

Parish of Tadley (with Kingsclere) and Burghfield Common - PARISH NEWSLETTER

31st August 2025 (22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C)

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Office hours: Tues, Weds, Thurs, Fri: 9.45am-2.45pm. Closed on Mondays

This Weekend's Mass arrangements

Saturday 30th August: 6.00pm at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Sunday 31st August: 9.00am at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Sunday 31st August: 11.00am at St. Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common

REMINDER: Father Patrick's Farewell Mass

Sunday 7th September: 10.00am at St. Michael's Church, Tadley (Followed by tea, coffee, cake)

Note: There will be no Mass at St. Oswald's that weekend, however the Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St. Michael's will go ahead as normal.

AVAILABILITIES – Fr. Patrick & Parish Office

Father Patrick: Generally not available except in an emergency.

Parish Office: Normal Office Hours apply (as shown in the header above).

REMINDER

Following the weekend Masses on 30th & 31st August, Father Patrick will not be available for any matters, due to the inevitable last-minute flurry of activity to ensure all is finalised for his departure.

Any requests for Baptisms, Funerals, etc will need to be made via Father Stephen following the weekend of 13th & 14th September, as there are no more available dates in Father Patrick's diary prior to his departure.

Helping Father Patrick with his "clear out"

Next week (w/c 1st September). Father Patrick would be grateful for help in decluttering the presbytery and filling the skip before Father Stephen arrives to take up residence. If you can spare a few hours from Tuesday 2 to Friday 5 September, please contact Denis Murtagh who is coordinating things. Email: murtaghdenis@yahoo.co.uk

Helping Father Stephen move in

Father Stephen will be arriving between 1.30 and 2PM on Monday 8th September. He is not bringing a lot, but we need 2 or 3 people to help with unloading the van and moving his things into the presbytery. If you can spare a couple of hours to help, please contact Denis via the email above.

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Dear All,

A sincere thanks to Andy Hunneman of our Burghfield Common community, for his refurbishment of the tabernacle in Saint Oswald's Church. Parishioners will recall that some time ago it came away from the wall. Although put back in place, it looked tired, in need of a proper clean of its door.

When I arrived at the church last Sunday it looked splendid, gleaming when caught by the sun. A worthy receptacle, once again, for the Lord's presence in the Sacrament of the Altar.

Thanks also to the group in Burghfield Common who have agreed to be Sacristans when Father Stephen arrives. He will be meeting with them during his first week here in the Parish.

Hugh Lobo has kindly agreed to take the lead at Saint Michael's Church on this area, so I hope others will support him.

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Various Help Needed

REMINDER: First Holy Communion – Volunteers needed:

In order for our Parish to offer a First Holy Communion preparation programme for 25/26, we will urgently need two more volunteer Catechists.

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in finding out more.

REMINDER: St. Oswald's – Part Time Cleaner:

A reminder that we are still looking to employ a Part Time cleaner for both St. Oswald's Church & the Leonard Rooms. If you know anybody locally who may be interested, please let them know.

For an informal chat about the paid role, please contact the Parish Office.

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Archangels Social Group Events

TONIGHT!!! (Friday 29th August): Retirement Party for Fr Patrick:

We look forward to welcoming you to Heath End Village Hall, Heath End Road, Baughurst, RG26 5LU, this Friday 29 August from 7pm to 10pm to thank Fr Patrick for his ministry in our parish and wish him well in his retirement. We will be joined by some of his family, Pastoral Area clergy and ministers and laity from CTAT.

Just a reminder that we shall be providing light refreshments, a celebration cake, tea/coffee/squash and fizz for the toast. You are welcome to 'bring your own bottle' (and glasses!) if you wish to bring alcohol or your own favourite drink. Please help us by taking any 'empties' away with you afterwards, as we are responsible for disposing of all rubbish off site at the end of the evening.

Let's pray it stops raining! It would help in terms of parking, if parishioners would car share where possible. Please follow the guidance of any car parking stewards to maximise the use of the car park. If you are likely to want to leave early, it might be better to park in the side streets that lead off the turning opposite the hall to avoid potentially being blocked in the car park.

Father's Farewell Mass as Parish Priest – Sunday 7 September at 10am:

There will be another opportunity to wish Fr Patrick well next Sunday 7 September, when tea/coffee/squash and cake will be available after Father's Farewell Mass as Parish Priest – on that Sunday, there will be only one Mass in the Parish at 10am in St Michael's Church. **Please sign up on the sheets in the church porches to give us an idea of numbers for refreshment purposes.** Many thanks!

Collection for a Parish Retirement Gift for Fr Patrick:

Once again, many thanks for the generous donations received over the recent weeks!

Adult Social Evening on Friday 19 September:

Please join us for a fun evening of card games for adults such as rummy, golf, uno, cribbage etc.

We will meet at St Oswald's Leonard Room. Friday 19 September 7-10pm.

Please bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles. Tea and coffee will be available.

There is no charge for this event, but to help us set up the room, if you would like to come, please register by emailing Pauline Penfold (penfoldfamily5@yahoo.co.uk) or calling or texting Mary Lee on 07821 254100 by Sunday 14 September.

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CTAT**Events in Silchester next weekend:**

CTAT will have a stand at the Silchester Fete on Saturday 6 September. Dina Haywood is co-ordinating the stand and would very much appreciate some help in setting up, manning and taking down the CTAT area. Please contact Dina via dinahaywood@btinternet.com if you are able to help in some way.

