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October Newsletter

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It's hard to believe it is October already…where did those summer months go? As we continue through the season of Creationtide, all our parishes celebrate Harvest Festival on Sunday 4th October, while 'Messy Harvest' takes place at St Paul's on 11th October.

October is also punctuated by Tadley Arts Festival at St Paul's on the weekend of 17th/18th October. This year the festival is bigger than ever. You will find inside this newsletter a whole list of great events for you to visit... But we'll need lots of help stewarding these events, and catering, so if you feel you can help with this do, please let Steve know (revstevemckay@gmail.com). Thank you.

At the end of the month, we move towards All Souls and a season of Remembrance. On Saturday 31st October at 3.30pm we have our annual All Souls Remembrance Service at St Mary the Virgin, Silchester. And later that day we'll be offering a well-lit welcome to any passing St Mary's, Tadley, as we serve hot chocolate between 5pm and 7pm. All welcome!

Thank you to everyone who gives so much to the life of our parishes. I hope you feel able to join us at one or more of the events in this newsletter, and especially the Tadley Arts Festival. You will be made so welcome.

Tadley Arts Festival

Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th October at St Paul's Church

The largest Arts Festival around Tadley is back for 2026! This is one of CTAT's bigger events. In 2024 over 2,000 people visited the exhibition or took part in events which this year take place at St Paul's Church and Hall.

Here's a rundown of what's happening.

All weekend: Art and Crafts

Opening times for the Art Exhibition are:

Saturday 17th October from 10am to 5pm
Sunday 18th October from 12pm to 4pm.

Come along and view or buy art work by local artisans. There will be food and music throughout and the chance to see artists at work. You can also get involved in creating art yourselves.

Want to Exhibit?

To display or sell your artwork please fill in this form:
https://ctat.churchsuite.com/events/k3g5qrgu

We want to display work from all ages and all abilities. Art work can be dropped off at St Paul's between 6pm and 8pm on Thursday 15th October or between 10am and 4pm on Friday 16th October. It can be collected, if not sold, from 5pm on Sunday 18th October.

All weekend: Get involved with the Arts Festival Community Art Project

Throughout the weekend everyone is invited to contribute to a giant mural called 'Our Tadley'. This is a chance to tell us what Tadley means to you!
We hope the giant mural will then go on tour around Tadley in churches, shops, and public venues. Everyone is welcome to contribute.

All weekend: See artists at work

Throughout the weekend artists will be working. Pop along at different times to see how poetry, stained glass, or fused glass are made.

All weekend: Live Music

This year we have a full programme of musicians, poets and performers both in the church and in the Arts Café (hall). Come along and enjoy the best of classical and contemporary music performed specially for you.

Saturday 17th at 4.30pm: Community of Musicians perform The Blessing

To close proceedings on Saturday 17th, musicians from around our community, including most of our CTAT churches, will perform a very special version of 'The Blessing'. This is something that will have taken weeks of rehearsals and promises to be a wonderful performance.

Saturday 17th at 7.30pm: Open Mic/Musical Showcase Evening at URC Tadley

After the close of the exhibition on Saturday you are invited to move across the road to the URC and either enjoy or take part in the talents of local musicians.
It promises to be a great evening of entertainment. Any money raised will be sent to the Adonai Centre in Uganda.

Sunday 18th at 10am: CTAT Arts Festival Service at St Paul's

Join together for a wonderful Sunday morning service surrounded by art! There will be a special VIP early viewing with refreshments from 11am, for anyone at the service, and before the festival opens at midday to the public.

You can find all this information and more on the Arts Festival tab at: https://ctat.org.uk/

Can you help with the Arts Festival?

If you can help steward any of these events or help serve refreshments at anytime during the Arts Festival or bake a cake, please speak with Steve. Thank you.

Other Events in October

Friday 2nd from 10am to 11.30am – Oaks and Acorns meet at St Luke's, Pamber Heath. This is a great way to spend a Friday morning. There are activities for people of every age as well as refreshments and plenty of time for chat! Oaks and Acorns runs every Friday during term time.

