

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

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## MASS TIMETABLE

Day	Date	Feria, Memorial (M), Feast (F), Solemnity (S)	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sat	24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday – Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	Patrick & Doris Duffy RIP
Sun	25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	9.00am	St. Michael's	Keith Aitken RIP
Sun	25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	11.00am	St. Oswald's	Antonio Covacha RIP & Family
Mon	26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	NO MASS			
Tues	27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Feria	12 Noon	St. Oswald's	
Weds	28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	St. Thomas Aquinas (M)	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Thurs	29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Feria	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Fri	30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Feria	7.00pm	St. Michael's	
Sat	31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday – Vigil	6.00pm	St. Michael's	Liam Reilly RIP & deceased Family Members
Sun	1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	9.00am	St. Michael's	Anthony Burns RIP
Sun	1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	11.00am	St. Oswald's	Patrick Stevens RIP

*There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection at all Masses this weekend for the upkeep of the Cathedral*

*Weekday Masses are preceded by 30 mins of Eucharistic Adoration. Rosary prayed after each Mass*

**The Third Sunday of the Year is also 'Bible Sunday,' the Sunday of the Word of God.**

The biblical expression chosen for this year's celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God is taken from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians: **"The word of Christ dwells among you" (3:16)**. The Apostle Paul does not ask that the Word be merely listened to or studied; it is not a simple moral exhortation, but the indication of a new way of living. He wants the Word of Christ to dwell in us, that is, to take up stable residence, to shape our thoughts, guide our desires, and make credible the witness of the disciples. The Word of Christ remains a sure criterion that unifies and renders fruitful the life of the Christian community.



It is particularly significant that this year the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God coincides with the celebration of the Conversion of Saint Paul, the day that concludes the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The Word that Christ addressed to Paul on the road to Damascus struck his heart so deeply that it made him the great evangelizer we know. Today it is up to us to ensure that the same Word reaches the ends of the earth, so as to transform the life of all peoples by dwelling among us.

## SECOND COLLECTION - ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

The Second Collection for St John's Cathedral takes place this Sunday, 25th of January. Canon James McAuley writes:

*Our Cathedral is situated in the most deprived part of the Diocese of Portsmouth. The parish collection covers just over half of the ordinary running costs of £5,000 per week. I fully appreciate the financial pressures we are all experiencing, but I would appeal to you to support the Second Collection for the Cathedral on 25 January. Never has this annual collection by parishes for the Mother Church of the Diocese been more critical or needed. Your support is vitally important to us. Thank you.*

For more information about how you can also support the Cathedral150 Appeal, please follow this link:  
<https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/cathedral150-appeal/>

Online donations for the Second Collection can be made using the following link:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/st-johns-cathedral-second-collection-2026>

## World Leprosy Day

This Sunday 25th January we also mark World Leprosy Day, a time to pray for and stand in solidarity with people affected by leprosy around the world. We remember the work of the John Bradburne Memorial Society, inspired by John Bradburne, who devoted his life to caring for those with leprosy at the Mutemwa Leprosy Care Centre in Zimbabwe. Please keep the people of Mutemwa in your prayers and consider supporting this vital work.

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## Parish Office closed on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January

On Tuesday the Parish Office will be closed once again. On this occasion, Dan is required to attend a Diocesan training day for Parish Administrators at St. Bede's. As a result, emails will not be checked until Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan. For urgent/ emergency issues, please phone the Parish Office, but note that it will only be possible to check voice messages on a sporadic basis.

### Online Marriage Care Programme

Does your marriage need some TLC? Need help with communication and trust? **Retrouvaille helps marriages.** It can bring hope and healing to relationships.

Next date: 12th February 2026.

[www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) Tel: 07887 296983

### Chocolate Tubs Donations

Thank you to everyone who has collected empty chocolate tubs. If you have any more Deacon Tony will come and collect them. The cut-off date for collections is the end of January.

## ARCHANGELS SOCIAL GROUP

### Mingle at St. Michael's

Despite the weather, there was a good turnout for the first Mingle at St. Michael's of 2026, earlier in the week! Watch out for details of the next Mingle in subsequent Newsletters.