The day after the Fete (Sunday 7 September) there will be a special service in the marquee on Silchester Playing Field, RG7 2ND at 10.30am led by the Anglican and Methodist churches on "**New Beginnings**": a family service for Silchester CofE Primary School to mark the new school year.

Community Commemoration:

On Sunday 7 September at 3pm, there will be a Community Commemoration on The Green, Tadley, to mark the 80th anniversary of the end of WWII. All welcome.

Alive 4U:

An occasional Service for Children & Families. 10.30am, Sunday 7th September at Tadley URC, Main Road, Tadley. More info: Mark 07849546894

ReFrame – Bible Course:

10 session video based Bible study that brings faith to life. 7.15pm for 7.30pm start, Monday 22nd September through to Monday 1st December. Tadley URC Immanuel Centre, Malthouse Lane/Main Road, Tadley. More info: tadleyurc@gmail.com

LAST CHANCE: Weekend Teas in August at St Mary the Virgin, Silchester:

There will be tea, coffee and cake available in St Mary's on Saturday & Sunday afternoons in August.

CTAT Ladies' Breakfast – Forthcoming dates:

Open to all & Free.

Meeting 10.00am, usually on 2nd Saturday of the month (except August & December)

Venue: Immanuel Centre, Tadley URC, Malthouse Lane, Tadley, RG26 3NJ

Sept 13th – Speaker: Penny O'Bee & Elaine Cole (Opportunities for volunteering through Crosslink)

CTAT Men's Breakfast – Forthcoming dates:

Open to all & Free.

Meeting 10.00am, 4th Saturday of the month

Venue: Immanuel Centre, Tadley URC, Malthouse Lane, Tadley, RG26 3NJ

Sept 27th – Speaker: Joyce (Thoughts on the Travel Industry)

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Interested in training and volunteering as a Relationship Counsellor with Marriage Care?

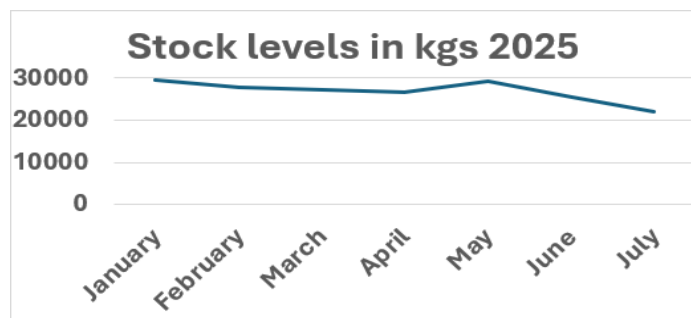
We are a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support and are currently looking for those who would be interested in training via our **Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) course**. We are reaching out early to give you the opportunity to benefit from a new and additional pathway we are offering - the option to volunteer with our marriage preparation service prior to the CRC selection. To find out more and to register your interest either for entry at this stage or prior to our CRC selection process in Autumn 2026 please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

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West Berks Foodbank Update

The WB Foodbank writes:

It's great to be able to share a good news story with you, our vital and faithful supporters. You may indeed have already read the article in the Newbury Weekly News last week about the success of the Hungry Holidays initiative. The scheme provided food and essential items during the school holidays to 1,152 children from 474 households across 47 schools. The detailed planning and organisation which started in March, the financial support from West Berkshire Council and Greenham Trust, corporate volunteers who offered their help and an army of willing volunteers resulted in the deliveries all being completed a week ahead of schedule. Fantastic!



However, there's always another side to the story. The donations this year from March to July totalled 34,056kgs compared to 39,863kgs in 2024, so more stock had to be purchased – 19,640kgs compared to 15,112kgs in 2024. The financial support was crucial for this. In June and July, the weight of purchased stock was almost equal to the weight of donations. It's not surprising that the result is that the stock

level in the warehouse has fallen to approx. 20,000kgs despite almost

the same amount having been purchased! To be able to continue to offer help to those who are facing difficulties this winter, the stock levels need to be built up again.

So please would you consider supporting the Foodbank this Harvest? We really need your help and support to spread the good news about the success of the Hungry Holidays initiative but also the impact that this has had on our stock levels. **Please also see the Harvest Appeal Shopping List** (attached to this Newsletter).

We are incredibly grateful for your continued support for West Berks Foodbank. Ongoing support from churches like yours is vital in helping us in the fight against hunger and poverty locally.

Best wishes,

Sheila Moore, Churches Collections Manager - West Berks Foodbank

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UK Emergency Alerts Test - Sunday 7th September 2025

The UK Emergency Alerts system is used to warn if there's a danger to life nearby, including extreme weather. Since the first national test of the system in April 2023, five alerts have been sent, including during major storms when lives were at risk. Please be aware that a second national test will occur on Sunday 7th September 2025 at 3pm.

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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.casop Portsmouth.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/>

Have a good weekend. Hope to see many of you at the celebration this (Friday) evening!

Father Patrick.

Fr. Patrick Tansey

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Harvest appeal

Help support your food bank this Harvest

In the three weeks leading up to Harvest, the food bank will provide over 230 food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship. In gratitude for all the gifts God gives us, let's show compassion and give what we can.

Donate food



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

Donate money



Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.



Shopping list

Tinned meat/fish

Tinned veg/fruit

Cooking sauces

Coffee

Milk (UHT or powdered)

Cereals

Fruit juice (long-life)

Tinned rice pudding

Jam

Instant mashed potato

West Berks Foodbank
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