



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

# NEWS from ST. DUNSTAN'S



St Dunstan's strives to be a diverse yet inclusive church, affirming everybody, young and old.

## SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER - ADVENT 1 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST

Setting: *St Mark's (Archer)*  
Anthem: *The Call (Vaughan-Williams)*

### READINGS:

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
Luke 21: 25-36

### 6pm ADVENT CAROLS

### COLLECT:

God our Saviour, you utter a word of promise and hope and hasten the day of justice and



freedom, yet we live in a world forgetful of your word, our watchfulness dulled by the cares of life. Keep us alert. Make us attentive to your word, ready to look on your Son when he comes with power and great glory. Make us holy and blameless, ready to stand secure when the day of his coming shakes the world with terror. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near: your Son, our

Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

### POST COMMUNION:

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord: that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Meets in London House from 10am. The children will join the Service in Church as the 'Peace' is being shared.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for keeping your promise to send a Saviour. We also thank you for the promise that he will return again. Amen.



## SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER - ADVENT 2 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST

Setting: *St Mark's (Archer)*  
Anthem: *Mid-Winter (Chilcott)*

### READINGS:

Philippians 1: 3-11  
Luke 3: 1-6

### 12noon SAID EUCHARIST at the Cottage Hospice

### COLLECT:

God of our salvation, you straighten the winding ways of



our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin. Make our conduct blameless, keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near: your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

### POST COMMUNION:

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



God of all, a voice is calling out in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way of the Lord'. May our voices call out in our schools, in our towns and in our homes, 'Prepare the way of the Lord'. Amen.



## CHURCH PRAYER DIARY

- Friday 29th: All those on the Coffee Rota
- Saturday 30th: Our Social Committee and events
- Sunday 1st: Our Vicar, Fr Michael, and Jo
- Monday 2nd: Mayfield Primary School
- Tuesday 3rd: Deacon Di
- Wednesday 4th: Five Ashes Primary School
- Thursday 5th: Stephen and Carl, Churchwardens
- Friday 6th: Mayfield Scout Group
- Saturday 7th: Nicky Higgins, Parish Administrator
- Sunday 8th: Traders and shopkeepers in Mayfield
- Monday 9th: Robin Holliday, our Treasurer
- Tuesday 10th: Mayfield Festival of Music and the Arts
- Wednesday 11th: Our PCC; the search for a secretary
- Thursday 12th: MAYFACS
- Friday 13th: Deanery Synod Reps: Karen Mack, Emma Ryder-Deanery, Phyllida de Salis, Sue Smith

### PRAY ALSO ...

- For the courage to make the most of every opportunity to share our faith with others through words and deeds
- For all those who contribute to the life of St Dunstan's
- For growth in numbers, spiritual commitment and in service to our community
- For teachers and pupils in our local schools
- For those struggling because of cost of living increases
- For all known to us who are unwell; for those awaiting hospital appointments/surgery; for the NHS/all carers
- For the recently departed Edward Lawson; and all who mourn the loss of loved ones
- For those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Victor George, Anthony Chiffey, Winifred High, Geoff Wicker, Brian Wembrige, Mary Ann Poland, Eveline Fenner, Jack Finch and Margaret Verkaik \* Anthony Donovan, Winifred Hemsley, Pat Brown, Moreen Biron, Kevin Hennessy, Margaret Collie, Colin Harvey, Peter Catton, Jeremy Monk, Kathrine Monk, Bryony Monk, Matthew Inman, Victor Masson



## DIARY for the next fortnight

- Fri 29<sup>th</sup>:** TONIGHT from 6pm LATE NIGHT SHOPPING/  
Tower Open/Mulled wine ALL WELCOME
- Sat 30<sup>th</sup>:** pm MAYFIELD SCHOOL visit to Bell Tower  
7.30pm TAIZE SERVICE—Mayfield School Chapel
- Sun 1<sup>st</sup>:** 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST—St Dunstan's  
6pm Candlelit ADVENT CAROL SERVICE
- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>:** 6.30-8.30pm REHEARSAL Handel's Messiah
- Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>:** 3pm TEA @ 3—Cottage Hospice, Five Ashes
- Wed 4<sup>th</sup>:** 10am SAID EUCHARIST in the Lady Chapel
- Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>:** 9.30-12noon HOLY DUSTERS  
6.30-8.30pm REHEARSAL for Handel's Messiah
- Fri 6<sup>th</sup>:** from 4.30pm SET-UP Christmas Market
- Sat 7<sup>th</sup>:** 10am-2pm ST DUNSTAN'S CHRISTMAS MARKET
- Sun 8<sup>th</sup>:** 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST—St Dunstan's  
12noon SAID EUCHARIST Cottage Hospice, 5 Ashes
- Tues 10<sup>th</sup>:** 6.30-8.30pm REHEARSAL for Handel's Messiah
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup>:** 10am SAID EUCHARIST in the Lady Chapel  
11am Ecumenical PRAYER TOGETHER—1 Aylwins  
from 2pm SET-UP for Skippers Hill Carol Service
- Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>:** 8am—12noon REHEARSAL for Skippers Hill  
9am OPEN THE BOOK Five Ashes CEP School
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup>:** 3-4pm SKIPPERS HILL CAROL SERVICE  
from 4.30pm SET-UP for Handel's Messiah
- Sat 14<sup>th</sup>:** 1.30-4.30pm REHEARSAL for Handel's Messiah  
7pm HANDEL'S MESSIAH—St Dunstan's
- Sun 15<sup>th</sup>:** 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST—St Dunstan's —  
please bring your Christmas cards (see below)

