

Parish of St. Michael, Tadley (with Kingsclere) and St. Oswald, Burghfield Common

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MASS TIMES

Day	Date	Feria, Memorial (M), Feast (F), Solemnity (S)	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sat	11 th Oct	28 th Sunday Vigil Mass	6.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sun	12 th Oct	28 th Sunday	9.00am	St. Michael's	
Sun	12 th Oct	28 th Sunday	11.00am	St. Oswald's	
Mon	13 th Oct	No Mass			
Tues	14 th Oct	Feria	12 Noon	St. Oswald's	
Weds	15 th Oct	St. Teresa of Avila (M)	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Thurs	16 th Oct	Feria	9.30am	St. Michael's	John Helm RIP
Fri	17 th Oct	St. Ignatius of Antioch (M)	7.00pm	St. Michael's	
Children's Liturgy at St. Michael's takes place this Sunday at the 9.00am Mass					
The final Mass Count for this year will take place at all Masses this weekend					
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (with Confessions available in Sacristy) 30 minutes prior to the start of each Weekday Mass; The Rosary will be prayed immediately following each Weekday Mass.					

St. Oswald's Heating

Pleased to report that the heating is now restored in St. Oswald's Church.

Harvest Festival this Sunday

A reminder that both our Churches will celebrate Harvest Festival this Sunday 12th October in aid of the Basingstoke Food Bank (at St. Michael's) & the West Berkshire Foodbank (at St. Oswald's). Donations of food items can still be made at St. Michael's this Saturday evening.

Missio

Also, a reminder that World Mission Day is next Sunday 19th October. The 2nd Collection on that Weekend will be for Missio (the Pope's Charity for World Mission – Info link: [World Mission Sunday 2025 - Missio](#)). Posters, together with Gift Aid Envelopes, will be available in the entrance areas of both our Churches from next weekend.

Parishioners who have a red Missio box will need to return these to Sue Tull (St. Michael's) or Sarah Hunneman (St. Oswald's) during the month of November. If you are unable to see Sue or Sarah, please contact Dan in the Parish Office to make an alternative arrangement.

First Holy Communion 2026

Would parents of those children that they wish to be part of the preparation programme for First Holy Communion 2026, please declare their interest to the Parish Office by the end of October. Initial meeting for parents is anticipated for December, with preparation sessions for candidates starting in January.

Calling all Mothers and Grandmothers!

“Mother’s Prayers” has been established in our Parish for over 10 years and we warmly welcome more ‘Mums and Grannies’ to join us. Prayers are greatly needed for our children and grandchildren in this day and age and we’ve experienced many amazing answers to prayers since we’ve been meeting. There’s the choice of a ‘weekly’ group that meets in the Parish Room on Thursday afternoons from 2 - 3pm or a ‘fortnightly’ group that meets in a couple of home venues on Wednesday evenings from 6 – 7pm. There will be a warm welcome for any mother and grandmother to attend either group and there’s no commitment to attend every meeting. Please contact Joy Reilly: 0118 9813784 or Pauline Penfold: 0118 9811247 if you are interested.

Seeker Saturdays

Our Diocesan Vocations Promotion team invites you to join them for Seeker Saturdays, beginning Saturday 18th October, 11am-3pm, at Sacred Heart Church, Fareham. PO16 ONQ. For your diary: the other Seeker Saturday dates for this academic year are: 15th November, 6th December, 17th January, 28th February, 21st March, 25th April, 16th May and 13th June. To find out more about this regular event or to enquire about attending (as booking is required) please email the Vocations Promotion Team: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

FINAL REMINDER - Formation Morning for Readers

Fr Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgical Formation along with the Liturgy Project team are holding a Formation morning for Readers on Saturday 18th October at St Bede’s Church. All readers, experienced and new, are very welcome to attend. This day will include a session on Lectio Divina. To register please email: liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

FINAL REMINDER - Draw closer to Jesus through Mary

A Powerful Study on the Blessed Mother – Begins on Monday 20th October at 7.30pm
Filmed on location in the Holy Land, Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary’s earthly life.
Beginning Monday 20th October at 7.30pm and continuing every Monday for 8 weeks, leading up to Advent. For more information or to register for the study, email Joan at jkent@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

FINAL REMINDER: Radio Maria England - Annual “Mariathon”

This year's Mariathon has special programming focused on “Turning Up the Volume” on the Quiet Revival in this country. Inspiring guest speakers will share how they have witnessed the growth of faith, church attendance, and ministries over the past decade in this country. Tune in on 15th-17th October via DAB+, the Radio Maria app, online at www.radiomariaengland.uk, or smart speaker.

