



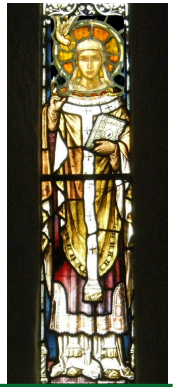
THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

# NEWS from ST. DUNSTAN'S

2023

CHRISTMAS EDITION



## SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER

Christmas Eve/Advent 4

10.15am SAID EUCHARIST

READING: Luke 1: 26-38

COLLECT

Here in our midst, O God of mystery, you disclose the secret hidden for countless ages. For you we wait; for you we listen. Upon hearing your voice may we, like Mary, embrace your will and become a



dwelling fit for your Word. Grant 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.

5pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE in St Dunstan's

11pm MIDNIGHT MASS



## SUNDAY 25 DECEMBER

Christmas Day

10.15am FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

Setting: St Mark's (Archer)

READINGS:

Isaiah 62 from verse 6

Luke 2: 8 - 20

COLLECT: We praise you, gracious God, for the glad tidings of peace, the good news of salvation: your word became flesh and we have

seen his glory. Let the radiance of that glory enlighten our lives as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Reveal to all the world the light no darkness can extinguish, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in the splendour of eternal light, God for ever and ever. Amen.

POST COMMUNION:

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith enlighten our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord.

## SUNDAY 31 DECEMBER

1st Sunday of Christmas

10.15am PARISH

EUCHARIST with Carols

Setting: St Mark's (Archer)

READINGS:

Galatians 4: 4-7

Luke 2: 15-21

COLLECT

O God, you cradle us at the beginning of life and embrace us at our journey's end, for you



love us as your own. Bind our families together and deepen our faith, that, like the Holy Family of Nazareth, we may grow in wisdom, obedient to your word. 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.

## 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, Yemen, 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 an urgent and determined global response to climate change, pollution and loss of biodiversity

## PRAYING FOR PEACE .....

Loving God, our world is full of hurting people and nations torn apart by war and violence.

We ask that you protect, comfort, and heal children and women and men

who face unspeakable loss

and profound emotional and physical challenges.

Unite us in pursuing a world where all can thrive in Your peace, mercy, and abundance.

Amen.



## DECEMBER into JANUARY DIARY

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>: 10am CHRISTINGLE-MAKING in St Dunstan's  
 Sun 24<sup>th</sup>: **CHRISTMAS EVE**  
 10.15am SAID EUCHARIST  
 5pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE in St Dunstan's  
 11pm MIDNIGHT MASS in St Dunstan's  
 Mon 25<sup>th</sup>: **CHRISTMAS DAY**  
 10.15am Christmas Day FESTIVAL EUCHARIST  
 Wed 27<sup>th</sup>: 10am SAID EUCHARIST in the Lady Chapel from  
 Reserved Sacrament  
 Sun 31<sup>st</sup>: 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST with CAROLS  
 Wed 3<sup>rd</sup>: 10am SAID EUCHARIST in the Lady Chapel from  
 Reserved Sacrament  
 Sun 7<sup>th</sup>: 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will be closed from 1pm  
 Friday 22 December until 9am Wednesday 3 January 2024.

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CHURCH OPENING HOURS: daily 9am to 4pm

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## CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



5pm CHRISTMAS EVE ALL WELCOME!

COME AND JOIN THE FUN OF MAKING  
 CHRISTINGLES—the more the merrier!

10am SATURDAY 23 DECEMBER  
 in St Dunstan's. ALL WELCOME.



## Sunday Club

Sunday Club will resume  
 on Sunday 31st Dec.  
 Meet in London House  
 from 10am.

### FAMILY PRAYERS

CHRISTMAS EVE: Thank you,  
 God, that Mary said yes to you.  
 When you invite us to help, may  
 we say yes too. Amen



CHRISTMAS DAY: Loving  
 God, we thank you for the  
 gift of your Son, our Saviour,  
 Jesus Christ. Amen.



31st JANUARY: Dear Lord  
 Jesus, fill us with the joy  
 and wonder which the  
 shepherds shared with Mary  
 and Joseph. May our hearts  
 and our homes be filled with  
 the peace and love you  
 shared with the world. Amen



We wish Jack Gonzalez Harding well as he moves  
 on to further his career. Thank you for your time  
 with us, and not least the magnificent Messiah  
 concert last week.



