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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 on 0118 9813221 during June or Gerry Penfold on 0118 9811247 during July.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

NEWSLETTER

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26TH JUNE 2022

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Tadley, Kingsclere and Burghfield Common Masses

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

Holy Day of Obligation: Saints Peter & Paul

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| Wed 29 June | 11:00am | Mass | Burghfield Common |
| | 7:00pm | Mass | Tadley |

In consideration of others, please wear a face mask and sanitise when entering our churches. Those who wish to be seated in the socially distanced area please telephone or email to advise if attending. Please do not come to church if you have any symptoms of a viral infection.

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Responsorial Psalm: O Lord, it is you who are my portion.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

Next Sunday's Readings (14th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Isaiah 66:10-14 Galatians 6:14-18 Luke 10:1-12. 17-20

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PETER'S PENCE SECOND COLLECTION

Our Second Collection this Sunday is for Peter's Pence, the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church, and for the relief of those most in need. If you would like to give a gift to this collection, you can donate here: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/peters-pence>

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MASS ATTENDANCE

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| <u>11/12th June:</u> | Tadley 6pm: 34 10am: 76 | No 11am Mass |
| <u>18/19th June:</u> | Tadley: no counts taken | No 11am Mass |

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

We welcome in Baptism this weekend, Nathan Chege.

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FIRST COMMUNION REMINISCENCES 2022

Over the last two weekends I have enjoyed being involved in two First Communion Masses, different in numbers participating, but alike because both are the central act of Catholic worship, wherein Our Risen Lord is truly present in His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

The First Communion Mass in Saint Michael's Church on Sunday 12th June involved only seven youngsters, whereas the one at Our Lady of Victories Church in Market Harborough, Leicestershire, on Saturday 18th June had 31. A second Mass on 2nd July will have 13 more. Market Harborough is a large Market Town with fine old buildings and the Church of Saint Dionysius at its centre, which has one of the finest spires in England. The old and the new merge and blend seamlessly in its engaging streets.



Our Tadley celebration was probably the best during my time as Parish Priest, with a group of youngsters who engaged well in the Preparation Programme, supported by parents from both our communities who have attended the Eucharist frequently during the pandemic. Three families are from Eastern Europe (Lithuania, Poland and Slovakia) and two with Irish and Welsh roots. It was a pleasure to interact with the youngsters during the Mass, because a small group is easier to know, which is not the case with large numbers.

My thanks to the parents for their gifts and to Aggie for her flower displays for those involved in the preparation, namely Marion Evans, Jenny Seaborn and Katherine Whitehouse. And thank you to those who remembered my birthday on 11th June and for their cards and gifts.

The Music Group provided fine liturgical music, so we thank Anne Reilly and her singers for their contribution. Hugh Lobo provided hot water for the many cups of coffee and tea for those attending the Reception in the Parish Room, which was prepared by the parents of the First Communicants for family and friends. The hot water system in the Parish Room is still in need of repair, so Hugh, once again, 'came through' for the return of Coffee Mornings on 19th June and will also be ensuring that the Coffee Morning this weekend goes ahead.

Please remember that the new variants of coronavirus are causing a rise in infections and more hospitalisations, causing some concern for future developments. Do not bunch together in the Parish Room and make use

of the Parish Patio for fresh air as much as possible. I, like many priests, will continue to review the developing situation. A number of our Diocesan priests have caught the virus recently, putting them out of action.

On Tuesday 14th June I travelled by train to Market Harborough for my great-niece Ivy's First Communion on 18th June. It would be the first time for almost three years that I would meet face-to-face with my sister, Beaty, my niece Catherine, whose marriage to Will I had solemnised some years ago, having baptised Ivy and her brother Laurence some time afterwards. My brother Michael and his wife Teresa were able to join us for the Communion weekend, so it was a wonderful family reunion.



Father Chris O'Connor, the Parish Priest in Market Harborough, was gracious in his welcome, and I concelebrated the Sunday Mass with him also. He kindly ensured that I was able to give Ivy her First Communion, and arranged for her and Laurence and my sister to bring up the Offertory Gifts at the Sunday Mass, which those receiving First Communion on the Saturday were invited to attend. Beatrice (Beaty) is co-chair of the Parish Pastoral Council as well as a Reader. It was good to link up with her, as with my brother and his wife, on developments during lockdown. Our three church communities were moving in a similar direction and, generally speaking, continue to do so.