ADoRE Golden Jubilee

You are invited to a special celebration of 50 years of ADoRE’s ministry, with Bishop Philip Egan, Charles Whitehead KSG, and the Basingstoke Filipino Choir. Face to face meeting at St. Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG24 9DX. 25th Oct, 9.30am-3.30pm, including Adoration, Confession and Healing Prayer Ministry. Theme: is "PILGRIMS OF HOPE: THE PATH OF PRAYER" - Our spiritual pilgrimage into an intimate relationship with Jesus. Register in advance for in-person attendance at: bit.ly/ADOREOCT2025
Will also be live-streamed at: www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk/live/
Further information at: www.altonrenewal.com/this_month

ARCHANGELS PARISH SOCIAL GROUP

Mingle at St Michael's on Wednesday - 15 October

Please join us next Wednesday 15 October in the Parish Room from 2pm – 4pm for tea, cake, conversation and laughter! A craft basket will also be available for anyone who would like to have a go at a craft activity – but of course it's not obligatory!

Quiz Night in Aid of St Michael's Hospice

If you are planning to come to our Quiz Night at St Mary's Church Hall next Friday 17 October, **please book with us in advance**, so we can set up the hall properly.

Teams of up to 6 people are allowed, but if you don't have a team, please don't let that stop you coming! Please register your interest and we will form teams, as needed. Also, please don't let transport be an issue as we shall be able to help within the parish area. To register your team or individually, please contact Mary Lee by calling or texting on 07821 254100 or emailing her: maryt.lee@yahoo.co.uk

The Quiz Night & Raffle will take place at St Mary's Church Hall, Bishopswood Road, Tadley, RG26 4HQ on Friday 17 October from 7pm – 10pm. All proceeds will go to St Michael's Hospice, Basingstoke, to help fund their invaluable services. Entry: £5 cash per person on the door (and please bring more cash for the raffle!). Please bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles.

Many thanks to those who have donated much appreciated raffle prizes.

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CHURCHES TOGETHER AROUND TADLEY (CTAT)

CTAT Christmas Day Event

This year, it sadly looks unlikely that CTAT will be able to host its usual Christmas Day Lunch at the Ambrose Allen Centre, which has been enjoyed and appreciated by about 70 people each year. However, we are looking into the feasibility of hosting an afternoon event instead with an afternoon tea, fun and games to provide an opportunity for those in our community who are alone or going through a difficult time to come together and socialise on this important feastday.

Can you help please? We need offers of transport, food preparation, serving refreshments, organising entertainment, hosting and chatting to guests. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Mary Lee by calling or texting her as soon as possible, but by 31 October at the latest, on 07821 254100 or email: secretary.ctat@gmail.com Many thanks.

Blazing Lights Party

This alternative children's party to Halloween will take place on Thursday 30 October from 5pm to 7pm at Tadley Common Methodist Church, RG26 4HN, for children in Y1 – Y6. Crafts, sweets, glowsticks and more! No Halloween costumes – please come dressed in bright colours. Sign up online:

www.ctat.org.uk/blazinglights

There will also be a Party of Light for children on Friday 31 October from 5pm - 7pm at St Mary's Church, Tadley, RG26 4HQ.

FINAL REMINDER: Ladies' Breakfast - Saturday 11 October

Guest Speaker: Sam Dunn, Children and Youth Community Pastor. All welcome! Meeting 10.00am, Venue: Immanuel Centre, Tadley URC, Malthouse Lane, Tadley, RG26 3NJ.

Men's Breakfast – Saturday 25th October & 22nd November

25th October – Speaker: Sally; Topic: Hampshire Fire & Rescue

22nd November – Speaker: Michael; Topic: North Hants Villages

Open to all & Free. Meeting 10.00am. Venue: Immanuel Centre, Tadley URC, Malthouse Lane, Tadley, RG26 3NJ

Could you support a local school by becoming a School Governor?

Silchester Church of England Primary School has vacancies for three school governors. Applications from Christians of any denomination welcomed. To find out more, please contact Rev Karen West, whose normal working days are Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Sunday morning on 07525 494025 or email revkarenw24@gmail.com

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Save the Date!

An Advent Fair will be taking place at St Bede's Church on Saturday 29th November from 11.30am to 3pm. Look out for posters soon with more details and please do save the date and come along.

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Diocesan Vacancies

For current vacancies visit: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/people/careers/>

There are also opportunities in our Diocesan schools:
<https://www.casoportsmouth.org.uk/current-vacancies-2/>

Further reading

Portsmouth Diocese news items:

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/communications/news/enews/>

Catholic Bishops Conference of England & Wales news items:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/news-and-media/>