Sunday 4th – Harvest Festival celebrated at all three of our parishes. Services will be held at: 9.45am at St Paul's (for breakfast with Harvest Café Church starting at 10.15am); 10am at St Mary the Virgin, Silchester; 10.30am at St Mary's, Tadley. Donations will be collected for Basingstoke Foodbank, so if you feel able, please bring a donation (non-perishable food or cash) to any of the services. The theme of Harvest will continue into our Wednesday communion services on 7th October so please feel free to bring donations to these services too.

Friday 9th from 6.30pm to 8pm – Youth Group takes place at St Mary's, Tadley. With pizza and fun provided! Please note, this is a week later than usual.

Sunday 11th at 10am – Messy Harvest at St Paul's. As usual there will be lots of crafts, lots of food, and lots of fun! Arrive and leave when you are ready, take part in as much or as little as you like!

Monday 12th from 10.30am to midday – St Paul's Morning Get-together. Come and find food and friendship as we share real coffee, cake, and chats at the first of our two morning get-togethers this month. Everyone welcome.

Friday 16th from 8am to 10am – St Mary's Breakfast. Join us for a cooked or cold breakfast, plenty of chat, and a guaranteed warm welcome! This month's breakfast is raising money for Sport in Mind.

Sunday 18th at 9am – RISE in St Mary's Hall. Free cooked breakfast, crafts, and stories. Especially for busy families. We think it's worth getting up early for!

Sunday 18th at 10am – CTAT Arts Festival Service at St Paul's. A Sunday morning service surrounded by art! There will be a special VIP early viewing with refreshments from 11am for anyone at the service. The festival will open at midday to the public.

The Benefice of Tadley with
Pamber Heath and Silchester

WE INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE

HARVEST *Festival*

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2026

ST.PAUL'S - CAFE HARVEST
9:45AM BREAKFAST 10:15AM SERVICE

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, SILCHETER
10AM

ST.MARY'S, TADLEY
10:30AM

Tadley FAMILY CHURCH

TADLEY AUTUMN ARTS FESTIVAL

EVENTS RUNDOWN

...showcasing art and music from around Tadley

ST. PAUL'S THE GREEN RG26 3PB

17TH - 18TH OCTOBER 2026

SAT 10AM - 5PM
SUN 11AM - 5PM

17 / 18
Sat / Sun

ARTS EXHIBITION | LIVE MUSIC ARTISTS AT WORK AND ARTS CAFE
St. Paul's: Sat 10am - 5pm Sun 11 - 5pm

17/18
Sat / Sun

COMMUNITY ART PROJECT
St. Paul's: 11am - 4pm - A chance to get involved!

17
Sat

COMMUNITY OF MUSICIANS PERFORM THE BLESSING
St. Paul's: 4:30pm

17
Sat

MUSICAL SHOWCASE EVENING
Tadley URC: 7:30pm

18
Sun

ARTS FESTIVAL SERVICE & VIP VIEWING
St. Paul's: 10am

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MUSICAL SHOWCASE

Evening of MUSIC

SATURDAY
17TH OCTOBER

7:30PM

CALLING ALL
SINGERS & MUSICIANS
TO JOIN US!

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!

EMAIL
tadleyurc@gmail.com

PART OF THE 2026 *Tadley Arts Festival*

RAISING FUNDS FOR
ADONAI UK
SUPPORTING SCHOOLS WORK IN UGANDA

Sunday 18th at 11am – St Luke's Day service at St Luke's, Pamber Heath.

Monday 19th October to Monday 23rd November starting at 7.15pm – Faith Pictures at Tadley URC Immanuel Centre. A series of sessions helping Christians to talk, with confidence, about their own journey of faith.

Monday 26th from 10.30am to midday – St Paul's Morning Get-together. The second of our Get-together's in October and another chance to meet with others. Everyone welcome.

Thursday 29th at 2pm – Prayer Group, Let's Pray! meets at St Mary's, Tadley. An opportunity to meet and pray for our world, our communities, our friends, our families, ourselves. Everyone welcome.