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CHURCH OPENING HOURS: daily 9am to 4pm

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Tel: 01435 873484. Website: [www.stdunstansmayfield.org.uk](http://www.stdunstansmayfield.org.uk)

### ST DUNSTAN'S CHRISTMAS GREETINGS/ CHRISTMAS GIVING

During the Offertory Hymn on Sunday 15 December we will collect Christmas cards from all those who wish to participate in a new Christmas Giving scheme. We invite you to address just one card with Christmas message to all your friends in St Dunstan's – to be posted on a board at the back of church after the service – and to pledge a donation to the Friends of the Holy Land. Donations can be made through bank transfer to Mayfield PCC, 08277532, 55-70-13 marked 'Charity Gift' or by cheque payable to Mayfield PCC. Alternatively, click on the FHL logo to make a donation direct to the charity. THANK YOU.

 FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND  
GIVING HOPE TO VULNERABLE CHRISTIANS

ECO CHURCH  
AN ALLIANCE PROJECT

SEASONAL TIPS:  
Switch to recycled and  
recyclable paper. Use plastic free  
tape or better still coloured twine  
that can be reused.



COFFEE & CHAT  
6 December  
London  
House

**CANCELLED**

10.30-11.30am  
WEDNESDAY  
COFFEE in  
St Dunstan's  
(after 10am  
Said  
Eucharist).  
ALL WELCOME



**SATURDAY PICNICKERS**  
12.30-2.30pm London House  
\*Not Sat 7 Dec\*



SAID EUCHARIST—CHAPEL OF THE  
GOOD SHEPHERD at the COTTAGE  
HOSPICE, FIVE ASHES  
12 noon 8&22 DECEMBER



Please click here to help directly with the running costs of St Dunstan's. For additional ways to contribute financially to the life of our church, please see the church website. Thank you.

**DONATE**



## ST DUNSTAN'S CHRISTMAS MARKET

10am—2pm SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER

All your favourite local stalls and much more!  
\*jewellery\*hand-turned wooden items\*honey  
products\*Christmas decorations\*wooden toys\*  
crochet animals and gifts\*Usborne Books\*  
Cake Stall\*Raffle\*Tombola\*Refreshments—  
bacon baps, mulled wine & mince pies!  
£1 per adult; children free.

\*Please place BOTTLES FOR THE TOMBOLA in the  
boxes at the back of church\*CAKES/HOME-MADE  
PRODUCE please bring on the day!\*  
RAFFLE TICKETS Please return cash and  
counterfoils to Maggie or the Parish Office.



TAIZÉ SERVICE

7.30 Saturday 30th November  
in Mayfield School Chapel

Ecumenical, candlelit service—ALL WELCOME



HOLY DUSTERS 9.30—12noon Thurs 5 December  
ALL WELCOME Coffee provided!

Further info: [emma@ryderrichardson.co.uk](mailto:emma@ryderrichardson.co.uk)



'PRAYER TOGETHER' - 1 Aylwins, Station Road,  
11am Wednesday 11 December. An ecumenical  
gathering to which ALL ARE MOST WELCOME.



### DECEMBER in ST DUNSTAN'S

6pm Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>: Candlelit Advent Carol Service  
6pm Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>: Candlelit Christmas Carol  
Service - come and join us in singing some of the  
more popular Christmas carols. If you are  
interested in joining the choir in singing 'O Holy  
Night', please contact Lucy, Director of Music, at  
[music.stdunstans@gmail.com](mailto:music.stdunstans@gmail.com)

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve:  
5pm Christingle Service  
11pm Midnight Mass of Christmas

Christmas Day:  
10.15am Christmas Morning  
Communion - at this service we  
encourage children to bring along one of their  
Christmas presents so we can share in their joy!



**A WARM WELCOME AWAITS!**

HELP NEEDED: CHRISTINGLE-MAKING

10am Monday 23 Dec in St Dunstan's

Come join in the fun of preparing for Christmas!



7pm SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER  
HANDEL'S MESSIAH

conducted by Jack Gonzalez-Harding  
Don't miss out on what promises to be a  
special night of magnificent music! For online tickets,  
please click on the image. Also at Sew Inspired.

MAYFACS HELPLINE: 01435 873888 <https://www.mayfacs.org.uk/>

ONLINE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING CAN BENEFIT  
OUR CHURCH! St Dunstan's is amongst the top  
50% of charities in raising nearly £1500 through  
Easyfundraising. THANK YOU to all who have signed  
up to make charitable donations on their  
internet purchases without a single penny  
cost to themselves. If you are not registered,  
please click on the logo to see how it works.  
The PCC is registered as St Dunstan's Parish Church,  
Mayfield and we've recently received £84—it all  
helps the Church's finances. THANK YOU!

