

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

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MASS TIMETABLE					
Day	Date	Feria, Memorial (M), Feast (F), Solemnity (S)	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sat	15 th Nov	St. Edmund of Abingdon (S) - Vigil Mass	6.00pm	St. Michael's	Michael Cowley RIP
Sun	16 th Nov	St. Edmund of Abingdon	9.00am	St. Michael's	
Sun	16 th Nov	St. Edmund of Abingdon	11.00am	St. Oswald's	
Mon	17 th Nov	NO MASS			
Tues	18 th Nov	Feria	12 Noon	St. Oswald's	
Weds	19 th Nov	Feria	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Thurs	20 th Nov	Feria	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Fri	21 st Nov	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M)	7.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sat	22 nd Nov	Christ The King (S) – Vigil Mass	6.00pm	St. Michael's	Claudio Zagni RIP
Sun	22 nd Nov	Christ The King (S)	9.00am	St. Michael's	Teresa & Vincent Murtagh RIP
Sun	23 rd Nov	Christ The King (S)	11.00am	St. Oswald's	
<i>Weekday Masses are preceded by 30 mins of Eucharistic Adoration. Rosary prayed after each Mass</i>					
<i>Tea & Coffee will be served after Mass at St. Oswald's this Sunday</i>					

St Edmund of Abingdon – Patron of Portsmouth Diocese

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of our Diocesan co-patron, St Edmund of Abingdon. 1175 - 1240.

He first studied at the monastic school of Abingdon Abbey. Later, he studied at the University of Paris. After Paris he returned to Oxford where he became renowned as a teacher of such subjects as grammar, rhetoric, logic, arithmetic, geometry, music and astronomy. After several years teaching in Oxford, he returned to Paris to study theology. By 1210 he was back in Oxford, now as a theology lecturer and fully ordained priest.

A wonderful preacher, in 1233 he was chosen by Pope Gregory IX to be Archbishop of Canterbury. His seven-year tenure of Canterbury came at a difficult and desperate time for the country. England was on the brink of civil war between the King Henry III and the Barons. But Edmund worked hard to broker peace among them. It was said that people listened to him because of his virtue.

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He is venerated as an energetic and reforming bishop, a peacemaker, as well as being an effective spiritual writer and highly accomplished commentator on the Scriptures. He was a defender of justice, and discipline, particularly in high quarters which often brought him into conflict with King Henry III.

Edmund died on the 16th November 1240 at Soissy in France on his way to Rome to make a formal appeal to the Pope against King Henry III's repeated violations of canonical procedure and ecclesiastical rights, especially concerning the appointment of bishops and the king's interference in Church governance. His body was taken to the Cistercian abbey of Pontigny, where his shrine remains to this today. He was canonised in 1246, just six years after his death.

ADVENT EVENTS

Save the Date! Live Animal Nativity starting at St. Michael's Church, Monday 22 December

This year's CTAT Nativity experience will start outside our church and journey on to Tadley Common Methodist Church and then on to St Mary's Church from 4pm to 5.30pm. Volunteers to steward the event at our church and then journey with visitors along the route and volunteers to serve refreshments at St Mary's would be greatly appreciated: please let Mary Lee know if you can help, email maryt.lee@yahoo.co.uk

Advent preparation at St. Joseph's, Basingstoke

Advent Taize: All welcome to a simple service of Taize chants, scripture and periods of silence around the Taize cross, Weds 10th & 17th December, 4-5pm.

Afternoon of prayer and reflection: All are warmly invited to an afternoon of prayer and reflection, Sat 6th Dec from 2-4pm. Led by members of the Verbum Dei community. Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 4-5pm. Please consider coming as a great way to prepare spiritually for the season of Christmas.

The "Missing Peace"

All are welcome on Saturday morning, 29 November, 10.00am-12.30pm to join in a range of ways designed to help you reflect on what Christmas really means in the peace of Silchester Methodist Church on Silchester Common. Everybody welcome, no need to book.

