

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**

St Michael's Church

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St Oswald's Church

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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) 9813784 during September

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament is celebrated on request at the present time in the Parish Room at Tadley. Please book with Fr Tansey by telephone.

NEWSLETTER

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

12th September 2021

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Tadley, Kingsclere and Burghfield Common Masses

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

Weekday Mass:

12 noon 14 Sep Exaltation of the Cross Tadley
12 noon 21 Sep St Matthew Tadley
12 noon 29 Sep Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Tadley

Please note: Advance booking is not required for weekday Masses.

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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— YEAR B

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The chalice of blessing that we bless is a communion in the Blood of Christ; and the bread that we break is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.

Next Sunday's Reading (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20. St James 3:16-4:3. Mark 9:30-37

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Diocesan Collections

This weekend there is an Optional Collection for the Catholic Education Service.

Next weekend there is an Obligatory Collection for Home Mission Sunday

Autumn Mass Counts: These will be taken at all weekend Masses on 18/19th, 25/26th September and 2/3rd and 9/10th October.

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Welcome in Baptism: Edward George Green on 11th September in St Michael's Church

In Prayer after Baptism: Isabel Hazel Stella Forbes on 17th July in St Michael's Church and Alfie Oliver Steven Moore on 24th July in St Oswald's Church

"Thank you" to their parents for their cooperation in adhering to COVID guidelines

MEMORIAL MASS FOR PEGGY GREGORY

As many parishioners know, Peggy cleaned St Oswald's Church and the Leonard Rooms for many years before her death from cancer in June 2021. Fr Patrick took her Cremation Service on 23rd July, and her Memorial Mass will be at 10:30am on Sunday 19th September at St Oswald's Church. Booking for the Mass is required.

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I am grateful to our new part-time Secretary for agreeing to prepare a Newsletter immediately on coming into post. We shall endeavour that one will be produced each week, excepting holidays or unforeseen circumstances.

This will be a useful outreach as our Diocese and our Parish address the continuing pandemic in accordance with the guidance of our Bishops to move cautiously, ensuring that our churches and ancillary buildings are safe spaces. Also, that priests and their parish communities are aware of local infection rates and deaths, acting in Christian charity to protect not only themselves but also the communities which they serve.

Already Kathryn and I have been briefed in a Diocesan Conference Call about our responsibilities in respect of cleaning and sanitisation of our churches and the Leonard Rooms, and the need to exercise these obligations properly. But more of this as, like many of our churches, we open up steadily, aware that the road ahead may be very bumpy, especially as winter approaches. *Father Patrick*

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WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY, KATHRYN!

Our new part-time Secretary, Kathryn Garden, will be attending our 6:00pm Saturday evening Mass at Tadley on 18th September and our 10:30am Sunday morning Mass on 26th September in Burghfield Common, after which Masses she hopes to be able to meet people in the grounds of our churches to introduce herself.

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FAREWELL REVEREND KAY!

The congregation of Tadley URC would like to invite anyone from our congregation to come and say goodbye to Kay Blackwell following her last service in Tadley on 12th September. Please join them for coffee and cake from 11:45am in the Immanuel Centre. The CTAT Church leaders said their "goodbyes" at a lunch for her in July. She will be missed.

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CROSSLINK GARDEN PARTY

The AGM of Crosslink is on Sunday 10th October at 2:15pm, followed by a Tea Party at 3:00pm (venue to be confirmed, outside if the weather is clement!). Before final plans are agreed, you are asked to notify the Committee of your desire to attend as soon as possible (07884 016 367)

SECULAR CLERGY COMMON FUND AGM

Father Patrick will not be available on Thursday 16th September as he will be attending the AGM and Dinner in London as Portsmouth Administrator of this Fund, which assists sick and retired secular priests in five Dioceses.

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PASTORAL AREA COURSE 'METANOIA'

During the recent lockdown, representatives from our North-West Hampshire Pastoral Area have promoted Zoom-based courses which have been very successful. A new one entitled 'Metanoia—and Believe in the Gospel' facilitated by Gerry Penfold from Tadley, begins on Monday 13th September until Monday 22nd November at 7:30pm. If you are interested in joining this you need to register, as announced by Fr Patrick when he promoted it in our Churches. Please contact Geoff Poulter personally or by email to geoffpoulter@hotmail.com if you have not done so already.

The Pastoral Area representatives are now tentatively moving towards the possibility of establishing face-to-face small groups, as advocated in the recent Stage 4 Guidelines on Covid by our Catholic Conference of Bishops. Please keep this good work in your prayers.

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CAFOD AND THE UN COP26 CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

Whilst taking a break with his brother and sister-in-law during August, Father Patrick was with them during a telephone conference with their Diocesan Cafod representative. Both are the CAFOD 'movers' in their parish, and it was fascinating to follow accounts of meetings with their MP to discuss the climate crisis and promote the UN Conference.

Those attending our weekend Masses will know that COP26 has been in our Parish prayers, especially as Pope Francis intends to be in Glasgow for it. Recently the Vatican announced he would not be celebrating Mass there because of his tight schedule.

