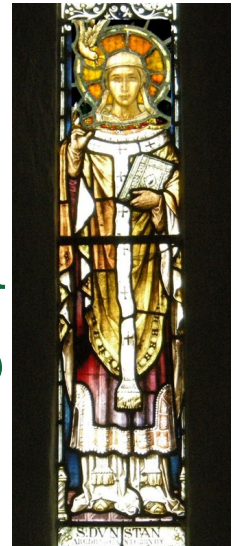




THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

# NEWS from ST. DUNSTAN'S SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER ADVENT 4



## 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST

Anthem: *The Shepherd's Farewell* (Berlioz)

Mass Setting: *Darke in E*

Voluntary: *Le Verbe* from  
*La Nativite* (Messiaen)

### Sunday Club

### Readings:

Isaiah 35: 1-10

Matthew 11: 2-11

### COLLECT

God of glory and compassion, at  
your touch the wilderness



blossoms, broken lives are made whole, and fearful hearts grow strong in faith. Open our eyes to your presence and awaken our hearts to sing your praise. To all who long for your Son's return grant perseverance and patience, that we may announce in word and deed the good news of the kingdom. 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

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

## CHURCH PRAYER DIARY

- Friday 16th: Five Ashes Cottage Hospice
- Saturday 17th: St Dunstan's Choir
- Sunday 18th: Mayfield School for girls
- Monday 19th: Vanessa and our bell ringers
- Tuesday 20th: All who own businesses within the parish, including our farmers
- Wednesday 21st: Nina Sanderson and the Flower Guild
- Thursday 22nd: Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish Councillors
- Friday 23rd: Holy Dusters

### PRAY ALSO ...

For the courage to make the most of every opportunity

to share our faith with others through words and deeds  
For Ukrainian peoples living in Mayfield & Five Ashes  
For those struggling because of cost of living increases  
For the 'Warm Spaces' recently initiated  
For our local schools, teachers and pupils—for a restful break over the Christmas period  
For all known to us who are sick; for those awaiting/recovering from surgery; for all carers  
For the recently departed and all who mourn the loss of loved ones  
For those whose anniversaries fall at this time: John Marsh, Pamela Taylor, Jean Franks, Elaine Thomson, Violet Streeter, Phyllis Fenner, Patricia Begg and David Tindall

## OUR PRAYERS FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD

For our Government and Prime Minister in the many challenges facing us  
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, particularly at this time for Ukraine  
For all victims of intolerance, persecution and oppression  
For safe refuge for the displaced and homeless; for compassion and wisdom in dealing with migrants  
For healthcare services throughout the world; for scientists in their research programmes; for equitable distribution of vaccine  
For all who lack proper healthcare, good nutrition and adequate supplies of clean water; for aid agencies and all who work, both in this country and abroad, to alleviate poverty, hunger and disease.  
For an urgent and determined global response to the climate emergency



This Advent ...  
remembering  
the gifts of  
**HOPE, PEACE,  
JOY and LOVE**  
we have in Christ

All-powerful God,  
your eternal Word  
took flesh on our earth  
when the Virgin Mary  
placed her life  
at the service of your plan.  
Lift our minds in watchful hope  
to hear the voice which  
announces his glory  
and open our minds  
to receive the Spirit  
who prepares us for his coming.  
We ask this through  
Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>: 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST in St Dunstan's  
 Tues 20<sup>th</sup>: 10am-2pm WARM SPACE—London House  
 12noon FUNERAL of Henry Brickell followed by Interment  
 6pm CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE in St Dunstan's  
 Wed 21<sup>st</sup>: 10am SAID EUCHARIST in The Lady Chapel  
 am HOLY DUSTERS  
 Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup>: from 10am CHRISTINGLE-MAKING in St Dunstan's  
 Sat 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Eve  
 5pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE in St Dunstan's  
 11pm MIDNIGHT MASS in St Dunstan's  
 Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day  
 10.15am CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST in St Dunstan's

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## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December



6pm  
 Christmas  
 Carol Service

Christmas Eve  
 5pm  
 Christingle Service  
 11pm  
 Midnight Mass

Christmas Day  
 10.15am  
 Christmas Eucharist  
 with Carols

(at which all children are invited to bring along their very favourite present)



10am THURSDAY 22 DECEMBER  
 CHRISTINGLE-MAKING

in ST DUNSTAN'S

Come and join us for a morning  
 of hilarity and fun!



St Dunstan's is part of the community initiative providing a free 'WARM SPACE' for people to come to over the winter—to take the pressure off energy costs at home, to come together and connect with others, and to be warm. LONDON HOUSE will be open on Tuesdays between 10am and 2pm\*\* serving coffees, teas and soup.

### \*\*WE NEED SOME VOLUNTEERS TO ENABLE THIS TO HAPPEN

Can you give 2 or 3 hours, even just once a month, between now and the end of March? Please e-mail or phone our Parish Office if you can help; or there's a list at the back of church. Thank you.

### ADDITIONAL WARM SPACES:

Mon 10-3pm Colkins Mill Church  
 Tues 10-2pm London House  
 2-3pm Colkins Mill Church 'Tea & Chat'  
 Wed 9.30-11.30am Middle House Bar Area  
 2-3pm Five Ashes Village Hall Tea & Chat(2nd&4thWed)  
 Thurs 9.30-11.30am Middle House Bar Area  
 Fri 10-3pm Colkins Mill Church  
 Also at SEW INSPIRED:  
 Mon-Thurs 9-5pm & Fri/Sat 9-4.30pm

## Further to last Sunday's sermon.....

To enable St Dunstan's to maintain and indeed to grow in our service to our villages, Fr Michael asks each of us to consider not what we give to the church, but how well we respond to God's generosity. 'All things come from God' and in giving to the church we are only giving back to God what has come from him. St Dunstan's, that means every one of us, has a moral responsibility to meet its financial obligations and with significantly increased costs and lower investment returns, the only way we can achieve this is to spend some of our capital. As a result, future returns will be smaller and we get into that ever-decreasing circle which can only end up with St Dunstan's being unable to meet its commitments. None of us want that to happen! Please reflect on this and pray about it. Please respond positively to the recent letter from our churchwardens so we can look to our future as God's church in Mayfield and Five Ashes - and moreover, look to expand our horizons for the glory of God. (If you have not received a letter and would like a copy, please email [office.stdunstans@gmail.com](mailto:office.stdunstans@gmail.com))



THANK YOU to all the HOLY DUSTERS who helped clean the church on Thursday.



Sunday  
 Club

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



Isaiah 7 verses 10 – 16  
 Matthew 1 verses 18 – 25

This week we explore how we navigate our doubts.

God, who is with us,  
 send us out in your love  
 and help us to discover  
 our place in your story.  
 Amen.

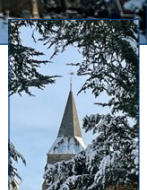


12.30pm SATURDAY  
 PICNICKERS—17 Dec  
 Meet in London House  
 Further info: Valerie 873253

SAID EUCHARIST in the  
 COTTAGE HOSPICE  
 in FIVE ASHES:  
 12 noon Sunday 8th January



SEE AMID  
 THE  
 WINTER'S  
 SNOW .....



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