Next services at the COTTAGE HOSPICE  
 in FIVE ASHES:

SAID EUCHARIST on JANUARY 14&28.

10.30-11.30am WEDNESDAY COFFEE  
 in St Dunstan's  
 (after 10am Said Eucharist)  
 ALL WELCOME for a cuppa and a chat!



THANK YOU, Holy Dusters, for all your  
 hard work to make the church look spick  
 and span for Christmas!



## CHURCH PRAYER DIARY

Friday 22nd: Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish  
 Councillors  
 Saturday 23rd: Holy Dusters  
 Sunday 24th: St Thomas' RC Church and congregation  
 Monday 25th: Our work with children and young  
 people, especially Sunday Club  
 Tuesday 26th: Doctors/staff at Woodhill Surgery and  
 Mayfield dentists  
 Wednesday 27th: Our sidespeople  
 Thursday 28th: Skippers Hill Prep school  
 Friday 29th: All those on the Coffee Rota  
 Saturday 30th: Our Social Committee and events  
 Sunday 31st: Mayfield Baptist church/congregation  
 Monday 1st: Our Vicar, Fr Michael, and Jo  
 Tuesday 2nd: Mayfield Primary School  
 Wednesday 3rd: Deacon Di  
 Thursday 4th: Five Ashes Primary School  
 Friday 5th: Stephen and Steve, Churchwardens

## 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  
 and extra expense over the Christmas period  
 For our local schools, teachers and pupils on holiday  
 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: Patricia  
 Begg, David Tindall, Derek Verkaik, Susan  
 Rees, John Coomber, Lesley Chapman, Meriel  
 Packman, Elizabeth Hammond, Geoffrey High,  
 Derek Watson, Les Chapman, Janet Peckham,  
 Christopher Feeley, Ian Hacking, Theo  
 Packman, Joyce Law and Michael Dickson



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

SATURDAY PICNICKERS  
 12.30-2.30 London House  
 NOT 23 DECEMBER

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## SEASON'S GREETINGS

Fr Michael and Jo  
wish everybody a  
very happy and  
blessed  
Christmas and  
thank you for all  
your support in  
2022 and 2023

WARMEST  
GREETINGS FOR A  
HAPPY AND HOLY  
CHRISTMAS AND A  
NEW YEAR THAT  
FINDS PEACE  
FOR ALL

Deacon Di Blackden



God bless  
St Dunstan's  
and all who  
worship there.  
Thank you for  
many happy  
years.

Felicity  
(Robinson)

### Merry Christmas

Stephen and Julia  
(Lawrence) send  
love to all our  
friends in  
St Dunstan's,  
Mayfield and Five  
Ashes, and beyond.  
We wish you all a  
very Merry  
Christmas and a  
Happy and Healthy  
New Year.

Wishing all our friends in  
Mayfield a Very Merry  
Christmas and a Happy New  
Year. You are often in our  
thoughts and we have  
wonderful memories of our  
time in Mayfield.

We send you love and  
happiness

from Tom and Denise Bennett  
now ensconced in Hampshire.

I would like to  
wish everyone at  
St Dunstan's  
a Very Happy,  
Peaceful and  
Blessed Christmas.

With Love  
Denise (Packham)

May I wish you all a  
very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New  
Year.

Lots of love  
Janie & Benji  
(Childs)

Wishing you a Happy  
Christmas and a  
Peaceful New Year

from  
Margaret and John  
(Neve)

Wishing all our friends  
at the Good Shepherd  
and St. Dunstan's  
a very Merry  
Christmas  
and a Happy New Year  
from  
Jim and Sheila Rait

### Merry Christmas

May the best gifts of  
Christmas be yours:

The gift of love.  
The gift of hope.  
The gift of joy.  
The gift of peace.  
The gift of happiness.  
The gift of Jesus!

Kate Summers

The Churchwardens  
send their best wishes  
for a very  
Happy Christmas  
and thank everyone for  
their kind and generous  
support over the past  
year.

Steve  
Stephen



Julia wishes all the  
St Dunstan's baristas  
a very Merry Christmas  
and Happy  
Coffee-making  
in 2024!



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