

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

Bishopswood Road, Tadley
RG26 4HG

St Oswald's Church

Abbey Park, Burghfield Common,
RG7 3HQ

Parish Priest:

Rev Fr Patrick Tansey
0118 981 4572

Safeguarding Officers:

Mrs Kath Murtagh (Tadley)
0118 981 4658

Mrs Ellen Goodall (Burghfield Common)
0118 983 3332

Parish Secretary:

Kathryn Garden
Email: tadley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Website: www.stmandsto.org.uk

Parish Office hours:

9:30am-2:30pm Tuesday to Friday

Covenant to the People

If you would like help from the Covenant to the People scheme, please call Gerry Penfold on 0118 9811247 during July.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

NEWSLETTER

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17TH JULY 2022

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Tadley, Kingsclere and Burghfield Common Masses

****NO MASS THIS SATURDAY**** Tadley

9:00 am Sunday Parish Mass Tadley

11:00 am Sunday Parish Mass Burghfield Common

Weekday Mass:

Tue 19 July 11:00am Mass Tadley

In consideration of others, please wear a face mask and sanitise when entering our churches. Those who wish to be seated in the socially distanced area please telephone or email to advise if attending. Please do not come to church if you have any symptoms of a viral infection.

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.

Next Sunday's Readings (17th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 18:20-32 Colossians 2:12-14 Luke 11:1-13

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MASS ATTENDANCE

2/3rd July: Tadley 6pm: 29 10am: 50 Burghfield Common: 27

9/10th July: Tadley 6pm: 26 10am: 51 Burghfield Common: 18

PARISH PLATE COLLECTIONS:

2/3rd July: £249.80 9/10th July: £134.00

9/10th July: Collection for Apostleship of the Sea : £207.50

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MOVING TOWARDS A SINGLE PASTORAL AREA PARISH BY 2023?

On Wednesday 13th July, Bishop Philip met with a very large number of Diocesan priests and deacons for discussion of the 'Closer to Christ' campaign and the move toward 24 new Pastoral Areas. The 'Closer to Christ' campaign is designed to raise money for the

training of seminarians, the formation of serving clergy and support of retired priests, alongside provision of finance for the Diocese and the parishes involved. All our parishes are expected to be involved after a successful pilot scheme now coming to completion. However I need to address this matter with our Parish Finance Committee as important issues are involved in light of the developing 10 Year Plan. In the meantime, further information on the 'Closer to Christ' campaign can be found [HERE](#).

The 10 Year Plan will be the central issue at the moment, as the clergy were asked to develop local consultations with parishioners immediately, to be completed by 30th October this year, having had no previous warning of the issues prior to the meeting on Wednesday. More on this later, after I give a brief outline of the reason for the consultation.

The Draft Document, which we received at the end of the meeting, describes the process of redefining existing Pastoral Areas into new Pastoral Areas which will be designed to become single parishes by 2027. In other words, our 87 existing parishes will cease to be. The new 24 single parishes will be locally led, with central support. Six Deaneries will be part of this structure, with Deans being responsible for accompanying the clergy leading the transition.

The new Pastoral Areas will each have a shared Finance Council and Evangelisation Strategy Team (EST) and will be working to develop into the new parishes that will be established by 2027. As for properties, there will be a considered plan for the necessary disposal of certain buildings. The distribution of clergy in a particular new parish will also need discussion, as well as changed Mass times.

Whilst the clergy present were generally in favour of the move forward, considerable concern was expressed about a timeline which allowed little time for proper consultation with our parishioners, the clergy themselves not having had a chance to consider the process until the meeting. With clergy and laity taking summer breaks, some priests moving from one parish to another by September 2022, and school terms and parish programmes commencing in the same month, there was a general feeling that there needed to be a further meeting to ensure a proper lay consultation process. This would involve prayerful discernment and consideration without haste. I shared that feeling and would have voiced it if others had not.

At the end of the meeting I was unclear whether the proposed consultation timeline was still being adhered to or if a further meeting would be arranged to discuss this. However, I am more than pleased to state that the Diocese has responded with admirable speed on the matter. In this Friday's *Ad Clerum* (letter to priests) Bishop Philip has extended the initial consultation period from 13th July to 15th December 2022. This saves me from having to write for clarification of the situation

which I had intended to do if I had no further information at the time of the publication of this weekend's newsletter.

So, in the meantime, hold all this in prayer, that it may be considered properly. As you will see from the next item, there is a major move of clergy in the Basingstoke area, and it is very unlikely that we shall be able to discuss it in any sensible way with parishioners until priests are settled in their new placements. Incidentally, Andover will have a completely separate parish area in the proposal.

