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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 5:00pm to 5:30pm. However it will now not be available until Saturday 11th January 2020, unless there is an emergency.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

15.12.19

£260.36

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 22 DECEMBER 2019
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD 25 DECEMBER 2019
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH 29 DECEMBER 2019
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 05 JANUARY 2019

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Tadley and Kingsclere and Burghfield Common Masses

6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass Tadley
10:30am Sunday Parish Mass Tadley

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2019

24 December 11:30pm Tadley
*Vigil Service of Readings & Music leading into **Midnight Mass***

25 December 09:15 am Tadley
25 December 11:15am Burghfield Common

Week Days 30 December 2019 - 17 January 2020

12:00Noon Mon 30 Dec Tadley *Christmastide Mass*
11:00am Wed 1 Jan Tadley *Solemnity of Mary Mother of God*
12:00Noon Thu 2 Jan Tadley *Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen (Memorial)*

1:00pm Tues 14 Jan West Berks Crem Nancy Fisher (RIP) Service
11:00am Wed 15 Jan Tadley Funeral Mass Eammon Lavery (RIP)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT—YEAR A

Entrance Antiphon: Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a saviour.

Responsorial Psalm: Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD—MASS DURING THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon: A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

Responsorial Psalm: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! A hallowed day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, worship the Lord, for today a great light has shone down upon the earth. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Entrance Antiphon: The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

Responsorial Psalm: O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among Us.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD—MASS DURING THE DAY ONLY

Entrance Antiphon: Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

Responsorial Psalm: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: We have seen his star in the east, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Entrance Antiphon: After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved, Listen to him.' Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

THANK YOU

A Message from Shelley Winsper

I would like to thank each and every parishioner for the last 3 1/2 years. I have had the most amazing work experience and I am genuinely sad to be leaving my role as Parish Secretary. I would like to thank you for the my wonderful gift. You have all made my time here in the Parish an absolute joy. I will miss you all very much!

FR PATRICK'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Since October, it has been a very difficult time. Following the remarkable Pilgrimage to the Holy Land organised by Bill and Joy Reilly, he has had no real time to himself.

The closure of St Oswald's Church for the installation of a new boiler; lighting and heating refurbishment in St Michael's Church, necessitating its closure for a week; the nasty virus and stomach bug which affected him for two weeks in November; the need to address the appointment of a new Secretary - all have had their impact.

He has had no time to visit parishioners, only time to respond to emergencies, even having had to cancel a short break planned with his brother.

However, matters could have been worse without the support of members of the Parish Finance Committee and the prayers and understanding of several parishioners who have recognised the pressure he has been under. To them all, a sincere "thank you".

To all our parishioners and visitors, a truly holy and joyful Christmas and 2020. He has given our Parish Greetings to our Pastoral Area Clergy and to Bishop Philip, and appreciates the personal Christmas card from our Bishop.

Deacon Anthony and Diana send their greetings, with thanks for your prayerful support. Their card is in St Michael's Church.

TADLEY CHURCH CLEANING

This will take place on Monday 23rd December 2019 from 10:30am -12:30pm. Please let Helen Warner know if you are able to help by telephoning 0118 981 2107.

THE BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Please take a copy of The Gospel of Luke in The New International Version (NIV), to be read during this Year of The Word, when we listen to The God who speaks to us through Sacred Scripture. It is Bishop Philip's present to each family in the Diocese.

CHRISTMAS CRIB COLLECTION

Bishop Philip has asked that all Crib offerings be donated to the Friends of the Holy Land to assist Christians in that part of the world. Please be generous!

CHRISTMAS DAY COLLECTIONS

These are traditionally for the use of your priest and form an important part of his upkeep. Fr Patrick thanks you in advance for your kind donations.

CHRISTMAS PACKAGES "THANK YOU"!

On Wednesday 18th December Clive Warner called in to see Fr Patrick with four fine Christmas packages to add to the celebration of the Lord's Birth of those who would welcome them. These are a gift from the Old Presentonians' Association, of which Clive and Fr Patrick are members.

Clive is the grandfather of Oliver, the youngster who died of cancer recently to the great sadness of many. It was good to chat with him about the funeral, which went very well. Oliver was a Star Wars fan, and his coffin was decorated with that in mind. Please keep Clive and his wife and Oliver's close family in prayer at this difficult time. Fr Patrick told him that Oliver had been in our prayers at the time of his death, which he appreciated. His card in St Michael's Church thanks you all for your support.

PEACE SUNDAY

This is held in England & Wales on Sunday 19th January, and the Mass at Tadley will be a Votive Mass for Peace, allowed by our

Bishops.

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK

The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Saturday 18th January, and ends with the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul on Saturday 25th January.

The Churches Together Around Tadley (CTAT) Service will take place at St Michael's Church at 4:00pm on Sunday 19th January 2020. Fr Patrick asks that parishioners make every effort to attend, and expresses his thanks to our Archangels Group for providing refreshments.

The Churches Together in Burghfield, Sulhamstead & Mortimer (CTBSM) Service will take place the following Sunday 26th January 2020 at 6:30pm at Burghfield Common Methodist Church.

A NEW PART-TIME SECRETARY

Following the recent interviews, it has been arranged with our Diocesan Office that a new part-time Secretary will take post on 6th January. Fr Patrick is grateful to Victoria Nightingale of our Human Resources Department for all her help in this appointment, and to Gerry Penfold for his representation of the Parish generally during the Interview process. Also to Mrs Winsper, for pulling together documentation for the selected candidates and assistance on the interview day. It was good that she willingly stayed in post through December when AWE delayed her new appointment to early January. Thanks Shelley! Victoria was most happy with the candidates chosen by Fr Patrick and Gerry Penfold for interview. It was a long but rewarding morning and afternoon. More details about the new Secretary in 2020.

The Parish Office will be closed and Fr Patrick will not be available on 6th and 7th January, as part of the Induction Process agreed by the Diocese. Please avoid visiting the Presbytery on these days. On Friday 20th December, Mrs Winsper and Fr Patrick were engaged with welcoming and Initial Induction of the successful candidate. Friday 10th January will also be an Induction Day, when Shelley has generously stated that she will return to clarify any outstanding issues.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Can you volunteer to help with Children's Liturgy in St Michael's Church at the 9.15 Mass?

We are a small, friendly group of parents and grandparents and would love you to join us as we are short of volunteers. If you are interested or would like to know more please email Pauline Penfold at penfoldfamily5@yahoo.co.uk

COFFEE MORNING FOR HOIMA HOSPICE

This will be held in the Parish Room on Saturday 18th January 2020 between 10:00am & 12noon. The monies raised will go to support Hospice Africa in Uganda, in which Jo Mellor is involved. Jo asks that anyone who wishes to donate unused Christmas presents (after Christmas!) contact her on 07963 551 988.

RURAL CONFERENCE

Fr Patrick is not available during the week of 27th January—31st January. He will be away at the Rural Conference for Catholics at the beginning of the week and having a couple days off at the end of it.

PARISH CONDOLENCES

 Eammon Lavery, who resided in this Parish for many years before moving to Basingstoke, died on Wednesday 18th December in Basingstoke Hospital. Father Patrick had visited him on the previous Monday at the request of his family. Eammon was a stalwart of the Parish and a true gentleman. His Funeral Mass is on Wednesday 15th January at 11.00 am in St Michael's Church.