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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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St Oswald's Church

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Covenant to the People

If you would like help from the Covenant to the People scheme, please call Mary Lee during November. Her number is 0118 9813221.

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 Solemnity of

Christ The King

21st November 2021

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Tadley, Kingsclere and Burghfield Common Masses

6:00 pm	Saturday Vigil Mass	Tadley
9:00 am	Sunday Parish Mass	Tadley
11:00am	Sunday Parish Mass	Burghfield Common

Weekday Mass:

12 noon	Thu 25 Nov	Feria	Tadley
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Advance booking is not required for weekend Masses but please telephone or email to advise if attending so Father Patrick can ensure we keep within acceptable numbers.

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The Solemnity of Christ The King – Year B

Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Next Sunday's Reading (First Sunday of Advent, Year C)

Jeremiah 33:14-16. Thessalonians 3:12-4:2. Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

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Special Collection

This will take place on weekend of 27th/28th November, for LEPRA, as advertised in our last Newsletter.

Mass Attendance on 13th/14th November 2021

Tadley 6:00pm: 36 Tadley 9:00am: 30
Burghfield Common 11:00am: 26

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LET US DREAM (The Path To A Better Future)

This is the title of the book which developed between June and August 2020 in exchanges between Pope Francis and Austen Ivereigh, The British writer and journalist, and author of two biographies of the present Pope. Within it are the suggestions and thoughts of Francis, in the midst of the corona virus crisis, and his hopes for the future, with a scathing critique of the faults of our pre-pandemic world. As he states in the Prologue: "The basic rule of a crisis is that you don't come out of it the same". It is a mistake to try and return to the same pre-crisis state, as many appear to want to.

Bishop Philip has chosen the title 'The Post-Covid Church - Let Us Dream' for the Conference of priests and deacons in active ministry which, all being well, will be held on the 29th and 30th November at the Leonardo Royal Southampton Grand Harbour Hotel. It will take place with Covid precautions in place and clergy should only attend if they have no Covid or cold symptoms and have taken a lateral flow test before journeying to the Conference. I hope to attend, so keep me in your prayers, please.

The Conference also should be in our prayers in the coming week, especially that those involved will return safely to their parishes. Three key areas concerning the future of our Diocese over the next ten years will be discussed, recognising that we are in a very different place since the lockdowns starting in March 2020. The future is very uncertain, but it is a time "to dream big, to rethink our priorities ... God asks us to dare to create something new ... We need to slow down, take stock and design better ways of living together on this earth" (Prologue).

The areas to be considered are

1. Pastoral Area Reviews
2. Laiety Survey (A Thousand Voices)
3. Emerging Priorities

Let Us Dream ends with the poem Esperanza (Hope), by the Cuban actor and comedian Alexis Valdés, which Pope Francis had read during lockdown, and whom he spoke to on the telephone because he was so impressed by his poem. The final verse is:

"When the storm passes, I ask you Lord, in shame
That you return us better, As you once dreamed us."
"Amen!" to that. Father Patrick

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CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER CHRIS!

Many of you will remember Father Christopher Rutledge, former Parish Priest of the Holy Ghost Parish, Basingstoke, and Pastoral Co-ordinator of the North-West Hampshire Pastoral Area. He was very supportive of our Parish when our first part-time Secretary, Shelley Winsper, underwent major heart surgery, allowing Jan Hughes to be in the office once a week to prevent a backlog of work developing.

Some time ago, he was asked to be Parish Priest and Dean of Guernsey in the Channel Islands. It was good to hear that he has been elected as a member of the Cathedral Chapter, and will be installed as a Canon in the near future. On behalf of the Parish, Father Patrick sends our congratulations to him.

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KEEPING BARBARA IN PRAYER

Last week Father Patrick had a long chat with Barbara Davis, who left as part-time Secretary in the summer. She was not well at the time and Father had not been in touch because he assumed she was having a well-deserved rest. However, it transpired that soon after leaving she was diagnosed with a fractured spine, and is now convalescing from hospitalisation. The doctors were amazed that she had been working in the office without realising this, and explains why she was not in good health when she left her post. Her dedication to

the job was outstanding.

Although still in considerable pain, she was asking about the Parish and people she knew. On a number of occasions she knows Father Patrick referred to her as Mulier Fortis (Strong Woman), in respect of her determination to get things done as well as possible both for him and our Parish. Not a bad compliment for her. Thanks again Barbara!

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CTAT UPDATE - CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

In our Newsletter of 7th November Father Patrick asked if any lay member of the Tadley community would become a Catholic Representative on Churches Together Around Tadley, supporting Mary Lee, following the retirement of Pauline Penfold as our second representative. So far, there has been no response from the community to this request.

On Monday 15th November Father Patrick, Reverend Richard Harlow, Reverend Ruth Midcalf and Deacon Steve McKay met with Carolyne Oakes (Tadley Community Church) and Paul Gross (United Reform Church) as the CTAT Standing Committee, at St Paul's Church on the Green. Both the Community Church and the URC Church are without ministers, following the retirement of Pastor Greg and the Reverend Kay Blackwell moving to School Chaplaincy in Oxfordshire. Carolyne and Paul attended for their communities. It is unlikely that there will be new ministers available for some time. From a Catholic viewpoint, this question of provision of clergy because of the lack of vocations and increasing retirement of clergy will become an issue for our communities very soon.

It is hoped to have two Advent events in December, one at St Paul's Church on 22nd December and the second at St Mary's Church on 23rd December, both around 6:00pm. Weather permitting, they will be outside Services, with refreshments afterward. However, this will depend upon the availability of volunteers from all our Christian communities engaging. It is requested that hospitality for the gathering on 23rd December will be provided by, among others, St Michael's Church. Father Patrick needs to know of any volunteer for 23rd December ASAP, so that arrangements may be finalised at our next meeting on Thursday 9th December. The future depends on you!

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'ECO' CAKE & TEA 'MINI COP-26' SESSION

Pam and Tony Darroch write,

"The Holy Ghost parish would like to invite you to their 'eco' friendly cake and tea session at St Bede's Parish Hall on Sunday, 28th November from 3-4:30pm.

We have arranged for Helen & Steve Gargett [of Heart & Compass, Viabes craft centre] to attend to give us an insight into their ethos and to explain some of the products available to us all, which could help us do our bit [or a bit more] to protect our planet - you could call it a 'mini COP 26 event'. There will be items to check out along with information on them as well as other stalls with people sharing their journey as they do their bit. Whilst the main aim is to offer information, there will be an opportunity to buy some items, but only if you choose to do so.

All we ask is that you let us know that you're planning to come by emailing us on stbedesocial@gmail.com to ensure that we have enough cake to go round!!!"