Father Patrick

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CLERGY MOVES

Bishop Philip has asked that relevant clergy moves in September be announced this weekend:

1. We say farewell to Father Dominic Adeiza who moves from Holy Ghost and St Bede's Church to English Martyrs' Church, Didcot, with St John's Church, Wallingford. Our thanks to him for his care of our unwell parishioners in Basingstoke Hospital.
2. Father Dominic is replaced by Father John Lee, who becomes Co-Ordinating Pastor for the North-West Hampshire Pastoral Area.
3. Father Paul Leonard leaves Hook to take charge of Saint Joseph's Church, Basingstoke.
4. Father Philip Harris moves to Sacred Heart Church, Hook.
5. Those in the Burghfield Common area who retain links with Douai Abbey will be interested to know that Abbot-elect Paul Gunter, OSB, has appointed Father Alban Hood, OSB, the new parish priest of the Douai Parish in succession to Father Gabriel Wilson.

Bishop Philip asks us to keep these priests in our prayers and all who have been asked to move at this time.

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FAREWELL PARTY FOR VERONIKA & AGGIE

This went very well on Sunday 3rd July in the Leonard Rooms after our 11:00am Parish Mass. Sadly Veronika and her children were unable to attend the Mass because one of them was unwell, but, as the photograph shows, she joined the celebration afterwards, staying in the grounds. We are grateful to her for ensuring that no illness was passed on to those attending.

At the Mass I presented Aggie with a card and gift on behalf of the Parish and was able to give the same to Veronika privately in the church grounds. There was a good attendance of Tadley and Kingsclere parishioners at the Tea Party, including Deacon Tony Darroch and his wife, Pam. My thanks to Ellen Goodall for providing me with some pizza, scones and cake as I had to rush back to Tadley for the CTAT Tadley Remembers ceremony at Tadley Cemetery. So I was amply fortified for this!

The ceremony for our local dead went well, attended by around 35 people and introduced by Councillor Avril Burdett, Chair of the Town Council. One of the names read out was that of the Reverend Pat Brown, who died recently after a long illness. She was a retired Anglican Minister and a very pleasant lady. Remember her soul in your prayers, please.

Father Patrick

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FAREWELL TO REV RICHARD HARLOW

There follows the beginning of the official statement of Richard's new appointment:

'The Bishop of Ely is delighted to announce that The Revd Canon Richard John St Clair Harlow, Rector of Tadley with Pamber Health and Silchester and Area Dean of Basingstoke in the Diocese of Winchester is to be Archdeacon of Huntingdon and Wisbech. Richard succeeds the Ven Canon Hugh McCurdy who retired from his role as Archdeacon in April 2022.'

On behalf of our Tadley and Silchester Catholic communities, I thank Richard for all that he has done for the work of Christ alongside fellow Christians during his nine years amongst us. It has been a great pleasure working with him, especially as Joint Moderator of CTAT during this year. I know that many will be sorry to say goodbye to him, as well as to Kayla his wife, and I shall miss discussing with her our respective dental problems!

In particular, our thanks to Richard for his first-class arrangement of the CTAT Platinum Jubilee celebration at Saint Paul's Church in June. With prayers that the Lord will bless him abundantly in his new appointment, and allow Kayla and Richard ample time to explore the Fens regularly in their walks together.

Father Patrick

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PRAYERS FOR FRANCIS BROOKES

We keep in prayer especially at this time Francis Brookes of our Tadley community who has been very unwell over the last week with cancer and unable to attend Mass as a result. His attendance during his long illness has been a great act of Christian Witness to many of us. And we do not forget Carol, his wife, and again thank her for ensuring that both our churches have clean purifiers and other linen items for the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy each week.

Father Patrick

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CHURCHES TOGETHER AROUND TADLEY
PRESENT
HOLIDAY CLUB
FEATURING
Duggie Dug Dug's
Crazy Science
Family Concert
Songs • Puppets • Thrills! • Crazy Science!
£20 PER CHILD
4TH AND 5TH AUGUST 10AM - 3PM
AT TADLEY COMMON METHODIST AND ST. MARY'S CHURCH
<https://bccs.churchsuite.com/events/d5cwjfqb>

TADLEY HOLIDAY CLUB

CTAT's Tadley Holiday Club, led this summer by Doug Horley's team <https://www.duggiedugdug.org/>, will take place on **Thurs 4th and Fri 5th August** and is open to all children able to attend School Years R to 6 in July 2022. There will be a mixture of Crazy Science events, intermingled with music, sports and craft activities.

