

Parish of Tadley (with Kingsclere) and Burghfield Common - PARISH NEWSLETTER

17th August 2025 (20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C)

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This Weekend's Mass arrangements

Saturday 16th August: 6.00pm at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Sunday 17th August: 9.00am at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Sunday 17th August: 11.00am at St. Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common

REMINDER: Father Patick's Farewell Mass

Sunday 7th September: 10.00am at St. Michael's Church, Tadley (Followed by tea, coffee, cake)

Note: There will be no Mass at St. Oswald's that weekend, however the Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St. Michael's will go ahead as normal.

AVAILABILITIES – Fr. Patrick & Parish Office

Father Patrick: Generally not available except in an emergency.

Parish Office: Dan is now back in the Office & normal Office Hours apply (as shown in the header above).

ADVANCE NOTICE

Following the weekend Masses on 30th & 31st August, Father Patrick will not be available for any matters, due to the inevitable last-minute flurry of activity to ensure all is finalised for his departure.

Any requests for Baptisms, Funerals, etc will need to be made via Father Stephen following the weekend of 13th & 14th September, as there are no more available dates in Father Patrick's diary prior to his departure.

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Dear all,

Welcome back to Dan from his holiday and to the resumption of our weekly Newsletter.

Those of you who were at our Masses last weekend heard me speak about our forthcoming Priest-in-Charge, Father Stephen Vooght, who arrives on 8 September, when I cease to be Parish Priest and enter into full retirement from active ministry.

One of the things he has requested before his arrival, is that both of our church communities have in place sacristans to prepare things before the weekend Masses. I emphasised the need for this to be established for his first Masses on the weekend of 13th/14th September.

So, I express my sincere thanks to the six members of our St Oswald's community, who volunteered as sacristans after last Sunday's Mass in the church.

However there has been no uptake from the Tadley community for the Saturday and Sunday Masses. I should therefore be most grateful if there is a response to the Parish Office as soon as possible, so that Dan is able to let Father Stephen know that people are in place by 31st August.

So, over to you, St Michael's community.

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Parish Donation to the Cathedral 150th Anniversary Fund

As per our Parish Financial Report (Newsletter 15th December 2024), I am pleased to confirm that the Parish has recently completed the transfer of a £10,000 donation to this ring-fenced Fund, set up to raise money to pay for the substantial & essential repair to the Cathedral, estimated to be in excess of £1,000,000.

Please see attached to this Newsletter the letter of thanks from Father James McAuley, Cathedral Dean, formally confirming receipt of our donation. I greatly appreciated the advice given to me in respect of this matter by the members of the Parish Finance Committee, including the late Barry Rockhill.

Archangels Social Group Events

Mingle at St Michael's:

Please come along to join us in St Michael's Parish Room or on the patio for conversation, laughter, tea, coffee and cake on Wednesday 20 August from 2pm – 4pm. All welcome!

Adult Social Evening on Friday 19 September:

Please join us for a fun evening of card games for adults such as rummy, golf, uno, cribbage etc.

We will meet at St Oswald's Leonard Room. Friday 19 September 7-10pm.

Please bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles. Tea and coffee will be available.

To help us set up the room, if you would like to come, please register by contacting Pauline Penfold (penfoldfamily5@yahoo.co.uk) by Sunday 14 September.

Collection for a Parish Retirement Gift for Fr Patrick:

Please use the special white envelopes for cash or cheque donations and place sealed envelopes in the marked collection boxes in our churches by Sunday 24 August. Any cheques should be made payable to: 'CDP Tadley St Michael' and marked 'Retirement Gift' on the back.

If you prefer to pay by bank transfer, please transfer your gift to the parish account by Sunday 24 August, using the reference: Retirement Gift.

Account Name: CDP Tadley St Michael

Sort Code: 30-93-04

Account No: 00889440

Many thanks in anticipation of your generosity!

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CTAT

VJ Day 80th Anniversary Commemoration:

The Tadley & District Branch of the Royal British Legion and CTAT have arranged an evening service at St Mary's Church, Tadley **at 7pm Friday 15 August** to mark the 80th Anniversary of Victory over Japan. All welcome.

