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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) 9813784 during February 2021.

## NEWSLETTER

14th, 21st and 28th February 2021

The SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,  
FIRST AND SECOND SUNDAYS IN LENT

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### A SINCERE 'THANK YOU!':

My serious fall in the snow after 10.00 am Mass on Sunday 24th January resulted in severe bruising to my right chest, arm and leg and lack of use of my right arm and hand for several days. I was extremely blessed in not breaking any bones nor in needing hospital treatment and thank the Lord for this, experiencing His Presence as I fell. As Psalm 90 (91) declares;

*'For you has He commanded His angels,*

*To Keep you in all your ways.'*

My thanks also to the many parishioners who offered help when they heard of my accident, to those who sent cards and meals and treats; to Barbara for bringing in necessary supplies on those days her work demanded her being in the Parish Office and to Bishop Philip for his telephone messages of prayer and support. Also to Deacon Tony Darroch for providing Liturgies of The Word with Holy Communion last week-end when my shoulder and back were somewhat painful.

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### THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

This begins on Wednesday 17th February, which is Ash Wednesday this year. It is a Day of Fasting and Abstinence, when meat should not be eaten and only one full meal is permitted to those 'who have attained their majority, until the beginning of their sixtieth year' (Canon 1252). Those who are suffering from ill-health and serious medical conditions are not obliged to fast if doing so aggravates their illnesses. Two light snacks (toast, biscuits for example) are permitted if those fasting have need of these, as is water, tea or coffee at any time.

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### ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Until the end of February, after consultation with members of the St Oswald community, Father Patrick has suspended all Masses at St Oswald's Church because of the pandemic.

Accordingly, there will be a 10.00 am Mass at St Michael's Church as well as the usual 7.30 pm Mass for this day, provided Stewards are available and the requisite cleansing takes place after the morning Mass.

Booking for these Masses, as for all week-end Masses, must be done by telephone, as Father Patrick is still covering this area to enable Mrs Davis to keep to her hours.

Imposition of the Ashes will be given in a different way this year, as mandated by The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Dis-

cipline of the Sacraments on 12th January 2021<sup>AD</sup>. After the Blessing of the Ashes, the formula of imposition is said once, applying to all present, and the ashes are then sprinkled on the head of each person who comes to receive them, with no words being said. Obviously, no head coverings should be worn at this time of imposition. Face masks to be worn as normal.

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## IN PRAYER,

### FRANCIS BROOKES

Many of us were stunned last week-end to learn that Francis has high grade cancer and would be grateful for prayers for both himself and his wife, Carol. Both have been stalwart members of the Parish over the years, and Carol has diligently washed soiled altar linen for both our Churches during this time of coronavirus, in spite of her ill-health. Francis, his son, whose fine organ playing has enhanced the Liturgy at St Michael's Church in the past, will be joining him at our Saturday evening Masses. We wish him a warm welcome.

### THE KOLOSOWSKI FAMILY

Father Patrick joined The Reverend Rob at St Mary's Anglican Church on Thursday 11th February for a Joint Funeral Service for Molly and Charles, mother and son, who died on the same day recently. The family farms in Silchester and their burial plots are at St Mary's Church. Father Patrick knows the family, so please keep them in your prayers, especially Emma and Ben. Molly's husband died some years ago, and Father Patrick celebrated his Funeral at St Michael's Church.

### MARY COLEMAN RIP

Mary's Funeral Mass will be in St Michael's Church on St David's Day, Monday 1st March at 12 noon, conducted by Fr Patrick. Only 30 people may attend, and seating arrangements are being organised by Fr Patrick in consultation with the family and the undertakers. Please let him know if you wish to attend and he will let you know if this is possible.

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## LENT VOLUNTARY FAST DAY

This takes place nationally on Friday 26th February at the request of CAFOD. You are asked to fast voluntarily on that day, and the money saved on food is given to CAFOD. Some may prefer to give up something that day and contribute to CAFOD's work. We are called to share in some way with those in need as well as giving money. The following information may be of help.

**Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give to day to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support.**

Donate online at [cafod.org.uk/give](https://cafod.org.uk/give) or by using one of our envelopes. You can also easily give via text. Text **LENT** to **70460** to donate £10\*

\*Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460. For more information please see our Privacy Policy [cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice](https://cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice)

Those attending our week-end Masses on 27th/28th February may put their offerings in The Special Collections Box as they enter the Church, having sanitized their hands.

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## WALK FOR WATER

Deacon Tony Darroch is undertaking this CAFOD challenge for Lent. If you would like to sponsor him, go to Deacon Tony's Walk for Water Challenge/Walk for Water/Cafod. Details on Parish Website.

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## OBLIGATORY CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND COLLECTION

This takes place on the week-end of 6th/7th March, to help clergy who may need special help because of illness. Again, put your offerings in The Special Collections Box. Thank you!

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## CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE (CTAT)

This will take place via ZOOM on Sunday 21st February at 4.00 pm. So join your local church communities as they pray for an end to the pandemic but also thank God for His Presence amongst us during the coronavirus. It will also be an opportunity for us to say farewell to The Reverend Gill and her husband Steve, thanking them for their witness amongst us.

## Join Zoom Meeting

Phone one-tap:

United Kingdom: [+442034815237,81876524683#](tel:+442034815237,81876524683#),... \*634720#  
or [+442034815240,81876524683#](tel:+442034815240,81876524683#),... \*634720#

Meeting URL:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81876524683?pwd=OFpPb0xkMVlMM2RYUmVQa01jUjRlUT09>

Meeting ID: 818 7652 4683

Passcode: ctat

**Join by Telephone** For higher quality, dial a number based on your current location.

Dial: United Kingdom: +44 203 481 5237 or +44 203 481 5240  
or +44 203 901 7895 or +44 131 460 1196 or +44 203 051 2874

Meeting ID: 818 7652 4683

Passcode: 634720

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**OR**

**DIGITAL COPY 12 MONTHS = £55.00**

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## BARBARA—HOLIDAY DATES

Barbara will be taking some of her overdue holiday from last year, next week (16-19 February) and will therefore not be available. The Parish Office will be closed, so please contact Fr Patrick by telephone if necessary. He will not be readily available because of prearranged commitments and items not addressed during his recent fall.

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