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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

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Covenant to the People

If you would like help from the Covenant to the People scheme, please call Bill Reilly on (0118) 9813784 during September.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

NEWSLETTER

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

19th September 2021

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Tadley, Kingsclere and Burghfield Common Masses

6:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass Tadley
10:30 am Sunday Parish Mass Burghfield Common

Weekday Mass:

12 noon 21 Sep St Matthew Tadley
12 noon 29 Sep Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Tadley

Please note: Advance booking is not required for weekday Masses but telephone booking is required for weekend Masses.

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— YEAR B

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord upholds my life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Through the Good News God called us to share the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Next Sunday's Reading (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Numbers 11:25-29. St James 5:1-6. Mark 9:38-43. 47-48

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Diocesan Collections

This weekend there is an Obligatory Collection for Home Mission Sunday

Autumn Mass Counts: These will be taken at all weekend Masses on 18/19th, 25/26th September and 2/3rd and 9/10th October.

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WE ALL MUST DO IT TO GET THROUGH IT!

This was the background message of the Northern Ireland Chief Medical Officer during the Press Briefing by the Officers for the United Kingdom, concerning 'jabs' for 12–15 year olds with all the ethical and moral issues involved, last Monday. Our Prime Minister the next day further highlighted the fact that we are still in a pandemic, and that the Government will act as necessary if the situation worsens during the autumn and winter. There is growing concern that hospital admissions for COVID are beginning to place a strain on UK hospitals, especially in Scotland.

Our Bishops of England and Wales, in their July guidance on entering the present phase of the pandemic, basically stated that

which the CMO for Northern Ireland highlighted—that all of us are involved, priests and people, caring not only for ourselves but for others in the community, by wearing face masks, sanitising and keeping a reasonable distance.

Whilst we move forward in this spirit in Tadley and Burghfield Common, it is important to adhere to sensible guidance. Next week I shall announce the return of three weekend Masses at the beginning of October, but this will be subject to review as we enter the next few months, especially if the situation deteriorates. The arrangement of the churches will remain in their present state, and provision will be made for those who wish to keep the two-metre distance, as recommended by our Bishops and being implemented by other parishes. This may provide problems for numbers wishing to attend but we shall see how things develop. Parishioners should be prepared to adapt to different Mass times if they wish to build a sense of community. As Bishop Philip says, people should arrange their Sunday around the Mass, not the Mass around the day, as far as possible.

I have been in conversation with Tina Van Ewyk who, along with a small group, has cleaned and sanitised our churches during the lockdowns, about the need for a good clean of the Tadley Church if it is to be used regularly each week. There is also a need to sanitise handles, benches and chairs if they are to be used before the 72 hour delay without sanitisation allowed for a further service. Burghfield Common Church and hall are cleaned regularly by Veronika following the death of Peggy Gregory, whose soul we remember at Sunday Mass this weekend. Also, those using the Leonard Rooms are obliged to follow sanitisation guidelines after use, and the letting may be revoked if it is found that this is not being done. Kathryn has already been engaged in this area over the last few days, so that we comply with diocesan guidelines for use of parish property.

This weekend it will be necessary for sanitisation of the benches in Tadley, as well as touch-points, before our Mass in honour of Saint Matthew on Tuesday. We shall retain one Steward at weekend Masses over the next few months, especially as one who welcomes new arrivals, but I shall be asking others to assist in sanitisation. If this cannot be done properly, then Masses will be limited to ensure all is done well.

Recently I have sanitised both our churches after Baptisms and Memorial Masses to ensure that they can be used over the weekend because it is unfair to ask a few people to be doing this all the time as necessary. So I am looking forward to a 'Cleaning Group' being established for Tadley. Members of Saint Oswald's community are prepared to support Veronika if necessary, but there will be no weekday Masses there at present.

Finally, I felt deeply for our Prime Minister having to give a Press Briefing last Tuesday following the death of his mother. It was moving that the first person chosen to ask him questions, speaking on behalf of all the press people present, extended condolences to him. For

a brief moment, the cut and thrust of debate reflected a common humanity. We remember the soul of his mother in prayer this weekend.

Father Patrick

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KATHRYN, OUR NEW PART-TIME SECRETARY, WRITES:

On 8th September I attended the Annual Parish Administrators' Day held at St Bede's, Basingstoke. Father Dominic Adeiza, Parish Priest of St Bede's Church, started the session with a prayer and then Heather Hauschild, Chief Operating Officer of the diocese's Department for Support and Admin Services, reviewed the past two years and set out future plans and priorities for the diocese, with the outcomes from the 'Thousand Voices' survey considered. Although understandable, it was alarming to hear that current Mass attendance across the diocese is 10,000, whilst prior to the lockdown attendance levels were 32,000. With these numbers in mind and their impact on the Church, we learned that the 'Closer To Christ' campaign (fundraising initiative for the whole Diocese to help ensure the future viability of our Catholic community) will be developed to 2023. It was stated that the diocese and its parishes are several million pounds in debt at the present time.

After a quick coffee break, we were placed into small groups and had 15 minutes with each department team. St. Bede's provided us with a delicious lunch and then we continued with a Q and A session. As you can imagine, having been in role for less than a week, I found the day extremely enlightening and it was invaluable to meet with other administrators from our neighbouring parishes. I now have a better understanding of my new role and look forward to supporting Father Patrick and the Parish as a whole.