Also, on **Sunday 7 September at 3pm**, there will be a Community Commemoration on The Green to mark the 80th anniversary of the end of WWII. All welcome.

In addition to his duties as a Local Councillor, Ben Rowden will also be in attendance at the Community Commemoration to represent formally St. Michael's Church, as sadly I am unable to attend.

Weekend Teas in August at St Mary the Virgin, Silchester:

There will be tea, coffee and cake available in St Mary's on Saturday & Sunday afternoons in August.

CTAT Men's Breakfast – Forthcoming dates:

Open to all & Free. Just come along & enjoy cooked breakfast & the company of other men.

Meeting 10.00am, 4th Saturday of the month

Venue: Immanuel Centre, Tadley URC, Malthouse Lane, Tadley, RG26 3NY

Aug 23rd – Speaker: Peter (A Journey from Ship to Shore)

Sept 27th – Speaker: Joyce (Thoughts on the Travel Industry)

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St. Mary's Kingsclere Village Fete – Bank Holiday Monday 25th August

12 Noon – 4pm, St. Mary's Church & Churchyard, Swan Street, Kingsclere, RG20 5PJ.

There will be stalls selling bric-a-brac, books & accessories. Any good quality donations will be gratefully received. Please see Sarah Davis at St. Michael's after Friday's Assumption Day Mass at 7.00pm, or after the Sunday morning 9.00am Mass, if you have any such items to donate. For those attending the 6.00pm Saturday Evening Vigil Mass, please leave your donated items clearly labelled, in the box provided.

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ADoRE mini retreat "Pilgrims of Hope – Pilgrims of Hope Forgive One Another" - Saturday 30th August

Jubilee is a time of forgiveness, reconciliation, restitution, liberation.

We will consider how it is important that we choose to forgive in Jesus' strength, as we have been forgiven. This can bring healing, deliverance, new life, new energy and a new spring in our step along the Pilgrim path.

As well as Mass and an inspiring talk from Fr. Paul Leonard, there will be live-streamed Adoration, Prophecy, Praise, and Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be fanned into a flame, so that your community members can be beacons of hope in the darkness of our present age.

10.00-1.00 on Zoom. Please register for the free Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADOREAUG2025 More information at www.altonrenewal.com

SAVE THE DATE: Fatima Relics at the St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth – 4th to 5th October

The World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) Team are organising the visitation of the two National Pilgrim Statues and the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco to all Cathedrals and Catholic shrines in England and Wales between May 2025 and October 2026. Further details: <https://www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/events>

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REMINDER: Stop assisted suicide - action needed!

The Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill is expected to have its Second Reading in the House of Lords on Friday 12 September. Right To Life UK has launched an *EasyAction* tool to help you write to a few Peers with a tailored message to highlight key concerns with the Bill.

Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers to ask Peers to oppose assisted suicide - it takes just 30 seconds!

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BE AWARE: New SPAM email circulating

Geoff Poulter has reported a new instance of a SPAM email in circulation, purporting to be from Fr. Patrick, containing the following text:

God has given us a blessed day today. Are you available at the moment? I really need you to discreetly run an errand for me remotely via email.

Please get back to me if you are available.

Blessings,

Fr Patrick Tansey.

The originating address of this SPAM email is: parishpriest.office505@gmail.com

AS A REMINDER:

Father Patrick only sends emails to parishioners from the Parish Office email address: tadley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

NOTE: Once Father Stephen is in place, Dan will confirm whether he may wish to use a different email address.

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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.casportsmouth.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/>

Have a good weekend!

Father Patrick.

Fr. Patrick Tansey**Parish Priest**

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31st July 2025

Dear Fr Patrick,

I write formally to thank you and the Parish of Tadley with Burghfield Common very much for the recent donation of £10,000 to the Cathedral150 appeal. It will greatly help our efforts to deal with many urgent maintenance issues and to realise our ambitious development plans.

Yours fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James McAuley".

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