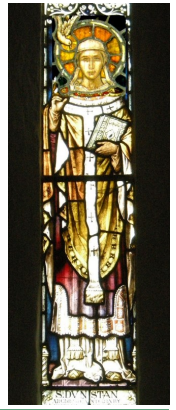




THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES



NEWS from ST. DUNSTAN'S

SUNDAY 25 DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS DAY

10.15am CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST

Anthem: *In the bleak midwinter (Darke)*

Setting: *Mass of St Mark (Archer)*

Voluntary: *Sleigh Ride* by

Anderson arr. T Trotter

Readings:

Isaiah 52: 7-10

Luke 2: 8-20

(No Sunday Club today)



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.

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.

A GRACE FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

Lord, as we gather round our table, spread with so much good food, so lovingly prepared, we pray that you will bless us as we eat and enjoy each other's

company. We remember those who will be going hungry today and thank you for the people who give up their own celebrations to serve meals to the homeless and lonely.



CHURCH PRAYER DIARY

- Friday 23rd: Holy Dusters
- Saturday 24th: St Thomas' RC Church and congregation
- Sunday 25th: Our work with children and young people, especially Sunday Club
- Monday 26th: Doctors/staff at Woodhill Surgery and Mayfield dentists
- Tuesday 27th: Our sidespeople
- Wednesday 28th: Skippers Hill Prep school
- Thursday 29th: All those on the Coffee Rota
- Friday 30th: Our Social Committee and events
- Saturday 31st: Mayfield Baptist church/congregation
- Sunday 1st: Our Vicar, Fr Michael, and Jo
- Monday 2nd: Mayfield Primary School
- Tuesday 3rd: Deacon Di
- Wednesday 4th: Five Ashes Primary School
- Thursday 5th: Stephen and Steve, Churchwardens
- Friday 6th: Mayfield Scout Group

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 those in our towns and cities who live on the streets
- 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: Susan Rees, John Coomber, Meriel Packman, Elizabeth Hammond, Geoffrey High, Les Chapman, Janet Peckham, Ian Hacking, Theo Packman, Joyce Law, Michael Dickson and Edward Law

SUNDAY 1 JANUARY

CHRISTMAS I

10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST

Readings:

Galatians 4: 4-7

Luke 2: 15-21

Sunday Club



COLLECT

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was given the Name that is above every name: give us grace faithfully to bear his Name, to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit, and to proclaim him as the Saviour of the world; for now he lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God, whose incarnate Son was given the Name of Saviour: grant that we who have shared in this sacrament of our salvation may live out our years in the power of the Name above all other names, Jesus Christ our Lord.

DIARY FOR THE FORTNIGHT

Sat 24th: 5pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE in St Dunstan's
11pm MIDNIGHT MASS in St Dunstan's

Sun 25th: 10.15am CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST in St Dunstan's

Tues 27th: NO WARM SPACE today

Wed 28th: 10am SAID EUCHARIST in The Lady Chapel

Sun 1st: 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST in St Dunstan's

Tues 3rd: 10am-2pm WARM SPACES in London House

Wed 4th: PARISH OFFICE reopens at 9am
10am SAID EUCHARIST in The Lady Chapel

Thurs 5th: am HOLY DUSTERS

Fri 6th: 10am-11.30am COFFEE AND CHAT in London House

Sat 7th: 6pm ORGAN TRUST CONCERT with Ed Gaut (see ad)


Sun 8th: 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST in St Dunstan's
12noon SAID EUCHARIST in The Cottage Hospice


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 THANK YOU to each and every one who contributes in so many ways to the life of St Dunstan's—to Fr Michael, Deacon Di, Sunday Club, Nicky, Flower guild, sidesmen and women, readers and intercessors, bell ringers, Jack and the choir, to name but a few! It is greatly appreciated by us all. **Stephen and Steve, Churchwardens**

 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 (not 27th December)
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

Sunday Club

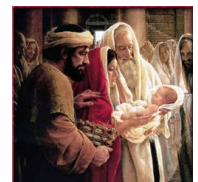
Meet in London House from 10am and the children will join the Service in Church when the 'Peace' is being shared.



CHRISTMAS DAY
Isaiah 52 verses 7 – 10
Luke 2 verses 8 – 20

Dear Lord,
Thank you that you fulfilled your promises by sending Jesus into the world as a baby.
Help us to share in the excitement of the angels and the shepherds,
and rejoice once again that a saviour was born among us.
Amen.

Heavenly Father,
we thank you that there is salvation in the name of Jesus.
During this season, help us to remember that it is Jesus's birthday that we are celebrating.
In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.



1st JANUARY
The Naming of Jesus
Galatians 4 verses 4 – 7
Luke 2 verses 15 – 21

Please click here to help 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.

DONATE

 12.30pm SATURDAY PICNICKERS—will resume in London House on 7th January
Further info: Valerie 873253

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

CHRISTMAS SERVICES



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)

A Christmas Message from Fr Michael

It's been a tough couple of weeks. With the snow, then ice and the very cold temperatures, the heavy rain last Sunday and now (Tuesday) not even a drip from the tap, it's been a real dampener (sorry, no pun intended).

Contrastingly, Christmas is a time of joy. A time when we celebrate God intervening in history on the one occasion he did. Today God calls on us to do the intervening, he calls on us to prove he exists by our words and actions. He calls on us to celebrate him. Christmas is our 'God-given' opportunity to do just this.

Do come and join us at one or more of our many Christmas services and we can celebrate Christmas together, as a church family, thinking of all that is good and praying for all that isn't quite there yet!

On behalf of Deacon Di, our churchwardens: Steve and Stephen, and myself I wish you a very happy, joyful and blessed Christmas.



Fr Michael

COFFEE & CHAT
10-11.30am
FRIDAY 6th JAN
LONDON HOUSE
All welcome!



ORGAN TRUST
CONCERT
6-7pm Saturday
7th January
with Ed Gaut
Jnr. Organ scholar
Keble College
Oxford
Doors open 5.30pm
Tickets £10
(students free)
Bar