

Dear All,

Please find hereunder a brief Parish Update for this weekend:

Mass arrangements:

Saturday 14th October: 6.00pm at St. Michael's Church

Sunday 15th October: 9.00am at St. Michael's Church

Sunday 15th October: 11.00am at St. Oswald's Church

ADVANCE NOTICE: All Saints - 1st November

Mass times will be as follows:

11.00am at St. Oswald's Church

7.00pm at St. Michael's Church

IMPORTANT - Parish Office arrangements for next two weeks

\* W/C 16th October:

The Office will be closed on Thursday 19th & Friday 20th October.

\* W/C 23rd October:

The Office will be closed on Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th October.

The above arrangements are due to Dan's participation in the Diocesan Parish Administrators' Training Day in Portsmouth & to enable him to undertake Half-Term childcare duties at home.

REMINDER: Accommodation for visiting Mill Hill Father

On the weekend of 28th/29th October there will be a special Missio appeal in the Parish, promoting the work of this important missionary organisation of the Catholic Church. The Mill Hill priest who will speak has kindly offered to cover the weekend Masses, enabling me to take a break which I had originally planned in August, but which had to be postponed because of the Closer to Christ Campaign. He will need overnight accommodation, as the guest room in the Presbytery is still being used by me due to essential repairs to the main bedroom being delayed.

I'm most grateful to Anne Howlett of our St. Oswald's community, who has offered him overnight accommodation on Saturday evening with supper &, if necessary, lunch on Sunday following the 11.00 am Mass. However, it would be helpful to the Priest if a member of the Tadley community was prepared to provide the Saturday evening accommodation & supper. This would enable him to be in place for the 9.00 am Mass at Tadley on Sunday morning, rather than rushing back & forth over the weekend. Any offers of help in this respect would be appreciated as soon as possible. Please let the Office if you are able to help with this. Many thanks.

REMINDER: First Holy Communion 2024 - Applications invited

I would like to know by Sunday the 29th of October the names of all those who wish to receive their First Holy Communion in 2024.

Candidates must be aged 8 years by the end of August (at least year 3 of school) and be regular Church attendees. Please provide the following details to me in a sealed envelope:

NAME OF CANDIDATE.

ADDRESS.

TELEPHONE NUMBER.

EMAIL ADDRESS.

DATE OF BIRTH.

NAMES OF PARENTS.

Closer to Christ programme - Bishop's Letter

Please find attached a letter from Bishop Philip congratulating the entire Parish on its incredible response to the Closer to Christ Campaign, raising 151% of our goal to date. Once again, my sincere thanks for this overwhelming response to this appeal.

ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat

THE IMPORTANCE OF LISTENING AND OBEDIENCE IN SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

28th October 10.00 am -1.00 p.m "Whatever the Father Does, the Son also does - Following God's will in evangelisation." Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer and inspiring guest speaker Fr Gareth Leyshon. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at [bit.ly/ADOREOCT2023](https://bit.ly/ADOREOCT2023)

Green Health Tadley - Food/Quiz/Live Music Night

CTAT have drawn our attention to the following event in support of Green Health Tadley, a community based horticulture program.

Venue: Tadley Community Hall, New Church Rd, RG26 4HN

Date: 28th October 23 Time: 7pm

Meal: Curry and rice supplied by Hatchgate Burghfield (vegetarian available)

Live music by: Flight.

Quiz: Prizes for winning teams Raffle and auction for great items.

Bring your own drinks and glasses Ticket: £20 per person - Children U16: £10

Enquiries: David 07519586407 Mark 0772245821

Prayers for the Persecuted Church

Sunday 5th November is an International Prayer Day for the Persecuted Church. CTAT have informed us that there will be a dedicated time of prayer on that day in the United Reformed Church, Tadley at 12.30pm, lasting approximately 1 hour. It would be great to have as many people as possible joining in with this special time of prayer.

Christian Leadership Formation programme

Calling all students in Lower Sixth/Year 12/S5. Are you considering a public-facing career? Do you want to help build a Christian society?

The Christian Leadership Formation programme uniquely offers a combination of stimulating and high-quality intellectual content, spiritual nourishment, personal development, inter-personal skills, team-building and socials in a tightly-knit community experience, with expert academics and professionals. Open to any student who is motivated by their faith and their studies, with bursaries available as needed.

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Enjoy your weekend.

Father Patrick