

**June 25<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**PARISH NEWS**

Dear All,

I thought it would be appropriate to send out a brief Newsletter this week, since there are a number of important items for your attention that have cropped up during Father Patrick's absence.

Mass arrangements – 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> June

First of all, just a reminder that Father Patrick will be back this weekend, so we return to our normal Mass schedule at both churches.

NOTE: The traditional *Peter's Pence* collection will be taken this weekend.

Mass arrangements for the Solemnity of St. Peter & St. Paul – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June

Holy Day of Obligation

11.00am at St. Oswald's Church

7.00pm at St. Michael's Church

**WARNING! "Bee" careful at St. Oswald's.**

We have acquired a honey bee nest at the Church. The location is inside the wall, high up, at the back of the church. The bees are accessing it under the fascia board, just below the gutter. I managed to get a contractor to visit & advise/quote on removal of the colony, however, the location of the nest adds a degree of complexity to the job, so I'm working with the Diocesan Estates Department on how to proceed.

When I visited yesterday, there were no bees inside the church & since the location of the nest is almost on the other side of the Church from the main entrance, after consultation with Father Patrick, it has been decided to proceed with Mass as usual at 11.00am on Sunday, albeit with caution.

Therefore, for your own safety & that of others, please kindly adhere to the following risk management procedure:

1. If you suffer from a bee allergy, any other type of allergy, or consider yourself, or someone in your care, to be a vulnerable person, you will need to make your own decision as to whether you feel comfortable attending Mass this Sunday.
2. Enter/exit the church promptly, only via the main door. Do not walk around either side of the church. Don't be tempted by curiosity!
3. Immediately notify Father Patrick & the congregation if you become aware of bees inside the church (especially at the back & the toilet areas) or in the car park.
4. Since Ellen is away this weekend, we will cancel Tea/Coffee after Mass.
5. Mary Gush has kindly agreed to open the church & will assess the situation & warn if she finds any issues prior to the start of Mass.
6. We will only have the main door open for ventilation (since the back door is much closer to the nest site) & therefore need a volunteer to sit near the main door to keep an eye out for any potential intruders. Please kindly notify Father Patrick on the day if you are able to assist with this.

### Closer to Christ Campaign

Further to the announcement in the last Newsletter, please kindly review your calendars & let me know if you are able to attend either one of the small gatherings at St Michael's Church to find out more about this important initiative:

Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> July at 6.00pm    Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am

To rsvp, please email [tadley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tadley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call the parish office on 0118 981 4572

### Children's Liturgy – St. Michael's

The last 2 dates of the children's liturgy sessions at St Michael's until the summer holidays are as follows:

Sun 2nd July 9am Mass

Sun 16th July 9am Mass.

### CTAT Children's Summer Holiday Club – Appeal for volunteers

Please do consider volunteering to assist with the running of the Club. CTAT is particularly looking for more Leaders & also Young Leaders (14-18.... might be a nice opportunity for anyone doing the Duke of Edinburgh Award?).

Contact: [secretary.ctat@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.ctat@gmail.com)

Online form available at: [ctat.churchsuite.com](http://ctat.churchsuite.com)

### CTAT 3Cs café

Please be aware that the café is now running as follows:

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month from 2.30pm – 4.00pm

Location: Tadley Common Methodist Church, Newchurch Road, Tadley. RG26 6HN

FYI there are also information cards with these details in St. Michael's Church.

Enjoy your weekend.

Dan.

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