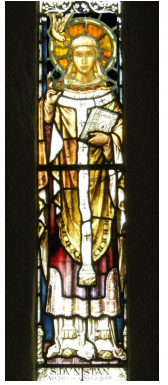




THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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 22 DECEMBER-ADVENT 4 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST

Setting: St Mark's (Archer)
Anthem: Gabriel's Message (trad)

READINGS:

Hebrews 10: 5-10
Luke 1: 39-45



Who are we, Lord God, that you should come to us? Yet you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son. As we prepare to celebrate his birth, make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your Word, and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works. 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:

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.

6pm CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

COLLECT:



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

Holy Spirit, through smiles and greeting to those we meet, through encouragement and warm words, through helping hands and generous spirits, may we be a blessing. Amen.



CHRISTMAS EVE

5pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
11pm MASS for MIDNIGHT

Isaiah 9: 2,3,6,7
Luke 2: 1 - 7



CHRISTMAS DAY 10.15am FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

- at this service we encourage children to bring along one of their Christmas presents so we can share in their joy!
Readings: Hebrews 1: 1 - 4; Luke 2: 8 - 20

SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER - SUNDAY after Christmas

10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST with carols

Setting: St Mark's (Archer)

READINGS:

Colossians 3: 12-17
Luke 2: 41-end



loving God, we come before you in thanksgiving, called and united by your eternal Word. Teach us to ponder the mystery of Nazareth, that we may always find in you the sources of our strength and the unity of our families. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendour

of eternal light, God for ever and ever.

POST COMMUNION:

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

COLLECT:

As your sons and daughters, O



This week we explore sharing and growing in wisdom.

Loving Saviour, we ask for wisdom; not so we can be smarter, but so we can more closely follow you. Amen.



SUNDAY 5 JANUARY - EPIPHANY

10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST

READINGS:

Ephesians 3: 1-12
Matthew 2: 1-11



your incarnate Word pierces the darkness that covers the earth and signals the dawn of peace and justice. Make radiant the lives of your people with that same brightness, and beckon all the nations to walk as one in your light. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendour of

eternal light, God for ever and ever.

POST COMMUNION:

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

COLLECT:

Lord God of the nations, we have seen the star of your glory rising in splendour. The radiance of



Loving God, after the fun, chaos and excitement of Christmas,

may we start this new year with hope in our hearts. Amen.



DIARY for the next three weeks ...

Sun 22nd: 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST—St Dunstan's
6pm Candlelit CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Mon 23rd: 10am CHRISTINGLE-MAKING—St Dunstan's

Tues 24th: 5pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE—St Dunstan's
11pm MASS for MIDNIGHT—St Dunstan's

Wed 25th: 10.15am PARISH FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

Sun 29th: 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST with carols

Wed 1st: New Year's Day—NO Said Eucharist today

Fri 3rd: 10-11.30am COFFEE & CHAT— London House

Sun 5th: 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST—St Dunstan's

Wed 8th: 10am SAID EUCHARIST in the Lady Chapel
11am Ecumenical PRAYER TOGETHER—1 Aylwins

Thurs 9th: 11am FUNERAL of Marianne Wapling—Wealden

Sun 12th: 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST—St Dunstan's
12noon SAID EUCHARIST— Hospice, Five Ashes

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will be closed from 1pm Friday 23 December until 9am Friday 3 January 2025.

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COFFEE & CHAT
10-11.30 3rd January
London House

A lovely opportunity to pop in for a friendly chat over a cup of coffee/tea. A WARM WELCOME AWAITS!



SEASONAL TIPS:

DEFRA estimates that you could wrap the whole of Guernsey with last Christmas's discarded wrapping paper. Make sure you re cycle!

'PRAYER TOGETHER' - 1 Aylwins, Station Road, 11am Wednesday 8th January. An ecumenical gathering to which ALL ARE MOST WELCOME.



PRAYER POINTERS

LOCALLY, WE PRAY.....

For our church, Fr Michael, Deacon Di, Nicky, & PCC and all who contribute to the life of St Dunstan's

For all other places of worship within our villages

For our two villages: for the Parish Councils, MAYFACS, schools, farmers, shops and services

For all known to us who are sick/awaiting hospital appointments/surgery; for the NHS and all carers; for those charities providing Christmas meals to the homeless

For the recently departed: Marianne Wapling; and all who mourn the loss of loved ones

For those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Violet Streeter, Phyllis Fenner, George Cohen, Patricia Begg, David Tindall, Derek Verkaik, Susan Rees, Lesley Chapman, Meriel Packman *** Elizabeth Hammond, William



Fieldwick, Derek Watson, Les Chapman, Janet Peckham, Christopher Feeley, Ian Hacking *** Theo Packman, Joyce Law, Michael Dickson, Edward Law, Walter Podger

AND FURTHER AFIELD, WE PRAY

For our Government, Prime Minister and national institutions in the many challenges we face; for all national leaders that they be guided by a Godly wisdom in their decision-making; for the Anglican Church

For peace and reconciliation in all areas of conflict—in at this time particularly for Israel, Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon, Syria, 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 and aid agencies both in this country and throughout the world

For the many and varied affects of climate change

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



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



SATURDAY PICNICKERS
12.30-2.30pm London House



SAID EUCHARIST—CHAPEL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD at the COTTAGE HOSPICE, FIVE ASHES
12noon 12&26 JAN



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.

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FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND
GIVING HOPE TO VULNERABLE CHRISTIANS

It's not too late to sign a card to your friends in St Dunstan's and make a donation to remember our friends in the Holy Land. Cards now posted at the back of church.



A wonderful start to the Christmas festivities—**Handel's Messiah** performed in St Dunstan's and conducted by Jack Gonzalez-Harding. Thank you to all involved in this special evening.

CAN YOU HELP?

CHRISTINGLE-MAKING

10am Mon 23 December

Come and join in the fun of preparing for our ever-popular Christmas Eve service!



MOVING CHAIRS

4.15pm Tuesday 24th December

Six able-bodied people needed to move chairs from London House into church for the 5pm Christingle Service and to return them afterwards.

If you are able to help, please let Philip James know (07774730901 or james153fish@gmail.com)



A SEASONAL PRAYER



Dear Lord
Thank You for Your gift of true love.
Teach us how to unwrap the joy of Your presence at Christmastime, and always.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Chichester 950th anniversary of the formation of the Diocese of Chichester and Chichester Cathedral: All are welcome to attend
A CELEBRATORY SERVICE
in our local Rotherfield Deanery
7.30pm on TUESDAY 21st JANUARY
at ST MARY'S, HARTFIELD

For further information, please click on the 950 logo.



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