



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

# NEWS from ST. DUNSTAN'S

## SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER

### ADVENT 4



#### 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST

with Fr Michael Asquith  
Setting: Mass of St Osmund (Halls)  
Anthem: Ave Maria (Saint-Saens)

MASKS TO BE WORN  
AT ALL SERVICES unless  
exempt

#### READINGS

Micah 5: 2-5a  
Luke 1: 39-45 (46-55)



#### COLLECT

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### POST COMMUNION

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour; fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### 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



#### PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

For Fr Michael Asquith, and his wife Jo, Deacon Di, Churchwardens, PCC and Nicky in the Office

For our village community: MAYFACS, our schools—both teachers and pupils now on holiday, the Cottage Hospice, local shops/services including pharmacy and doctors' surgery in the face of the spread of omicron

For the courage to make the most of every opportunity to share our faith with others through words and deeds

For those continuing to be affected by Covid—both directly and indirectly

For all known to us who are sick : Pam Mather; and for all carers

For the recently departed: William Humphrey; and for all who mourn the loss of loved ones

For those whose anniversaries fall this at this time: Pamela Taylor, Jean Franks, Elaine Thomson, Violet Streeter, Phyllis Fenner, Patricia Begg, David Tindall, Susan Rees

#### AND FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WIDER WORLD

For our Government and all national leaders that they be guided by a Godly wisdom in their decision-making

For peace and reconciliation in all areas of conflict; for all victims of intolerance, persecution and oppression; for safe refuge for the displaced and homeless

For all parts of the world continuing to be adversely affected by Covid and new variants; for equitable distribution of vaccine

For all who lack proper healthcare, good nutrition and adequate supplies of clean water; for all aid agencies

For an urgent and determined global response to the climate emergency  
For another Mayfield in south-west Kentucky suffering the devastating aftermath of tornados which struck last week

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK

**Sun 12th:** 10.15am Parish Eucharist  
**Mon 20th:** 9am-11am – Monday Tots in London House  
**Tues 21st:** 6pm – Christmas Carol Service in St Dunstan's  
**Wed 22nd:** 10am Said Eucharist in the Lady Chapel

## CHRISTMAS in the Parish of Mayfield and Five Ashes

**Tues 21st:** 6pm Christmas Carol Service\*  
**Fri 24th:** 5pm Children's Crib Service\*  
11pm Midnight Mass of Christmas\*  
**Sat 25th:** 10.15am Christmas Day Eucharist\*  
in St Dunstan's (all children invited to bring  
along their very favourite present)  
12 noon: Said Eucharist at the Cottage  
Hospice in Five Ashes  
**Sun 26th:** 10.15am Boxing Day Eucharist with carols  
in St Dunstan's  
(No service at the Cottage Hospice on Dec 26<sup>th</sup>)  
\* once every seat is taken we will be unable to admit further  
people so please arrive early



Following CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
GUIDANCE published 9<sup>th</sup> December,  
MASKS OR FACE COVERINGS ARE TO BE  
WORN IN CHURCH UNTIL FURTHER  
NOTICE (unless you are exempt). However, they  
may be removed for singing and when leading  
any part of the worship such as reading or  
leading prayers and when drinking coffee or tea.  
Current legislation has not forbidden singing by  
any member of the congregation.



Merry  
Christmas to  
our schools

It was wonderful to be able to  
welcome Mayfield Primary School  
into St Dunstan's for their Carol  
Service

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CHURCH OPENING HOURS: Daily 9am to 4pm

For Advent video reflections produced by the  
Chichester Diocese, please click here:



**MICROPHONE** A note to all readers: for optimum  
effectiveness of the new super-sensitive microphone,  
please do not touch or make any adjustments. Thank you.

**Sunday  
Club**

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

This week we explore exchanging  
signs of greeting and blessing.

Luke 1: 39 – 45 (46-55)

Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth



Holy Spirit,  
Through smiles and greetings to those we meet:  
Through encouragement and warm words:  
Through helping hands and generous spirits:  
May we be a blessing.  
Amen.

### DONATIONS TO ST DUNSTAN'S:

A simple tap with a payment card of the card reader  
adjacent to the door in St Dunstan's gives £5 (or to  
change the amount, please follow the instructions.)

Alternative ways to give:

**DONATE**

the QR code with your mobile; the  
Donate Button; or a bank transfer  
to Mayfield PCC, code 55-70-13,  
account 08277540. Thank you.



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**Monday Tots**



**ST DUNSTAN'S BABY AND  
TODDLER GROUP**  
9am London House

Next session: December 20. Toddlers have the chance to  
play whilst you enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat. Each time  
we have a bible story, related craft and singing. Do join us!  
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