Kathryn

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GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING

On Monday 28th September, the Vigil of St Michael, the Network asks people to pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. We are asked especially to fast and pray for the end of DIY abortions at home. Please join in and invite others to join as well.

www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

Father Patrick is in contact with Kit Malthouse, MP for the Tadley area, in respect of DIY abortions at home. During the lockdown period, the Government permitted these with no proper medical supervision. There are inevitably complications from time to time and some women have died aborting at home. Concern is growing that the Government will allow the situation to continue as in lockdown, without proper Parliamentary debate and consideration of the medical risks. You may wish to write to your MP on this. Remember Burghfield Common and Tadley are in different constituencies. Personal letters have more weight than a general email, especially in requesting the MP to write personally in response to your concerns.

SAVE THE PLANET BY NOT HAVING CHILDREN !

There is an interesting, if not a little worrying, growing call by some to address the problems of climate change by women choosing not to have babies. Human beings, at the same time as being the height of God's Creation, are the worst 'polluters' of our Common Home in a multitude of ways. Some regard the control of population as being central to the issue of overcoming the climate crisis, contrary to the fact that attempts to limit population growth often result in other problems. China's effort to do so is one example, which involved compulsory abortion and sterilisation.

'Women's Hour' on Radio 4 last Wednesday, 15th September, had a fascinating discussion involving two ladies in their late 20's who felt that they should not have babies because of the crisis and the world babies would enter. As Climate Crisis Christians, we should always be aware of the need to treasure human life and recognise God's Lordship of Creation in this area of debate.

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UNVEILING OF THE INFORMATION BOARD AT TADLEY MEMORIAL GARDEN ON SATURDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER AT 2:30PM

In 1929 the Tadley War Memorial Cross was erected to commemorate those who lost their lives in World War I. It was unveiled on 10 November 1929 and was located close to the site of the present Memorial Garden.

Due to the reconfiguration of the A340 in 1963 the memorial was relocated to The Green, where it remains, and the Memorial Garden was established to commemorate the original site. It became apparent as years went by that fewer people were aware of the history of the War Memorial and the reason for the garden.

Tadley and District History Society (TADSs), with the support of Tadley Town Council, have created an information board in the hope that present and future generations of Tadley residents will better understand the history of the memorial and the garden.

The memorial garden is located next to Hicks Close at the junction of Tadley Hill and New Road.

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CREATING SAFE SPACES FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE FOSTERED OR ADOPTED

How can we make safe spaces in our schools, faith communities and homes for children of trauma? If you are interested in finding out more there is a free workshop run by CTAT and Carolyne Oates, Paediatric OT, on 14th October from 7:00pm—9:00pm at St Paul's Church, Tadley. The aim of the course is to help us look after fostered and adopted children better in our churches and schools. To book a place please contact Richard Harlow on 07875969128 or richard73harlow@aol.com

SEASON OF CREATION

Caritas has a new publication 'Season of Creation' with details about things happening in this season, including the centre spread on the Caritas Bee Highway project, recently launched. Caritas hopes as many parishes and parishioners as possible will join in. (A pdf is attached).

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A CHRISTIAN COURSE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

I wanted to let you know about an exciting new course called Christian Course on Climate Change which is being organised by Mike Slinn from Winchester and Tina Quinn from Southampton supported by Sheila Wade Caritas Portsmouth and myself CAFOD Portsmouth.

The course will be online using zoom on Friday evenings for 7 weeks from 7:30pm to 9pm starting on CAFOD Family Fast Day, Friday 1st October and it is for everyone in the diocese. Each session will have two speakers one giving a spiritual input using *Laudato Si'* and scripture, and another speaker will give a more practical input. There will also be time for discussions in small groups, questions and feedback.

The session themes are:-

1. Getting Started 1/10/21
2. Spend less, eat better 8/10/21
3. Using less energy 15/10/21
4. Getting Around 22/10/21
5. Wasting Away 29/10/21
6. Save on water 5/11/21
7. Caring community 12/11/21

The speakers include:- John Paul De Quay from Ecological Conversion Group, Sr Margaret Atkins an Augustinian Canoness at Boarbank Hall in Cumbria, a teacher of philosophy and theology, with a lifelong interest in the natural world, and author of *Catholics and Our Common Home: Caring for the Planet in a Time of Crisis (CTS)* and organiser of the Living *Laudato Si'* retreats, Sr Shirley Aeria FMDM *Laudato si'* Animator, Steve Gargett from St Joseph Basingstoke and founder of Heart & Compass Eco and Zero Waste Shop, Maureen Thompson Livesimply Assessor and CAFOD Campaign Volunteer Coordinator, Phil Paulo, Caritas Portsmouth Environmental Programme Manager, and myself!

You can register here [TicketSource - Discover Great Events & Things To Do Near You](#) Jo Lewry, CAFOD Portsmouth

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MISSIO (Red Boxes) Tadley — Geoff & Gina

Thank you for those who returned their Red Boxes but no more thank you. They will be collected in again later this year. Thanks to your generosity we have been able to send £657.58 to the Missions to support their important work in spreading the Gospel to those so less fortunate than we are. If you want to find out more about the work of Missio and how you can help then there are copies of the latest Missio Magazine available at St Michael's Church.