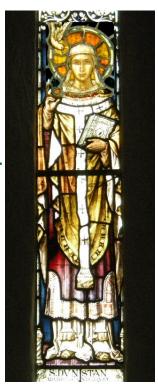


NEWS from ST. DUNSTAN'S

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

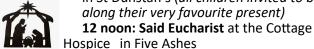
CHRISTMAS in the Parish of **Mayfield and Five Ashes**

6pm Christmas Carol Service* Tues 21st: 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



Sun 26th: 10.15am Boxing Day Eucharist with carols

in St Dunstan's

(No service at the Cottage Hospice on Dec 26^{th})

once every seat is taken we will be unable to admit further people so please arrive early

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CONTACT DETAILS FOR FR MICHAEL ASQUITH: Tel: 01435 873431; email: vicar.stdunstans@gmail.com **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.



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:



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



MAYFACS HELPLINE: 01435 873888

Following CHURCH OF ENGLAND GUIDANCE published 9th 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.



BACH ADVENT CANTATAS

Thank you to all involved in such a wonderful concert last Sunday evening.



ADVENT PRAYER

Lord Jesus.

Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We, who have so much to do, seek quiet spaces to hear vour voice each day.

We, who are anxious over many things, look forward to your coming among us.

We, who are blessed in so many ways, long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We, whose hearts are heavy, seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!' Amen.

Henri J.M. Nouwen



THANK YOU TO MAYFIELD SCHOOL for donating a triptych Nativity to St Dunstan's beautifully put together by the ceramics department

Please click here for the latest Winter edition.







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! Further details karen@mackcapital.co.uk or 07985215344.