

This Weekend's Mass arrangements (Evangelii Gaudium Sunday)

Saturday 14th September: 6.00pm at St. Michael's Church, Tadley
Sunday 15th September: 9.00am at St. Michael's Church, Tadley
Sunday 15th September: 11.00am at St. Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common

Note: Mandatory 2nd Collection at all this weekend's Masses for the **Home Missions**.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday 15th September: 4.30pm – 5.30pm at St. Michael's Church, Tadley

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Dear all,

This weekend our newsletter covers 2 weeks. Next week the Parish Office will be closed on Friday 20th September, until 9.30am on Tuesday 24th September. In addition, I shall generally not be available for the next two weeks, 16th September until the weekend of 28th/29th September (the Solemnity of our Patronal Feast of Michaelmas). However, I shall address telephone messages from time to time. Emails will be addressed by Dan up to 2:00pm on Friday 19th of September and when he returns on Tuesday 24th September.

Do please also note the following important items for your attention:

There is only one Mass on Sunday 29th September

This will take place in St. Michael's Church, Tadley, at 10.00am, followed by a special Parish reception in our Tadley Parish Room. There will be no Mass at St. Oswald's Church that Sunday, although the Saturday evening 6.00pm Vigil Mass at Tadley will still be celebrated, also as the Solemnity of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels.

As mentioned in the Newsletter last weekend:

Please make a note in your diary, and let Dan know if you wish to attend the Parish Reception by emailing or phoning the Parish Office no later than 2.00pm on 20th September, to enable the catering to be aligned with the numbers attending & for Health & Safety purposes.

Please be sure to state the number of your family/group attending and the number of children. Note: There will be a cut-off for reservations if capacity limits are exceeded.

So far, no parishioner has responded to last week's request!

Funeral Service of Frank George Leslie Garthwaite

This will be celebrated in Saint Michael's Church on Thursday 19th September at 2.00pm

The Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham – 24th September

This celebration has been raised to the status of a Feast, and there will be a Mass in Saint Michael's church on 24th September at 11.00am. The shrine at Walsingham, Norfolk, is the principal shrine in England to Our Lady.

First Holy Communion - Preparations

We are now making preparations for First Communion in Summer 2025. Those parents wishing to have a child, or children, aged 8 by August 2025 involved should be attending Sunday Mass on a regular basis at Saint Michael's Church, Tadley, or Saint Oswald's Church, Burghfield Common. They are asked to complete the form sent with this Newsletter & return it the Parish Office by email, or by post, to be received prior to the weekend of Sunday 6th October.

REMINDER: 24 Hour Ecumenical Prayer (Burghfield, Mortimer and Sulhamstead)

From 2:00pm on Friday 27th of September to 2:00pm on Saturday 28th of September. It will be held in the upper room of Saint Mary's Anglican Church, Burghfield.

REMINDER: Coffee & Cake after Mass at St. Oswald's – Every 3rd Sunday

The first session will be this Sunday 15th September.

REMINDER: Flame 2025

Bishop Challoner School, Basingstoke will be organising a coach to go to Flame 2025 in **March next year** & are kindly offering places on the coach to young people across our Pastoral Area. The price is very subsidised at £25. To sign up, use this link or the QR code below. **NOTE: If there are too many takers, names will be drawn out in a ballot.** Link: <https://forms.office.com/e/hCYMSGhSGh>



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

Churches Together Around Tadley (CTAT) - UPDATE

• **REMINDER: CTAT Blazing Lights Party – Call for Volunteers**

Date - 31st October. Time – TBC. Location – Tadley Common Methodist Church
Please contact Sam Dunn at samd@bccnet.org.uk 07483930337

• **REMINDER: CTAT Event: "Iron Sam" - 20th & 21st September**

Sam Dunn will also be taking on the "Ultimate Challenge" (Day 1 - 100 mile Bike Ride; Day 2 – Marathon Run) to help raise funds for the ongoing work supporting children and youth in our community, across the above two days in Sainsbury's, at Tadley.

Donations via this link or the QR Code: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ironsam>



• **CTAT Forum Report**

The CTAT Forum on Thursday 12th September at Main Road Methodist Church went very well. Sadly, no Tadley parishioners, except those directly involved - namely Ben Rowden, our representative and Pam Darroch, representing the Ladies Breakfast group - were present.

