on the streets of Basingstoke. All new volunteers must undergo a training session and two hour training sessions are available on 28th September or 15th October at Sarum Hill Centre, RG21 8SR. Returning volunteers will be contacted by email. For more information please contact Pat Murphy.