Children will need to bring a packed lunch, but fruit/veg sticks, squash and water will be available during the day.

The Holiday Club is organised by **Churches Together Around Tadley** and will be based at Tadley Common Methodist Church, with some activities taking place at nearby St Mary's Anglican Church. All volunteers will have had the relevant Safeguarding checks and training.

The cost is £20 per child. To book, please visit: <https://bccs.churchsuite.com/events/d5cwjfqb>. Any queries, please contact Mary Lee on 0118 981 3221

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CLEANER FOR BURGHFIELD COMMON

We are looking for a part-time cleaner who will be responsible for ensuring that Saint Oswald's Church and The Leonard Rooms are cleaned to a high standard. 3 hours per week, can be flexible to fit in with other commitments. Please call the Parish Office for more details.

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2021 Synod 2023
For a synodal Church

NATIONAL SYNTHESIS PUBLISHED

The Church in England and Wales has been following the Synodal Process called by Pope Francis, reflecting on the theme "For a Synodal Church: communion, participation, mission". Since October 2021, the dioceses, national organisations and religious communities have been engaged in listening conversations on the central themes, exploring the way the Church embraces her missionary mandate in the world of today.

The diocesan reports were submitted to the Bishops' Conference just before Holy Week, and since then, the National Synthesis Team has now produced the "National Synthesis" - reflecting on the reports received, discerning the main themes that have emerged from the listening conversations, and collating them together to give a picture of the synodal process in England and Wales.

You can read the National Synthesis document [HERE](#).

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GARDENING AT ST MICHAEL'S

Just to remind those of you who would like to join us, we will be getting together on Saturday 16th July from 10am to 2pm, so any time then that you can help would be really appreciated. All welcome!

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ADORE

Alton Day of Renewal: Spiritual Mini-Retreat

ADORE ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL

ADORE Online spiritual mini-retreat morning is taking place on Saturday 23rd July 10.00am-1.00pm "Forgive us as we forgive - we are called to love as we are loved." Our special guest speaker is Peter Hobbs, leader of Confirmation and Adult Faith Formation courses in his Parish.

Starts with Mass at 10.00am and also includes Adoration, Prophetic sharing, Praise, Testimony and discussion. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADOREJUL2022. You can download a handout with more details [HERE](#).

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DIOCESAN VACANCIES

HEAD OF ESTATES (Diocesan Surveyor)

A vacancy has arisen in the Diocese for a Head of Estates (Diocesan Surveyor) to have responsibility for development and delivery of all estates and facilities services across the Diocese. This includes Churches, School Estate, Presbyteries and other investment property.

The postholder will have substantial experience provid-

ing building and construction expertise and a commercial approach to investment properties to support the work of the diocese.

This role will be the principal advisor on all land, property, estates, and facilities matters to the Parishes and Diocesan Trustees through the Chief Operating Officer. Salary dependant on experience.

If you would like to receive a full job description for this role with details on how to apply, please email recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Closing date for applications: 9am, Monday 18th July 2022

SENIOR ESTATES MANAGER

A vacancy has arisen in the Diocese for a Senior Estates Manager to join the team. This role carries senior and professional responsibility for the delivery of all schools' estates and facilities services across the Diocese.

The postholder will provide building and construction expertise to support the development of the school's estate and be the principal advisor on all land, property, and facilities matters to the Parishes and Diocesan Trustees through the Head of Estates.

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MEMBER OF INVESTMENT COMMITTEE (Volunteer)

Property Investment Specialist

We have recently incorporated the Investment Committee of the Diocese which has been tasked by the Trustees to oversee the investments of the diocese of both £12 million of quoted investments and some £15 million of residential property.

The committee is chaired by a Trustee, Deacon Gerard Dailly, and the membership also includes three experts in quoted investments, and two priests. It is also attended by the Director of Finance, Clive Field. The Committee will draft a new Diocesan investment policy and then oversee the investment performance of the investments to ensure compliance reporting to the Finance Audit & Risk Committee and the Trustees.

We need a person who would be able to attend committee meetings once every quarter via Microsoft Teams and have experience in helping to develop an investment policy and oversee property investment portfolio.

If you would like further details of what is entailed please contact Hereward Drummond, Secretary to the Trustees, Email: hdrummond@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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LUCKY ME' WINNER

Congratulations to Jan Patterson of Basingstoke, who is the latest winner of the KSC's 'Lucky Me' Draw.

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