

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

7th September 2025 (23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C)

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This Weekend's Mass arrangements

Saturday 6th September: 6.00pm at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

Sunday 7th September: 10.00am at St. Michael's Church, Tadley – **Father Patrick's Farewell Mass**
(Followed by tea, coffee, cake)

REMINDER: There will be **no Mass at St. Oswald's this weekend.**

AVAILABILITIES – Fr. Stephen & Parish Office

Father Stephen: Following his arrival Monday 8th, Father Stephen will naturally need the week to settle in, so will only be available in case of an emergency.

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

REMINDER

Any requests for Baptisms, Funerals, etc will need to be made via Father Stephen following the weekend of 13th & 14th September.

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Dear All,

This is my last Newsletter before Father Stephen takes charge of the Parish Area on Monday, 8th September.

I wish to thank you all for your kindness and support over the years, especially during the last few weeks.

The Retirement Party on Friday 29th August was outstanding and the atmosphere memorable. Many thanks to all who attended and to the Archangels & all the volunteers who helped on the night with setting up & clearing afterwards – and of course to Mel for her superb cake! Thanks also to Pete Hughes for taking photos (one of which is attached hereunder) & for the lovely write-up in this week's Diocesan E-News!

During the last week, parishioners have been helping me to pack & clear items. This I have greatly appreciated, as I was struggling to bring things together. Special thanks to Denis Murtagh & Eamonn Mc Cardle for leading this, and to Joanna Harrison from our Diocesan Retirement Team, directing the marking of boxes and their positioning for removal.

Again, to you all, THANK YOU!

See you in Sainsbury's!



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Father Patrick's Retirement Gift announcement

There will be an announcement at Sunday's Farewell Mass to confirm the exact final total of Father Patrick's Retirement Collection, which is expected to be in excess of £5,000. Once again, many thanks for all the generous donations received over the recent weeks.

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Archangels Social Group Events

Refreshments after Father's Farewell Mass as Parish Priest – Sunday 7 September:

Please stay on after the special 10am Farewell Mass on Sunday at St Michael's Church for the opportunity to wish Fr Patrick well. Tea/coffee/squash and cake will be available after Mass. All welcome!

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. All welcome!

There is no charge for this event. 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.

SAVE THE DATE:

Quiz Night in Aid of St Michael's Hospice on Friday 17 October: The Archangels Social Group will be organising a Quiz Night & Raffle at St Mary's Church Hall, Bishopswood Road, Tadley, RG26 4HQ on Friday 17 October. All proceeds will go to St Michael's Hospice, Basingstoke. Details to follow, but please start identifying your team members now!

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CTAT

Events in Silchester - THIS 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.

On 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 – THIS SUNDAY:

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 – THIS SUNDAY:

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

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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REMINDER - Relics of the Knights of St. Columba

The Knights of St. Columba proudly safeguard the revered relics of St. Columba, St Andrew and St Margaret. Once again this year, the local Knights have been helping bring these sacred relics to locations across the country, inviting pilgrims to partake in their spiritual legacy. We are blessed to have the relics of the Knights of St. Columba coming to at **St. Joseph's Church in Basingstoke**. Parishioners from around the Pastoral Area are warmly encouraged to come and venerate the relics on **Saturday 20th September**.

There will be a **short liturgy at 2pm** to welcome the relics. Thereafter, there will be opportunity for silent prayer and veneration of the relics interspersed with gentle music throughout the afternoon. The relics will be displayed until after the **6pm Vigil Mass**. You are welcome to make known any prayer intentions which can be placed before the relics. Please spread the word for this special occasion.

CAFOD Meeting – Saturday 20th September

We are all invited to a CAFOD meeting at St Bedes Church Hall Basingstoke on Saturday 20th September from 10:30am to 1:30pm. Come and hear about the difference your donations are making to communities around the world and CAFOD's work with partners in Southern Ethiopia . A simple lunch will be provided so please book your place by emailing Jo on jlewry@cafod.org.uk.

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REMINDER - West Berks Foodbank

Please would you consider supporting the Foodbank this Harvest?

Please see the Harvest Appeal Shopping List attached to this Newsletter. It is also on display in the porch area of St. Michael's Church.

Note: The "bank the Food "App is a very helpful and provides an up-to-date record of the Foodbank's weekly shortages.

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Chant Day at the church of St William of York, Reading - Saturday 25 October 2025

With the kind support of The Priestly Fraternity of St Peter, Celebrant Fr Seth Phipps, the Latin Mass Society, and by courtesy of the Parish Priest and Parish, Schola Gregoriana is delighted to offer a Gregorian Chant Day at the church of St William of York, Reading, on Saturday 25 October 2025, from 10.45 am, culminating in singing the Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 5:30.

For more details, please click on this link: [Welcome - Schola Gregoriana](#)

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ADVANCE NOTICE: THANKSGIVING MASS FOR VOLUNTEERS - Saturday 15 November 2025

On the weekend of the World Day of the Poor, Bishop Philip will be celebrating a Thanksgiving Mass for volunteers involved in social action throughout the diocese. The Mass is at 10:30am, at St Joseph's parish, St Michaels Road, Basingstoke RG22 6TY. Please pass this information to all relevant volunteers and if possible, to help with numbers, please ask volunteers to sign up [here](#). Click [here](#) to download a copy of the flyer and, for more information, contact Caritas at caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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UK Emergency Alerts Test – THIS Sunday 7th September 2025 at 3.00pm

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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Lucky Me

The August Lucky me £50 winner was Mrs Breda Buckley

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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 & looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this Sunday's Farewell Mass & celebration afterwards!

Father Patrick.

Fr. Patrick Tansey

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Harvest

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Help support your foodbank this Harvest

During the Harvest months of September & October '24, over 1,170 people facing hardship were fed. 12.8 tonnes of food were distributed to individuals, and to our partnering agency emergency cupboards

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
Soup
Cooking sauces
Coffee
Milk (UHT or powdered)
Custard tins/sachets
Fruit juice (long-life)
Tinned puddings
Jams / Marmite/P'nut butter
Instant mashed potato
Biscuits / Sweet treats
Toiletries

basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk/givehelp/

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