

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

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| MASS TIMETABLE | | | | | |
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| Day | Date | Feria, Memorial (M), Feast (F), Solemnity (S) | Time | Church | Mass Intention |
| Sat | 17 th Jan | 2nd Sunday – Vigil | 6.00pm | St. Michael's | |
| Sun | 18 th Jan | 2nd Sunday | 9.00am | St. Michael's | Luciano Ruchelli RIP |
| Sun | 18 th Jan | 2nd Sunday | 11.00am | St. Oswald's | Brenda Scouler RIP |
| Mon | 19 th Jan | NO MASS | | | |
| Tues | 20 th Jan | Feria | 12 Noon | St. Oswald's | Margaret Helm RIP |
| Weds | 21 st Jan | St. Agnes (M) | 9.30am | St. Michael's | |
| Thurs | 22 nd Jan | Feria | 9.30am | St. Michael's | |
| Fri | 23 rd Jan | Feria | 7.00pm | St. Michael's | |
| Sat | 24 th Jan | 3 rd Sunday – Vigil | 6.00pm | St. Michael's | Patrick & Doris Duffy RIP |
| Sun | 25 th Jan | 3 rd Sunday | 9.00am | St. Michael's | Keith Aitken RIP |
| Sun | 25 th Jan | 3 rd Sunday | 11.00am | St. Oswald's | Antonio Covacha RIP & Family |
| <i>Weekday Masses are preceded by 30 mins of Eucharistic Adoration. Rosary prayed after each Mass</i> | | | | | |

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



“One Body, One Spirit, One Hope” (Ephesians 4:4)

This Sunday is the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity when all Catholics and Christians around the world are invited to reflect on their shared identity in Christ as *one body with one Spirit and one hope*.

Unity is not presented simply as an ideal, but as a **divine mandate at the heart of our Christian identity**. Pope Leo XIV has echoed this vision in recent ecumenical dialogue, emphasising that the call to unity is rooted in Christ's own prayer: *that they all may be one* (cf. Jn 17:21). Unity among Christians does not mean uniformity but a mutual exchange of spiritual gifts, reflecting the harmonious oneness of life in Christ amidst our rich diversity.

As we enter this week of prayer, let us open our hearts to the Holy Spirit's work in moving us from division to communion, toward the full unity that Christ wills for his Church.

Christian Unity Service in Tadley

The Diocesan Ten Year Plan 'You Will Be My Witnesses' calls for every parish to "Participate in joint service and mission to the wider local community through Churches Together." During the upcoming week of prayer, please pray each day for unity.

This year's CTAT Service for Christian Unity will take place at St Paul's Church, The Green, Tadley, RG26 3PB, this Sunday 18 January at 10.30am. Please do attend the Service, if you are able to do so – all welcome!

Parish Office closed on Tuesday 20th January

Dan will be without transport on this day, so will be working from home. Emails & voice messages will be checked & replied to as normal during the usual Office Hours 9.45am – 2.45pm

CAFOD Thanks

We've now received formal acknowledgement & thanks from CAFOD for our combined Harvest donations, which came to a massive total of £987.00. This is a hugely impressive effort, many thanks for everybody's generosity!

ARCHANGELS

Mingle at St Michael's

The next gathering will be on Wednesday 21 January from 2pm to 4pm in St Michael's Parish Room for tea, coffee, cake, conversation and laughter. A basket of craft activities will also be available for anyone who would like to have a go. All welcome!

Parish Skittles Evening

The Archangels are organising their popular annual Parish Skittles Evening at AWE RecSoc on Friday 27 February at 7pm. Tickets are limited and available on a 'first come, first served' basis: £15 each, including a pre-ordered bar meal. Meal choices: 6 scampi & chips; 6 fish fingers & chips; 6 vegan goujons & chips (VE); 6 chicken goujons & chips; 2 sausages & chips; tuna mayo jacket potato; Cheddar cheese & beans jacket potato; butternut squash chilli & cheese jacket potato (VE). To book, please call or text Mary Lee on 07821 254100 or email her: maryt.lee@yahoo.co.uk

CTAT

CTAT Challenge for Churches in 2026

At the last CTAT Forum, it was proposed that each CTAT community be challenged to discuss hosting one event in 2026 that would have a social element to bring CTAT members together, possibly just for fun or possibly to raise funds, and to bring suggestions to the next meeting on 22 January 2026. If you have any ideas of an event St Michael's could offer to organise, please contact Mary Lee in the first instance on 07821 254100 or email: maryt.lee@yahoo.co.uk

CTAT AGM & Forum

This will be held on Thursday 22 January 2026 at the Salvation Army Hall, 7pm refreshments for a 7.30pm start. All welcome!

Ladies' Breakfast

We usually meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Immanuel Centre, Tadley URC, Main Road, Tadley, RG26 3NJ, except in August and December. All welcome!

Men's Breakfast restarts for 2026!

Come along and join us on Saturday 24th January 2026 from 10am. Speaker: Mark will be talking about AI. Future dates: 28th Feb & 28th March.

We usually meet on the 4th Saturday of the month at the Immanuel Centre, Tadley URC, Main Road, Tadley, RG26 3NJ. All welcome! Contact Mark for more info: tadleyurc@gmail.com Tel: 07849546894

FREINDS OF THE HOLY LAND SEEK VOLUNTEERS

Can you offer a few hours each month? Are you concerned about the situation in the Holy Land and want to do something practical to help? What FHL needs from you is a commitment to make up to 8 talks, appeals and presentations a year in Catholic parishes and other Christian communities in your region; to be willing to deliver presentations to Catholic and other Christian student groups, colleges and schools to help raise awareness of our work and inspire fundraising activity among young people. What you can expect from FHL is support and training in the role from the Advocacy and Engagement Manager, fees of £250 per parish appeal completed, ongoing mentoring and being part of a growing network of people who are passionate about making a difference in the lives of Christians who are struggling. For a detailed role description please contact the team by telephone on 01926 512980.

West Berks Foodbank vacancy - Churches Collections Manager

The WB Foodbanks is now seeking a volunteer (or a small team working together) to take on the important role of liaising with local churches and supporting church collections. This includes maintaining relationships with churches, helping to organise collections, sharing foodbank updates and ensuring that donations can be received smoothly and with thanks. A full role description is available via the Parish Office for anyone who would like to explore what is involved.

If you might be interested in serving the local community in this way, the Foodbank would love to hear from you via the contact details hereunder:

Fran Chamings

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Email: fran@westberks.foodbank.org.uk

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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.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/>