### 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](mailto:maryt.lee@yahoo.co.uk)

**CTAT Christian Unity Service & AGM**

Over 200 Christians gathered last Sunday morning at St Paul's Church at the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity to praise and worship God together and to pray for Christian Unity. Afterwards participants enjoyed a time of fellowship together. Our thanks to Peter Hughes for his photograph and report in this week's edition of Bishop Philip's E-News.

Rev Steve McKay, Rector of the Anglican Benefice, had put together a presentation for the service, which covered the wide range of CTAT activities throughout the year, when Christians from different communities across Tadley, Pamber Heath and Silchester had worked together to make present the love of Christ in our community. This presentation was played again at the end of the CTAT AGM on Thursday 22 January to illustrate the year's activities and the Joint Moderators, Rev Steve McKay and Stewart Madden, Territorial Envoy of the Salvation Army's Tadley & Newbury Corps, expressed their gratitude for the tremendous support there has been for CTAT activities from so many people across the different congregations throughout 2025. Many thanks to those from our community who have contributed over the past year!

The CTAT Officers were re-elected at the AGM, although Rev Steve McKay will be the lead Moderator in 2026 with Stewart Madden moving to the supporting role. Mark Ward from URC is the Treasurer; Janet Gross from URC and Mary Lee from our community remain the Joint Secretaries; and Ed Vassie from the Community Church continues as Communications Officer. Thanks were expressed to Peter Hughes for his thorough check/verify review of the published CTAT income and expenditure record and supporting documentation for 2025. The Annual Accounts were adopted at the meeting.

Another busy year of CTAT activities are being planned for 2026!

**New CTAT ALPHA course**

Why are we here? What's the point of it all? What happens after we die? Why do bad things happen to good people?

If you or someone you know have questions like these about life, then Alpha is for you/them. It's a safe space to explore questions about life and faith, whether you have a strong faith or absolutely no belief at all. There will be food, chats and a safe place to discuss your questions. If you know someone who might benefit from attending, please draw the programme to their attention and encourage them to attend - maybe you could take them along? There is a taster session on Monday 2 February at St Paul's Church, Tadley, at 7.30pm for people to see if it's for them. The course starts on Wednesday 11 February in St Paul's at 7:30pm, continuing weekly on Wednesdays (except for Ash Wednesday on 18 February). The final session is on Wednesday 1 April. To book or for further information, please contact Rev Steve McKay: [revstevemckay@gmail.com](mailto:revstevemckay@gmail.com) or telephone 0118 981 6252.

**Lent Course at Tadley URC**

Tadley URC has issued an invitation to everyone to join their new Monday Evening Lent course:

"This Lent period we will be looking at Matt Rawles' 6-week DVD-based bible study course "The Final Days." As usual, there will be prayer, discussion, questions....and cake! Everyone is welcome to join us for this short but enlightening journey... 7:15pm (with cake and coffee) for a 7:30pm start, six consecutive Mondays from 23 February through to 30 March, at Tadley URC Immanuel Centre."

"The four New Testament Gospels aren't the same story, but they offer the same Resurrection hope. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John devote most of their story detailing Jesus' last week in Jerusalem, all highlighting Jesus' triumphant entry into the city, the suffering and humiliation of the cross, and the empty tomb come Sunday morning, but the stories they tell aren't quite the same. Each Gospel offers a different lens through which we understand Jesus' Passion. One portrait reveals Jesus to be in control, while another emphasises his suffering. In one story Jesus offers hope to the thief on the cross, and in another Jesus only receives derision. These different perspectives aren't a reason to dismiss the Gospels; rather they reveal an abundant, diverse, and complementary picture of God's work in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus."

**SAVE THE DATE**

The CTAT World Day of Prayer Service will take place in the afternoon of Friday 6 March.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> January 2026 from 10am. Speaker: Mark will be talking about AI.

Future dates: 28<sup>th</sup> Feb & 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tadleyurc@gmail.com) Tel: 07849546894