Saturday 31st at midday – pub lunch in The Pelican Pamber Heath. A chance to meet with others for either a drink or lunch and to share time together. Why not bring a friend? Company free, drinks and lunch to be paid for.

Saturday 31st from 5pm to 7pm – Hot Chocolate for All Hallows at St Mary's, Tadley. Stop off for hot chocolate and marshmallows outside St Mary's Church or in the hall if it's raining! Just follow the lights.

Saturday 31st at 3.30pm – Benefice All Souls Remembrance Service at St Mary the Virgin, Silchester. We will be lighting a candle for each loved. There will be a list at the back of each church during October for collecting names to be read out during the service. This list can also be added to at the beginning of the service. Or you can send names to be read aloud to Virge at enquiries@stpaulstadley.org.uk.

Can you help?

It takes a lot to keep all our churches running and much of this falls on our very hard-working churchwardens. I am grateful that so many of you already give so much time, but there are some practical ways that everyone can help in our churches. Would you be willing to join a rota with others to clean the church once a month? Could you help make tea and coffee after a service? If you can help with either of these do please speak with Steve or any of the churchwardens.

Other regular events and home groups…

Mondays	**Christian Meditation Group in Silchester** **St Paul's Morning Get-together (12th and 26th October)**
Tuesday	**St Paul's Gardeners meet** **Prayer Group meets online at 7.15pm**
Wednesday	**St Mary's café from 8.30am** **Worship at either St Mary's or St Luke's at 10am** **Living Word online homegroup meets**
Thursdays	**Coffee morning at St Luke's from 10am to 11.30am** **Let's Pray! meets (29th October)** **Home Group meets at 7.30pm in Tadley**
Fridays	**St Mary's Breakfast (16th October)** **Oaks and Acorns meets at St Luke's from 10am to 11.30am** **Tadley Men's Shed meets at St Mary's** **Home Group meets in Pamber Heath**

Worship this Month in our Churches

Date:	Services at St Paul's, Tadley – RG26 3PB
Sun 4th	9am Holy Communion in the Side Chapel (Steve) 10am Church on the Green Café Harvest (Steve)
Sun 11th	10am Messy Harvest (Steve, Cas & the Messy Church Team)
Sun 18th	9am Holy Communion in the Side Chapel (Rob) 10am Morning Worship (Rob)
Sun 25th	9am LEGO Church (Rob, Cas and the LEGO Church Team) 10am Morning Worship (Myles and Sally Sinclair)

Date:	Services at St Luke's, Pamber Heath – RG26 3DX
Wed 7th	10am Midweek Holy Communion (Cathy and Linda)
Wed 14th	10am Midweek Morning Prayer (Myles)
Sun 18th	11am Holy Communion (Cathy and Linda)
Wed 21st	10am Midweek Holy Communion (Cathy)
Wed 28th	10am Midweek Holy Communion (Cathy)

Date:	Services at St. Marys, Tadley – RG26 4HQ
Sun 4th	10.30am Harvest Festival (Chris, Sally Wood, Cas)
Wed 7th	10am Midweek Holy Communion (Steve and Paddy)
Sun 11th	10.30am Holy Communion (Cathy)
Wed 14th	10am Midweek Holy Communion (Steve and Charles)
Sun 18th	9am RISE (Steve and the RISE Team) 10.30am Holy Communion (Steve)
Wed 21st	10am Midweek Holy Communion (Steve and Charles)
Sun 25th	10.30am Holy Communion (Karen and Charles)
Wed 28th	10am Midweek Holy Communion (Karen and Charles)

Date:	Services at St Mary the Virgin, Silchester – RG7 2HH
Sun 4th	8am BCP Holy Communion (Karen) 10am Holy Communion for All Ages Harvest (Karen)
Sun 11th	10am Holy Communion (Karen)
Sun 18th	10am Celtic Morning Worship (Eve)
Sun 25th	10am Holy Communion (Cathy)
Sat 31st	3.30pm All Souls (Karen and Charles)

Please keep this sheet for reference and check for updates via email.

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