

This Weekend's Mass arrangements

Saturday 28th September: 6.00pm at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Sunday 29th September: 10.00am at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Note: No Mass this weekend at St. Oswald's

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Dear all,

Happy 65th birthday!

This weekend we celebrate 65 years of the establishment of Saint Michael's Church in Tadley with the Mass of Saint Michael and Fellow Archangels Gabriel and Raphael at 6:00 PM on Saturday evening, 28th September, and a full sung Mass, involving all our Tadley musicians, at 10:00 AM on 29th September (please remember there is no Mass at Saint Oswald's Church this weekend).

A reception follows our Tadley Sunday Mass, in the Parish Room. My sincere thanks to all who have organised this and to those who have responded to the request to inform me that they intend to be present, thereby assisting our planning in terms of catering and health and safety protocols. We are now at capacity in the Parish Room, so regrettably won't be able to accommodate any more parishioners on the day.

A special thanks to Eileen Smith for preparing the church flower arrangement for Michaelmas, before going on pilgrimage.

Harvest Celebration to assist Tadley Food Bank

At the request of Bill and Joy Reilly, from this weekend to next weekend, there is an opportunity for parishioners to contribute items, listed below, during this time of Harvest for the Tadley Food Bank. Please put the items listed in the boxes in the porch of Saint Michael's Church, and on Sunday 6th October there will be a blessing of these at our 9:00 AM Mass in Tadley.

- Tinned meat
- Cooking sauce
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned spaghetti
- Jams & spreads
- Tinned tomatoes
- UHT/powdered milk
- UHT fruit juices
- Coffee
- Custard
- Puddings
- Biscuits
- Toiletries
- Treats

Two important upcoming Collections

During the month of October, there are two important collections, namely the optional **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY** and the Obligatory **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**.

1. The CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY is a voluntary fast day, where we are asked to sacrifice some food or other items and to give the money saved to the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development. The day should involve some sacrifice, but this does not prevent people giving an extra contribution alongside that which they have saved. We are asked to engage with those suffering from lack of food and the other goods we take for granted in a real way by fasting.

The Fast Day is Friday 4th October and you are able to contribute to the voluntary collection at our Masses on the weekend 5th/6th October. Gift Aid envelopes are available this Michaelmas weekend, to be used only by those who are within the Inland Revenue guidance.

2. The WORLD MISSION SUNDAY collection falls on the weekend of 19th/20th October and is obligatory. Pope Francis asks all Catholics to support Missio - his charity for world mission - in this collection. This time of prayer, solidarity and giving unites all Catholics worldwide to share the Good News together, and the poorest Catholic communities unite with the richest to enable buildings of worship, hospitals of Christian healing and care for the dying, schools transmitting Christ's teaching, to be built, alongside supporting those who work in them. In its own way, WORLD MISSION SUNDAY stands alongside the CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY as a major support for those in need not only materially but also spiritually. Once again, Gift Aid envelopes will be available for those eligible as per the Inland Revenue guidelines.

Extended Newsletter

This Newsletter covers 3 weekends, so the next Newsletter will be published on 19th October, after which I shall be taking a badly needed break until Saturday 26th October. Please note the following important information for the next 3 weeks:

- **Next week – Week commencing 30th October:**
 - I will not be available on Wednesday 2nd October, attending a Clergy Training Day
 - The Office will be closed on Friday 4th October, when I am at Father Kevin Delaney's Funeral Mass in Hook & Dan has a day-off due to childcare requirements.
 - Generally speaking, both Dan & I will have limited availability throughout this week, as we prepare for Health & Safety audits at both church sites during the following week. Please do leave messages if we don't answer the phone, however we will only prioritise items of urgency & responses to other matters can be expected to be delayed.
- **Week commencing 7th October:**
 - I am losing part of my Monday day-off on 7th October because of a meeting to do with our Pastoral Area becoming one Parish.
 - This is followed by Diocesan requirements for Health & Safety Audits at both our church sites on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th (more information on this from Dan, hereunder).
 - On Thursday 10th, I have an afternoon dental appointment, having had to cancel the last one because of ill health, and on that evening our CTAT Tadley Arts Festival begins, finishing on Sunday 13th October. Please note that posters and leaflets are available in our churches on this important outreach to the community.
- **Week commencing 14th October:**
 - I shall be catching up on things outstanding before my break alongside a Silchester CTAT meeting and other Parish commitments.

Health & Safety (H&S) Audits (from Dan)

It is now a Diocesan requirement that all Parishes contract the oversight of their H&S compliance to a consultancy company called Worknest, which has recently been authorised by the Diocese for this purpose. This is driven by the recognition that ensuring compliance with the raft of H&S legislation in the UK has become a much more complex & time-consuming responsibility.

