

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

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MASS TIMES

Day	Date	Feria, Memorial (M), Feast (F), Solemnity (S)	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sat	25 th Oct	30 th Sunday Vigil Mass	6.00pm	St. Michael's	Mgr. Canon John O'Toole RIP
Sun	26 th Oct	30 th Sunday	9.00am	St. Michael's	Stephen Rowden RIP and the comfort of Ben Rowden and his family
Sun	26 th Oct	30 th Sunday	11.00am	St. Oswald's	
Mon	27 th Oct	No Mass			
Tues	28 th Oct	St. Simon & St. Jude	12 Noon	St. Oswald's	Thomas Shennan RIP
Weds	29 th Oct	Feria	9.30am	St. Michael's	
Thurs	30 th Oct	Feria	9.30am	St. Michael's	Maureen Murphy RIP
Fri	31 st Oct	Feria	7.00pm	St. Michael's	
All Masses this Weekend will be celebrated by our Parish Priest, Fr. John Lee					
Fr. Stephen returns from pilgrimage on Monday & Weekday Masses will recommence on Tuesday					

Harvest Festival

Many thanks to all those who donated money and a wonderful display of foods and toiletries for the Basingstoke Foodbank. The total weight was 117.70 kilos - so THANK YOU for your generosity! It will make a tremendous difference to those in need. Photo courtesy of Pauline Penfold ->

CAFOD thanks

In addition, we have received the following message from Andrea Hoyland, who recently replaced Jo Lewry as the CAFOD Community Participation Coordinator for the Portsmouth Diocese:

Thank you so much for your generous contributions to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal. Your donations in Church and online are helping families like Waré's in Ethiopia. CAFOD's local partners worked with Waré's community to build an underground water tank that now provides safe water for 300 families. Your support this Harvest will help more communities have better access to safe water. You can read more about Waré's story here: cafod.org.uk/harvest



First Holy Communion 2026

Would parents of those children that they wish to be part of the preparation programme for First Holy Communion 2026, please kindly declare their interest to the Parish Office **by next Friday 31st October**. Initial meeting for parents is anticipated for December, with preparation sessions for candidates starting in January.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 2026

Bill & Joy Reilly are planning a pilgrimage to Medjugorje next year and wondered if you would like to join them! From Sept 23rd – 3rd Oct '26. The total cost of the pilgrimage for those sharing a room will be approx. £654 per person, including flights, return transfers from Dubrovnik Airport to Medjugorje, 10 nights' accommodation at Hotel Dina (bed, breakfast & evening dinner). It also includes the assistance of a local guide for a few days. The total cost for those in a single room will be approx. £808 per person. If you are interested in joining them or would like to find out more, please get in touch: 0118 981 3784 or email at: billjoyreilly@yahoo.co.uk. As this is via a Group Booking with B. A., they will need to hear from you very soon as they require a non-refundable deposit of £37 **by 5th Nov**. Numbers are limited so it will be on a 'first come, first served' basis. Incidentally, the balance of the flights is not due until 8 weeks before departure.

Calling all Mothers and Grandmothers!

"Mother's Prayers" has been established in our Parish for over 10 years and we warmly welcome more 'Mums and Grannies' to join us. Prayers are greatly needed for our children and grandchildren in this day and age and we've experienced many amazing answers to prayers since we've been meeting. There's the choice of a 'weekly' group that meets in the Parish Room on Thursday afternoons from 2 - 3pm or a 'fortnightly' group that meets in a couple of home venues on Wednesday evenings from 6 – 7pm. There will be a warm welcome for any mother and grandmother to attend either group and there's no commitment to attend every meeting.

Please contact Joy Reilly: 0118 9813784 or Pauline Penfold: 0118 9811247 if you are interested.

ARCHANGELS PARISH SOCIAL GROUP

Quiz Night & Raffle in Aid of St Michael's Hospice:

There was a great contest last Friday at the Quiz Night between 7 teams, ranging from 4-6 players, tackling the challenging questions posed by Jo Mellor, but the victory went to "Uneducated Guessers" (Jenny Seaborn's team) and the wooden spoon for the lowest score went to "We knew we weren't going to win!" (Mary Lee's team), who lived up to their team name with a vengeance! Many thanks to all who participated in a fun evening and to Jo Mellor and Sonia Fox for organising the event and setting it up at St Mary's Church Hall.



Thanks again to all those who generously donated raffle prizes and those who bought tickets. The raffle raised £168; entry fees £185; and donations of £13.20 on the night brought the total raised to £366.20. All proceeds will go to St Michael's Hospice, Basingstoke, to help fund their invaluable services.

ARCHANGELS PARISH SOCIAL GROUP - Continued

Calling Parish Bakers:

We shall be holding a Cake Sale in the Parish Room after the 9am Mass on Sunday 9 November to raise funds for our Parish Christmas Afternoon Tea Party. Please bake some delicious treats for us to sell – and non-bakers, please make a note of the date to come in and buy them! Many thanks.

