



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

NEWS from ST. DUNSTAN'S

SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER ADVENT 2



10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST and
Blessing of Statue of St Dunstan in
memory of Sheila Humphrey with Bishop
Nicholas Reade

*Setting: Mass of St Mark (Archer)
Anthem: The Shepherd's Farewell (Berlioz)
Postlude: Fantasia on Helmsley (Leighton)*

SUNDAY CLUB

READINGS:
Isaiah 40: 1-11
Mark 1: 1-8



COLLECT
With tender comfort and
transforming power you come
into our midst, O God of mercy
and might. Make ready a way in
the wilderness, clear a straight
path in our hearts, and form us
into a repentant people, that the
advent of your Son may find us
watchful and eager for the glory
he reveals. 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.

CHURCH PRAYER DIARY

Friday 8th: Traders and shopkeepers in Mayfield
Saturday 9th: Robin Holliday, our Treasurer
Sunday 10th: Mayfield Festival of Music and the Arts
Monday 11th: Our PCC, and secretary Emma R-R
Tuesday 12th: MAYFACS
Wednesday 13th: Deanery Synod Reps: Karen Mack,
Emma R-R, Denise Packham
Thursday 14th: Colkins Mill church and its congregation
Friday 15th: Jack Gonzalez-Harding, Musical Director

PRAY ALSO ...

For the courage to make the most of every opportunity

to share our faith with others through words and deeds
For church growth in numbers, spiritual commitment
and in service to our community

For those struggling because of cost of living increases

For our local schools, teachers and pupils

**For all known to us who are sick; for those awaiting
hospital appointments/surgery; for the NHS/all carers**

**For the recently departed and all who mourn the loss
of loved ones**

For those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Brenda
Moodey, Margaret Collie, Colin Harvey, Peter Catton,
Jeremy Monk, Kathrine Monk, Bryony Monk, Matthew
Inman, Victor Masson, William Humphrey, Timothy
Biron, and Irene Akehurst

OUR PRAYERS FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD

For our Government, Prime Minister and national
institutions in the many challenges facing us
For our King and Queen and all members of the Royal family
For all national leaders that they be guided by a Godly
wisdom in their decision-making
For peace and reconciliation in all areas of conflict—
especially at this time for Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Sudan
For safe refuge for the displaced and homeless
For all victims of intolerance, persecution and oppression
For compassion and wisdom in dealing with migrants
For healthcare services both in this country and throughout
the world; for aid agencies and all who work, both here and
abroad, to alleviate poverty, hunger and disease.
For adequate supplies of clean water for all
For those affected by adverse weather conditions
For COP28 and an urgent and determined global response
to climate change, pollution and loss of biodiversity

**This Advent ...
remembering the gift of PEACE
we have in Christ**

Loving God, we thank you for the gift
of peace you give us through Jesus.

Help us prepare our hearts for the
Lord's coming by working for Christ's
peace to take root in our homes,
our community, our nation and our
world.

We ask this in the name of the one
born in Bethlehem,
Jesus our Lord.
Amen.



THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Thurs 7th: pm Chair set-up—St Dunstan's
Fri 8th: **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**
9-12noon SKIPPERS HILL Christmas Service Rehearsal
6pm SKIPPERS HILL CHRISTMAS SERVICE
Sun 10th: **10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST** with Bishop Nicholas Reade
 -and blessing of statue of St Dunstan in memory of Sheila Humphrey
Wed 13th: **10am SAID EUCHARIST** in the Lady Chapel
Thurs 14th: **9.30-12noon HOLY DUSTERS**
2pm MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES CEP Christmas Service
 from 6pm Concert Rehearsal
Fri 15th: pm Concert Rehearsal
7pm HANDEL'S MESSIAH
Sun 17th: **10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST** with farewell to
 Jack Gonzalez-Harding

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

LOOKING FOR THE WHOLE PICTURE OF JESUS

God of Advent, thank you for John the Baptist, who shows us how special Jesus is, how important he is, and how timeless his love is. Thank you that Jesus is not just for Christmas but for every day. **Amen**



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Next services at the COTTAGE HOSPICE in FIVE ASHES Jan 14&28.

HOLY DUSTERS 9.30-12noon Thurs 14 Dec

a reminder of the next church cleaning session. All welcome! Coffee provided! Further info: emma@ryderrichardson.co.uk



DECEMBER in ST DUNSTAN'S

Sun Dec 10th: **10.15 Sung Eucharist and dedication of the new statue of St Dunstan**
Fri Dec 15th: **7pm Concert Handel's Messiah** (please note start time)
Sun Dec 17th: **10.15 Sung Eucharist** (followed by farewell to Jack)
Tues Dec 19th: **6pm Christmas Carol service**
Sat Dec 23rd: **10am Christingle-making** (come along to join in the fun!)
Sun Dec 24th: **10.15am Said Communion service**
Sun Dec 24th: **5pm Christingle service**
Sun Dec 24th: **11pm midnight Mass of Christmas**
Mon Dec 25th: **10.15 Sung Eucharist**
Sun Dec 31st: **Eucharist with carols**

10am Wednesday Eucharist in the Lady Chapel as usual

E Greetings If you would like to extend Seasons' Greetings to our congregation via Enews, please submit your message **by Monday 18 December** to julia.lawrence10@btinternet.com for a 'Christmas messages' supplement to the Enews to be circulated on Friday 22 December.



Christmas shopping online? Many retailers will make a donation every time you shop online at no additional cost to you. Please see <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/create-an-account/> and make 'St Dunstan's Parish Church' your chosen charity. Alternatively, Please click here to help directly with the running costs of St Dunstan's.

DONATE



The Mayfield Passion Play
Palm Sunday 2024

CHURCHES TOGETHER AND WATERYARD

thank all those who came along to the launch last Sunday in what will be an exciting project for our community. Watch this space for further information.



Handel's Messiah

7pm Friday 15 December 2023

with the new Mayfield Festival Orchestra under Principal Conductor, **Jack Gonzalez-Harding**
Doors open 6.15pm. Bar.

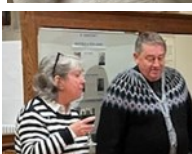
TICKETS: £8-£25 (Centre), £12.50 (South Side), £8 (North Side) Free (age 25 and under)

Online: www.ticketsource.co.uk/mayfieldfestival

In person: Sew Inspired; On the Door: subject to availability.

Thank you to all those who gave in so many different ways towards making the Christmas Market such a success. Particular thanks to Nicky (and Greg) and the Social Committee. Just over £2,000 was raised—a magnificent result!

Thank you to the Bell Ringers and Mulled Wine-makers on the Late Night Shopping evening!



SHARE THE WARMTH

Once again, FSW, our chosen Parish charity, are inviting supporters to donate their **HMG Winter Fuel Payment** to the 53,000 households living in fuel poverty across the Diocese. Please click on the logo to give online or send a cheque payable to FSW, to FSW, Garton Hse, 22 Stanford Ave, BN1 6AA

10.30-11.30am WEDNESDAY COFFEE

in St Dunstan's (after 10am Said Eucharist) **ALL WELCOME** for a cuppa and a chat!



SATURDAY PICNICKERS
12.30-2.30 London House
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