We therefore have our initial H&S Audits with Worknest on 8th & 9th October, for which we must provide numerous items of formal documentation from our archives for review. Both Father Patrick & I will therefore be spending time next week to ensure we are fully prepared. The Audits will also include detailed walk around inspections of all areas of both church sites.

Thereafter, we will need to act on the findings of the Audits to ensure full compliance of the Parish with all the latest H&S legislation. Alerts, coaching & subsequent Audits from Worknest will ensure we are appraised of the requirements resulting from any new legislation introduced in the future.

REMINDER: First Holy Communion 2025 – Candidate applications required

Thank you for all those who have returned their completed application forms. Any other parents wishing to have a child, or children, aged 8 by August 2025 involved should contact Dan in the Parish Office ASAP so that he can send you the application form to complete. Deadline for completed forms to be received is the weekend of Sunday 6th October. Candidates & their parents must be attending Sunday Mass on a regular basis at Saint Michael's Church, Tadley, or Saint Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common.

"Mingle at St Michael's"

The next "Mingle" session will take place on **Wednesday 2nd October from 2pm - 4pm**, in the Parish Room at St. Michael's. All very welcome! Come prepared for the usual array of delicious cakes and plenty of conversation and laughter!

Special CTAT Arts Festival Service

This takes place at Tadley Common Methodist Church on Sunday 13th October from 10:30 AM till 12 noon. **There will be no Burghfield Common Mass that Sunday**, as I am involved in the Service. The Saturday evening 6:00 PM Mass in Tadley is celebrated as normal. The 9:00 AM Sunday morning Tadley Mass will be without music.

CTAT Tadley Arts Festival: UPDATE

We cannot run this event without your help!

We need stewards if the event is to go ahead safely.

Would you be willing to sign up as a steward (even if it's just to give an hour of your time) over the Arts Festival weekend.

We need stewards in both the **Festival** and **Arts Cafe** to help serve refreshments.

You can sign up as a steward at the following link:

<https://ctat.churchsuite.com/events/ibkthwvg>

Here is a reminder of what is going on at the Arts Festival. Don't forget if you want to attend some of the events (even some of the free ones) you need to sign up to book tickets using the links below:

Thurs 10th Oct – Film Night at Tadley Common Methodist Church, New Church Road

A film that comes with a drink and a packet of popcorn. What's not to like! The film looks at the actual events of what became the *Jesus Movement* that started in California in 1968 and spread to much of the USA despite the problems and disagreements among the people who became its leaders. Suggested age 12+ but everyone is welcome. Why not bring a friend or neighbour for a great evening out. £2 entry with local youth groups given free entry. **Book tickets here:** <https://ctat.churchsuite.com/events/i0nizb9t>

Fri 11th Magical Comedy from Tom Elliott and music by Move to Grace in The Link

Tom is one of the UK's most exciting comedy magicians and has a huge following. He has performed throughout the UK and appeared on BBC TV and radio. Described by Miranda Hart as *Such Fun*, guests on his previous shows include Milton Jones and Rosemary Conley CBE. Suggested age 12 and up. Tickets £10 **Book here:** <https://ctat.churchsuite.com/events/hbh6tlkx>

Sat 12th - Arts Festival Ladies Breakfast at Tadley URC – From 10 am – Fancy a continental breakfast and good company before visiting the Arts Festival? Rob Young will be the guest speaker, talking about designing and making contemporary stained glass panels.

Sat 12th and Sun 13th - Art exhibition, Arts Café and live music St. Mary's, Tadley

(No need to book tickets in advance) Opening times for the Exhibition are:

Saturday 12 October 10:00 - 17:00 and Sunday 13 October 12:00 - 16:00. To display or sell your artwork fill in this form: <https://ctat.churchsuite.com/events/izrv5exk> **Note:** Closing date of Sunday 6th October to register for contributions for the Art Exhibition, which can be paintings, photography, sculpture, printed cards, written work - poetry or prose - and other media.

Sat 12th VIP Arts viewing and Reception for David Leeks from 6pm at St. Mary's, Tadley

Sign up for a special evening reception in honour of David Leeks for his service to Basingstoke and Dean Borough Council and to our local community. David is a long-term Tadley resident and champion of local causes. He is retiring this year from Basingstoke and Dean Borough Council, where he has served for 29 years, including two terms as Mayor. There will be snacks a drink reception and a chance to view the artwork. Music will be provided by harpist Jess Gill who trained at Birmingham Conservatoire. Tickets are free but limited for this event so please sign up here: <https://ctat.churchsuite.com/events/k9kdgxgj>

Sun 13th - CTAT Arts Festival Service at Tadley Common Methodist Church from 10:30am

(No need to sign up in advance) Our churches join together for this special Arts Festival Service. This will be followed by tea, coffee, and cake at the Arts Festival Café at St. Mary's, Tadley, followed by an early private viewing for church family before the festival reopens at Midday.