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CHURCHES TOGETHER AROUND TADLEY (CTAT)

Meeting for Volunteers to help at CTAT Christmas Day Event:

CTAT has now received an offer to organise and cook the traditional Christmas Day Lunch at the Ambrose Allen Centre! Therefore, the plans for arranging an Afternoon Tea, previously reported in the newsletter, are fortunately no longer required.

However, we will still need volunteers to help with setting up or offers of transport, or food preparation and/or serving, or organising entertainment and hosting guests.

There is an initial meeting this Saturday 25 October at the URC's Immanuel Centre, Main Road, Tadley, RG26 3NJ, at noon for anyone interested in finding out more about helping in some way. Apologies for the short notice.

If you are not able to attend this Saturday, but may be interested in helping, please contact Mary Lee by calling or texting her on 07821 254100 or email: maryt.lee@yahoo.co.uk Many thanks.

The Table Project: This CTAT school project will support families who may need extra help across October half-term to feed their families and offer the chance for families to enjoy dedicated family time together. For further info, please visit Sam Dunn's website: <https://sams-uk.org/samsevents>

Blazing Lights Party:

This alternative children's party to Halloween will take place on Thursday 30 October from 5pm to 7pm at Tadley Common Methodist Church, RG26 4HN, for children in Y1 – Y6. Crafts, sweets, glowsticks and more! No Halloween costumes – please come dressed in bright colours. Sign up online: www.ctat.org.uk/blazinglights

Update on Light Plans at St Mary's:

On Friday 31 October, the Labyrinth outside St Mary's Church, Tadley, RG26 4HQ, will be lit up from 5pm - 7pm with free hot chocolate available outside the Church. All welcome.

CTAT Services of Remembrance 2025:

On Sunday 9 November at 3pm, there will be a CTAT Service of Remembrance beginning outside at the Tadley War Memorial and then continuing inside St Paul's Church, The Green, RG26 3PB. There will also be Remembrance services at the village War Memorials: Baughurst at 10.30am, Silchester and St Luke's, Pamber Heath at 10.45am.

Festival of Christmas Stars:

Many thanks to those who have been knitting, crocheting or stitching Christmas Stars for the Festival in December – more are needed, so please keep going! The Festival will take place from the afternoon of Friday 12 December to Sunday 14 December at Tadley Common Methodist Church, Newchurch Road, RG26 4HN with the Stars being blessed at their Sunday morning service, ahead of their 'Appearance' around Tadley during the following week. The Festival will be set up from the afternoon of Thursday 11 December to the Friday morning, so if you are making Stars, please arrange to give them to Tracy Bennett in time for them to be tagged with information about CTAT churches. Many thanks.

CTAT Ladies' Breakfast:

On Saturday 8 November, our guest speaker will be Gemma Rowlands from the Tadley & District Branch of The Royal British Legion on the theme of Remembrance.

BAMENDA SUNDAY

Next Sunday 2nd November is Bamenda Sunday. As is customary, there will be a 2nd Collection for Bamenda at all Masses next weekend.

ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN – Doctor of the Church

Pope Leo XIV will officially proclaim Saint John Henry Newman, the most recently canonised saint from England and Wales, the 38th Doctor of the Church during Mass on Saturday, 1st November.

DILEXI TE

The first Apostolic Exhortation from Pope Leo XIV, *Dilexi Te*, is a continuation of the work of Pope Francis, to join with his desire that "Christians come to appreciate the close connection between Christ's love and his summons to care for the poor." You can read *Dilexi Te* in full via this link: [here](#).

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING – SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER (Not 30th Nov. as previously advertised)

Please keep this date clear for Safeguarding training which will be held at St Bede's Church hall, St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG24 9DX. Training will cover both children and adults at risk from a church perspective. The training will last 2.5 hrs, starting at 10am to 1pm. The course is for all volunteers or staff members who wish to secure Diocese approved safeguarding training which will be valid for three years.

To register for this session, please email: safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CAST OUT YOUR NETS

CHARIS Portsmouth is happy to welcome you to *Cast out your Nets*, an online evening of renewal focusing on evangelisation, on **Thursday 13th November from 7.15-9.15pm**. Our main speaker will be Fr Chris Thomas, involved in running the Irenaeus Project in Liverpool, while Mike Watson, a parishioner from Bracknell will also give his testimony. Come and see what the Lord has in store for you! To join the meeting, please register [here](#) for the Zoom link to be sent to you nearer the time

SAVE THE DATE!

An Advent Fair will be taking place at St Bede's Church on Saturday 29th November from 11.30am to 3pm. Look out for posters with more details and please do save the date and come along

OCTOBER KSC 'LUCKY ME' WINNER

Congratulations to Frances Hartnett who is the winner of the October Knights of St Columba 'Lucky Me' draw £50

Diocesan Vacancies

For current vacancies visit: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/people/careers/>

There are also opportunities in our Diocesan schools:

<https://www.casportsmouth.org.uk/current-vacancies-2/>

Further reading

Portsmouth Diocese news items:

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/communications/news/enews/>

Catholic Bishops Conference of England & Wales news items:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/news-and-media/>