And the new hairstyle, which I hope you all like? I had intended to have a haircut a couple of times before going to Leicestershire, but things got in the way. Well, I thought, let's hear what Ivy and Laurence (never mind my sister!) would say when I arrived.

Laurence is a bright five year old, and simply commented "It's long" and engaged me in a computer game where you create the person he and I would like me to be! Ivy commented "It's very long!" and engaged me in a game of room design, which she did very well!

The memorable deed was accomplished by a young Polish barber from outside Gdansk, who cuts the hair of Will, my niece's husband, Ivy and Laurence. We engaged in a pleasant conversation, and I felt that I should tell her I was a priest as were talking about my visit to Market Harborough. To which she replied that she thought that I was one when I came through the door. No escape! The Lord certainly has a sense of humour!

Unfortunately the Office has not received a photograph of the Tadley and Burghfield Common youngsters who made their First Communion in Saint Michael's Church recently. Hopefully we shall be able to share one with you in next week's newsletter.

Father Patrick

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SPECIAL INVITATION



Are you aged 3.5 years – 11 years old?

If so, please come and join us at St Michael's Church, Tadley on **Sunday 10th July at 9am**, as we will be holding a Children's Liturgy of the Word service just for you.

Please also join us for drinks and cake after Mass to celebrate the return of children's liturgy.

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YOU WILL BE MISSED!

It is with great sadness that I have to announce that the Kucharcik Family and Aggie Michalec will be leaving our Burghfield Common community in July. Their departure will be an immense loss to that area of our Parish, and I wish to thank them for all they have done during their time here and how I have enjoyed knowing them. There is a Farewell Tea Party being organised for them after the 11:00am Mass on **3rd July**, which I shall be unable to attend because I am giving the address at CTAT's Tadley Remembers that afternoon. Our thanks to Ellen Goodall for organising this on behalf of both our communities, to which you are all welcome.

Martin and Veronika and their four youngsters are from Slovakia but will be moving to Austria, where Martin is working at present. It was good that Patrick and Sarah were able to make their First Communion in Tadley before leaving, and that Martin and other family members were able to attend.

Alongside Rick Wallis, Veronika has graced Saint Oswald's Church with excellent liturgical music on most Sundays before and after the pandemic: Latin, modern and European! Veronika, since the death of Peggy Gregory, has also been responsible for the cleaning of the church and The Leonard Rooms on behalf of the Diocese. This she has done expertly, leaving me with no concerns for the proper sanitisation of the church and necessary health and safety regulations for the users of The Rooms as the pandemic eases.

Aggie is from Poland, to which country she will be returning. I shall miss her fine displays before the altar during the holy seasons and her engaging floral displays for our worship, often using her own flowers. Also her lively personality!

Father Patrick

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

CAFOD says a huge thank you for all your support, prayers, and donations for the people of Ukraine. Catholics in England and Wales have donated over £3 million, and this is enabling immediate, practical support - such as the provision of food, clothing, shelter, and transport. Please keep the people of Ukraine and all our brothers and sisters who face daily suffering, in your prayers. Visit cafod.org.uk/UkraineAppeal for more information.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND would like to thank all parishioners who raised £131.84 through the 2021 Crib Collection for Christians in the Holy Land. Conditions continue to be extremely challenging. Please continue to remember FHL and those they support in your prayers.

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CONGRATULATIONS, DEACON STEVE!

Next weekend the Reverend Steve McKay will be ordained to the Anglican priesthood and will be in our community prayers. Hopefully he will be able to remain at Saint Mary's Church, Tadley, with his family after his ordination. He has been caring for the community there as no priest is available for it at the present time, and he has become an important part of our CTAT Leaders' Team during the last few months. His contribution to our Ecumenical Fellowship has been considerable.

Father Patrick

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TADLEY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Churches Together around Tadley (CTAT) and Tadley Town Council, invite you to attend a memorial service on **Sunday 3 July at 3pm** at Tadley Cemetery, Church Road, Tadley RG26 3AU, in which we will remember and give thanks for the lives of those who we have loved and lost, no matter how long ago or how recently.