Sun 13th - A special Arts Festival Messy Church at St Paul's, Tadley from 10am

(No need to sign up in advance) We celebrate both art, creation, and harvest at this special Messy Church for all the family with breakfast, great coffee, crafts, a toddler area, music, and simple bible teaching.

Friday 18th Arts Festival Schools Day - RISE theatre will lead a drama day for the pupils at Burnham Copse School, exploring our responsibility for the planet. Note: This event is not open to the public.

Can you help steward any of these events (with the exception of the Schools Day) or help with refreshments at the Arts Fest? Please sign up to steward here:

<https://ctat.churchsuite.com/events/ibkthwvg>

CTAT – More volunteering opportunities!

* Ladies Breakfast - Volunteers needed to help with this event. Please contact secretary.ctat@gmail.com

* Light Party - Anyone wishing to volunteer help please contact Sam Dunn samd@bccnet.org.uk

* Christmas Event - Volunteers please contact Steve McKay revstevemckay@gmail.com or Stewart Madden stewart.madden@salvationarmy.org.uk

* Christmas Day planning meeting - Anyone wishing to help in any way please contact Mark and Julie Ward mandjward@hotmail.co.uk

Diocesan Readers' Training Day

For those of our Readers who were not able to attend the Diocesan Training Day earlier in the year, there is a second chance to do so on Saturday 19th October, from 10.30am until 2pm at St. Bede's Church, Basingstoke. The session will be led by Fr. Anthony Fyk. You will need to register to attend at: liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Please bring your own lunch, tea and coffee will be made available.

Renewal Evening

Everybody is warmly invited to a Renewal Evening on Zoom, Thursday 10th October 2024, starting at 7:30pm until 9.45pm. This evening is a follow up to the Life in the Spirit Seminar Series. This evening is hosted by Judith Aylmer & team, supporting the work of CHARIS in our Portsmouth Diocese. Guest speaker Ros Powell will aim to set us on fire going into the Jubilee Year 2025. A Holy year of Hope.

Please join us and invite your friends for an evening of praise, prayer and blessing. To participate please click on this Zoom Registration Link: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

Winter Night Shelter for the Homeless

The Night Light Shelter, covering the Basingstoke area, will run from 1st December 2024 to 28th February 2025. There are seven venues (churches) being used this year (on different nights) and there are many different jobs available, including venue coordinators, evening shifts, night shifts, evening cooks, breakfast and clear up help plus laundry for bedding.

Training is mandatory for anyone wishing to volunteer for face-to-face work in the shelter. The training sessions are:

Tuesday 1st October 7:30 Basingstoke Baptist Church Gershwin Road RG22 4HL

Wednesday 9th October 7:30 pm at Hope Church Sarum Hill RG21 8SR

Here is a link to let the admin team know which training session you plan to attend

<https://forms.gle/X1PJX8421F6Z8LUv9>

Maybe you feel that are not up to working face to face with guest in the shelter; there are many other ways you could help e.g. setting up before guests arrive, cooking, laundry, etc.

Contact the NLWS administrator, Chris Clarke-Williams (07411181887) or chris@kvsc.co.uk if you want more information.

FINAL REMINDER: CAP Money Management courses - October

A series of Money Management sessions will be run by CAP (Christians Against Poverty) at St. Bede's Church, Basingstoke on the following dates in October: 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st. These sessions are FREE & each one starts with a FREE meal. Please see the posters displayed in both our churches.

More details: <https://capuk.org/get-help/money-coaching> To book a place call: 07883 059529

Right to Life – Stop Assisted Suicide

As you may have seen, news reports suggest that our Prime Minister, Keir Starmer, is “paving the way” for a parliamentary vote before Christmas on legalising assisted suicide.

Media outlets are reporting that the Government and assisted suicide lobbyists are putting intense pressure on MPs who were successful in the recent Private Members' Bill ballot to introduce a Bill that would “rush into law” the legalisation of assisted suicide. If they are successful in persuading an MP to take a bill forward, a vote could be held within weeks! A Private Members' Bill was the same mechanism used in Parliament to legalise abortion in 1967 and it appears Keir Starmer wishes to use a similar tactic to implement his personal desire for assisted suicide also to become legal.

It's vital that all MPs and the Government urgently see that there is a large number of voters in each constituency who don't want to see an extreme change to our laws that would see the ending of many lives through assisted suicide.

Please take action and click here to [contact your MP now](#). It only takes 30 seconds.

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.casoportsmouth.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/>

Caritas Portsmouth Newsletter:

<https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk/news-events/>

Best wishes to you all,

Father Patrick.

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