(Jointly organised by Anglican, Methodist, Catholic and Community Church representatives)

Advent Fair

Holy Ghost parish Advent Fair, Sat 29th Nov, 11.30am-3.00pm at St. Bede's Church, Basingstoke

Thank you!

Our final item regarding this year's Harvest is to congratulate all at St. Oswald's Church on their efforts to raise an amazing total of nearly 70kg of food & essentials for the West Berks Foodbank. Well done to all!

Basingstoke Catholic Men's Group

A new group for Catholic Men will be starting in January. Men of all ages are welcome from 18 upwards. The idea will be that Catholic men can come together to chat about issues that face us, enjoy fellowship and have time to pray. We will also arrange the occasional social night out. Sessions will run on Tuesday evenings at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke. To register your interest please use the QR code or sign up here: <https://forms.gle/ZUSxCHpMsoXuRvG48>



ARCHANGELS PARISH SOCIAL GROUP

Many thanks for your generosity!

Sincere thanks to all those who supported last Sunday's Cake Sale by baking or buying delicious treats. Many stayed for coffee after Mass and made it a special occasion. Together with some generous donations from parishioners attending the Saturday Vigil Mass, we raised £119.60 for our Parish Christmas Afternoon Tea Party. Many thanks!

Mingle in November

The final Mingle of the year will take place in the Parish Room next Wednesday 19 November from 2 – 4pm – please come along to join us for tea/coffee, cake, conversation and laughter. There will also be a craft basket available for anyone who would like to have a go! All welcome.

CHURCHES TOGETHER AROUND TADLEY (CTAT)

Volunteers to help with Christmas Day Event

We still need volunteers please to help with setting up (Christmas Eve afternoon and/or Christmas Day morning) or offers of transport, or food preparation and/or serving, or organising entertainment or hosting guests. To register as a volunteer, please complete the online form on the CTAT website at:

<https://ctat.churchsuite.com/events/xf0avmrs>

The next meeting for volunteers will be on Saturday 22 November at the URC's Immanuel Centre, Main Road, Tadley, RG26 3NJ, at noon for anyone interested in finding out more about helping in some way and for roles to be assigned. Many thanks.

Guests wishing to book to attend the Christmas Day Event

There will be fun, games, quiet areas and Christmas Lunch at the Ambrose Allen Centre, Tadley from 11.30am to 4pm. This is a free event, but advance booking is required. Transport can be provided, subject to volunteers being available to ferry guests. To book or for more information, please call 07471 848508 or email:

tadleychristmasday@gmail.com or register online at: <https://ctat.churchsuite.com/events/kziuxpi8>

Tickets on sale for the Christchurch Players Panto

The panto this year at Tadley Common Methodist Church, RG26 4HN, will be 'A Christmas Carol' with shows on 28/29 November and 5/6 December. Performances on Fridays start at 7pm and on Saturdays at 5pm. Tickets cost £8.50, Under 12s: £6. To book, call 0333 666 3366 or go to: www.ticketsource.co.uk/christchurch-players

Festival of Christmas Stars

Many thanks to those who have been knitting, crocheting or stitching Christmas Stars for the Festival in December – please arrange to give them to Tracy Bennett in time for them to be tagged with information about CTAT churches before the set up begins on Thursday 11 December.

The Festival will take place from Friday 12 December, 2pm to 7pm, to Saturday 13 December, 10am to 5pm, at Tadley Common Methodist Church, Newchurch Road, RG26 4HN with the Stars being blessed at their morning service on Sunday 14 December, ahead of their 'Appearance' around Tadley.

Volunteers to help with setting up the Festival on 11/12 December or helping with refreshments on 12/13 December would be greatly welcomed – please let Mary Lee know if you can help, email: maryt.lee@yahoo.co.uk

Volunteers to help with the Appearance of the Stars in Tadley

If you would like to help with the Appearance of the Stars at 6am on Tuesday 16 December or Wednesday 17 December, followed by breakfast, please contact Mary Lee by emailing: maryt.lee@yahoo.co.uk

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/>