These services allow us to gather to share our sadness and show our solidarity with one another. The service will be simple and not too long - readings & poems, with music by Tadley Concert Brass band, and a few prayers. You are invited to bring along a photograph of the family member or friend whom you wish to remember. There will be the opportunity for the name of your loved one to be read out during the service.

The service will be led in the cemetery grounds by local clergy and the Chair of Tadley Town Council. You are wel-

come to bring a chair if you would prefer to sit. If the weather is poor, we will move inside St Peter's church.

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CHURCH FAMILY GARDEN PARTY

Nicki and Tim Bennett have generously opened their garden for a garden party for church members and friends on **Sunday 17th July** from 12.45-4.15pm at Bishopswood Grange, 5 New Road, Tadley, RG26 3AS.

There will be live music, games, bouncy castle, meet the goats, play area and a pot-luck lunch. All flavoured with the love of God and a generous welcome.

Organised by Community Church Tadley, and generously made available to members of all our CTAT churches to attend with friends and guests. This is a great opportunity to develop friendships, and enable neighbours to see the church relaxed and enjoying itself.

Nicki writes "What you will need to bring:

- Chairs or blanket to sit on
- A plate of savoury party food to share with others for our 'Pot-luck' lunch (plates and cutlery provided)
- A bottle for the drinks table (wine or soft drinks). There is limited parking on site so we would encourage people to walk here or to park at the bottom of Guttridge Lane and walk over the road.

We're really looking forward to meeting you and celebrating together. Please don't worry if you don't yet know many people - you will be made really welcome! Any queries, just ring me (Nicki) on 07896 821977 "

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ANNUAL PRO-LIFE PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The annual pilgrimage of reparation and prayer for the sanctity of life is on Saturday **6th August**, being led by Bishop Philip.

The day will include opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament. This time will include the Holy Rosary, Stations of the Cross, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Litany of Life and Benediction.

Mid-afternoon from the Shrine to the Priory in the village, walking the Pilgrim Way, to the original site of the Holy House of Nazareth. This is the now traditional silent walk, a prayerful walk with Jesus to Calvary.

While the focus is prayer and reparation for sins against

life, the pilgrimage is also a chance for those attending to spend time in the peace of England's Nazareth.

For more details visit www.prolifepilgrimage.org or call 01858 571242.

For those who can't attend in person there will be the opportunity to join in virtually. The link is below.

<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/> or <https://www.youtube.com/c/WalsinghamCatholicTV>.

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NEWS ON CARITAS 'HOMES WITHOUT BORDERS' APPEAL

Sadly, the Caritas Homes without Borders for Refugees (Basingstoke) appeal has been unable to proceed. If you gave money to the appeal, you are entitled to claim it back: please speak to the parish office. Also see the notice attached with the email and in the back of our Churches.

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DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS

The Formation for Mission Team are inviting all catechists, seasoned and new, and all children's Liturgy leaders and helpers to attend our Diocesan Day for Catechists, which will be taking place in Winchester on Saturday **8th October**. All details and registration here: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/catechists>

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WINDRUSH DOCUMENTATION & COMPENSATION SCHEME

The Reading Windrush Alliance is promoting the Windrush Documentation & Compensation Scheme to provide free legal support for anyone who arrived in the UK before 1989 but does not have the documents to prove it. We can help you apply for the right to live and work in the UK and possibly British citizenship under the Windrush Documentation scheme.

If you have suffered loss such as being denied employment, unable to find a place to live, denied health treatment, or subject to immigration action, detention or deportation because you could not show that you had a right to live in the UK, you may be eligible for financial compensation.

Visit the Windrush Compensation Workshop on Saturday **2nd July** from 2 - 5pm at RISC, 35-39 London Street, Reading RG1 4PS, where legal experts will give you free advice on how to apply. Visit www.svgareading.org.uk/windrush or email info@readingwindrushalliance.org.uk for more information.

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LUCKY ME' WINNER

Congratulations to Miss Vicki Allen of Basingstoke, who is the latest winner of the KSC's 'Lucky Me' Draw.

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