On Friday September 17th Anne Reilly, our CAFOD Representative, and a small group, will be having a 15 minute meeting via Zoom with Kit Malthouse, the MP for North-West Hampshire, to discuss these issues. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, should there be any spare places left, please contact Anne via email: aereilly@yahoo.co.uk. Only members of the constituency may attend and names and addresses need to be submitted before the meeting.

Father Patrick expresses his thanks to parishioners of both our churches who have asked for the CAFOD paper petition cards and he has some left if required. The petition is short, asking our Government, which is hosting the Glasgow UN Meeting, to work with world leaders to stop temperatures rising beyond a disastrous 1.5 degrees, and to show concern for those areas worst affected by this crisis. Postage is paid, so drop it in the post box after signing it!

Autumn Family Fast Day falls on Friday 1st October this year and CAFOD asks us to focus on the area of climate change in respect of the poorest parts of the world. A short CAFOD talk will be read at our weekend Masses on 25th/26th September.

Finally, our sincere thanks to Cath Farrow who has stepped down as one of our CAFOD representatives.

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BASINGSTOKE FOODBANK IS LOOKING FOR A FOODBANK COMMUNITY CONNECTOR

This is a new paid role. We have funding for a 1-year fixed term contract to start asap. There may be potential for renewal beyond a year. Initially 25 hours pw with a 3-month review if we need to increase hours. Flexible over 5 days.

We are looking for someone who could spend time in our centres working alongside volunteers, clients, agencies and churches evaluating, reviewing and developing our current and future signposting activities to help us become more effective in connecting people with a range of help within their community and in our local churches. Apply with CV and covering letter to detail any relevant experience and why you would be suited to the role. If you would like to discuss the role further prior to application, email admin@basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk and one of our Trustees or operations team will call you. Applications closing date: 24th Sept

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TREACLE FAIR HEATWAVE!

On Sunday 5th September there was a very big gathering of people for the Treacle Fair at Saunders Field. After celebrating the Mass at St Oswald's Church and having a sandwich, Father Patrick joined those at the Churches Together Around Tadley tent and visited some of the others in the area. It was great to meet not only Tadley fellow Christians but also other people from our local community. The afternoon was blessed with glorious sunshine - but many were struggling with the heat!

Congratulations to Dina Haywood for all her work on behalf of CTAT and for mounting a fine display of our involvement as churches in the area - and to Mary Lee, our St Michael's Church representative, for encapsulating in our poster the many things our Catholic community is doing. There was no space to put anything else on it!

The Tadley Men's Shed was well worth a visit, and it was good to chat with Andrew Thompson of Crosslink and Paul Gross, our CTAT Communications Officer. Gerry Penfold, his wife Pauline, and Bill Reilly from our Catholic Community were helping youngsters to enjoy themselves with a fascinating game. It was nice to meet Veronika and her family from St Oswald's Church again. Thank you Veronika for the fine liturgical music at the morning Mass alongside Rick Wallis as our churches returned to congregational singing that weekend.

WEST BERKS FOODBANK HARVEST APPEAL

In the last year, many of you have helped us to do something amazing. West Berks Foodbank has supported over 15,000 adults and children in the local community during the worst of the pandemic and we could not have done this without your support. We are so grateful of your partnership, allowing us to help those individuals in our community who are in crisis.

Recently I sent you an Urgent Appeal email as we were struggling to support the extra families - an extra 350 clients - through the Hungry Holidays initiative during the school holidays as well as others in crisis. Last month, we were able to supply 40,914 meals to those in need through your help in extra collections and communicating our appeal to your congregations. Thank you.

But now our stocks are severely diminished. Since January, we have sent out approx. 17 tonnes more in food parcels than we have received. (For those of you who find this hard to visualise, it is the weight of two very large African elephants!) We have provided emergency support to over 1,000 adults and children each month, and a staggering 3,401 in the last two months. To do this, we have had to spend hundreds of pounds to purchase essential food and products to be able to meet the demand.

So, this Harvest Festival, we would like to ask, please will you continue to partner with us and help us replenish our stocks so we can continue to make a difference in West Berkshire? You may like to organise a collection in your church as part of this celebration of God's provision and goodness. I will happily arrange to collect donations if you are unable to deliver the food to the warehouse. Many people find it easier to leave donations in the Foodbank boxes at the supermarkets and that is great. Our volunteers pick up once or twice a week from these to bring everything to the warehouse.

The top ten items are:

- Tinned Meals
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Soup
- Sponge Puddings
- Shower Gel/Shampoo
- Coffee
- Biscuits
- Instant Mash
- Pasta Sauce
- Tinned Vegetables

Please note: Items should not be left outside St Oswald's Church, but should be brought to the Church when a Sunday Mass is being celebrated and left inside the building. Father Patrick will ensure that the West Berks Foodbank knows of them.

The Foodbank hopes to return to The Leonard Rooms in November. These are given free of charge by the Parish as our contribution to this work.