Here follows a brief outline of the most salient points, on which there will be further updates:

1. Pam outlined the work our Archangels Group has done in resurrecting the CTAT Ladies Breakfast. This will resume on Saturday 12th October at 10.00am in the Immanuel Centre and run each second Saturday of the month. Please contact Pam if you are able to help or if you wish to attend.
The Men's Breakfast has already met at the Immanuel Centre. Meetings are at 10.00am on the 4th Saturday of the month, and the next will be on 28th September. Having spoken at and attended some before the pandemic, I enjoyed the full English breakfasts and the interesting presentations.
2. The Tadley Holiday Club in August was highly successful, and some parents and youngsters are already asking for details of the one in 2025! Almost 60 youngsters attended. Our thanks to Sam, our Youth Worker, for his organisation of the event. It was good that some of our Tadley parishioners were involved.
3. CTAT involvement in the Silchester Fete on 7th September went well, in spite of the initial lack of volunteers.
4. The CTAT Tadley Arts Festival runs from 10th October to 13th October, and there are posters in both our churches on these events. That will be no Burghfield Common Mass on Sunday 13th October, as there is a special Arts Festival Service for all our Tadley churches from 10.30am till 12 noon that morning, following our Tadley 9.00am Mass.
5. Remembrance Sunday is on 10th November, and there are various local Remembrances at Silchester and Tadley, especially at 3.00pm at Saint Paul's Church on the Green. There will be no 9.00am Mass at Saint Michael's Church that day, facilitating our Remembrance Mass for the Dead which will be celebrated at Saint Oswald's Church at 11.00am.
6. The CTAT Christmas Event is on Thursday 19th December at 4.00pm, starting at Saint Mary's Church, Tadley. This will follow the format of the remarkable one last Advent, with many people asking that it be repeated as they were unable to attend. The section at Saint Michael's Church resulted in over 200 people being present, which was commented upon at the meeting! I thanked our Silchester Anglican community for its support in organising it.

Catholic Mothers - Mother's Retreat Day – 28th September

Catholic Mothers invite all mothers to Ashurst in the spectacular setting of the New Forest for a day of prayer and community. Includes Adoration, Confessions & Mass

Timings: 9.30am-4pm

Saturday 28th September 2024 at St Joseph's House of Prayer, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, SO40 7DU.

Bring a contribution towards the shared lunch & £20 contribution to cover costs. Babes in arms are very welcome! Please register here: <https://forms.gle/HdoLuuh7dvGyPGbf6> and for more information, contact catholicmotherssoton@gmail.com

Douai Abbey Pastoral Programme for this Autumn

Details of the Douai Abbey Pastoral Programme for Autumn 2024 can be found here:

<https://www.douaiabbey.org.uk/files/Douai-past-prog-Autumn-2024.pdf>

Events coming up include a Quiet Day on **Saturday 5th October**, 10am-4pm entitled *That Peace which the World cannot give* where participants shall seek to find that elusive presence of deep inner peace.

Also, the weekend of **Friday 8th - Sunday 10th November** there is the *Richard Rolle & Walter Hilton Retreat* led by Br Christopher Greener OSB which will offer an introduction to meditation.

Book & Picture Sale in Kingsclere - This Weekend

Fieldgate Centre. Saturday 14th 9.00am – 4.00pm & Sunday 15th 10.00am – 3.00pm. Free cake & coffee/tea. Details: <https://kingsclerecommunitylibrary.co.uk/52394-2/>

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. Our particular prayers & best wishes to those parishioners who will soon be going on Pilgrimage to Medjugorje. We ask that they intercede to Our Lady for the future of our Parish, as we celebrate the 65th Anniversary of our Tadley Church at Michaelmas, not forgetting St. Oswald's Church & its community.

Father Patrick.

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FIRST COMMUNION 2025

Catholic Parish of Tadley (with Kingsclere) & Burghfield Common

This form must be completed & returned to the Presbytery by Sunday 6th October 2024. All those applying must be:

- Aged 8 year by August 2025
- Attending Mass each Sunday
- Committed to attending the Preparation Sessions, which will be held in the Parish Room, St. Michael's Church, Tadley, RG26 4HG

NAME OF CANDIDATE:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

DATE OF BIRTH:

NAMES OF PARENTS:

(Who agree to participate in the Preparation Programme)

Please return the completed form as follows, no later than 6th October 24:

By email: tadley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

By post: St. Michael's Presbytery,
Bishopswood Road,
Tadley,
RG26 4HG