

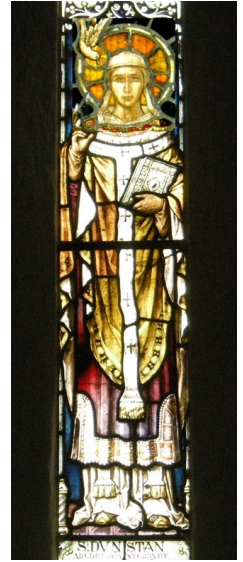


THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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# NEWS from

# ST. DUNSTAN'S



## *A Christmas Message from Fr Michael*

We live in anxious times. Nobody really knows what is going to happen over this winter with the NHS, within our lives, for ourselves with the Covid virus, and then there are colds and flu to contend with as well. Some are approaching this time with fear and trembling.

Joseph and Mary must have approached their journey to Bethlehem in a similar way. Mary was expecting a baby; nobody could have foreseen the census, the timing wasn't brilliant for them. But amidst all that trepidation, that fear of what could happen, that anxiety, there was great joy when Jesus was born.

And that joy is still here today. The joy we share in celebrating the birth of Jesus at this time, in remembering his life 2000 years ago and in praying to him and worshipping him as God today. I will be holding each and every person associated with St Dunstan's in my prayers through this Christmas time.

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

*Fr Michael*



### FRIDAY 24th DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE

5pm Children's CRIB SERVICE\*  
11pm MIDNIGHT MASS of  
Christmas\*

#### READINGS:

Isaiah 9: 2,6,7  
Titus 2: 11-14  
Luke 2: 1-14



#### COLLECT

Eternal God, who made this holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### POST COMMUNION

God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: may our Christmas celebration confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

### FRIDAY 25th DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY

10.15am CHRISTMAS DAY  
EUCCHARIST \* in St Dunstan's  
(NO SUNDAY CLUB but all children  
invited to bring along their very  
favourite present)

12 noon SAID EUCCHARIST at the  
COTTAGE HOSPICE - Five Ashes

#### READINGS

Hebrews 1: 1-4  
John 1: 1-14



#### 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.

\* PLEASE NOTE: once every seat is taken we will be unable to admit further people so please arrive early

## SUNDAY 26th DECEMBER

### 1st Sunday of Christmas

10.15am Boxing Day Eucharist  
with Carols (no Sunday Club)  
(No Service at the Cottage Hospice)

#### READINGS:

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



#### COLLECT

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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.

## SUNDAY 2nd JANUARY

### EPIPHANY

10.15am Parish Eucharist

#### READINGS:

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalm 72: 10-15  
Ephesians 3: 1-12  
Matthew 2: 1-12

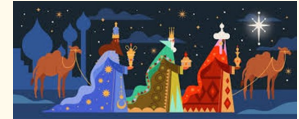


#### COLLECT

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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.



## PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

For those missing the usual Christmas gatherings because of Covid or anxiety over Covid  
For all known to us who are sick

For the recently departed

For those whose anniversaries fall over this Christmas period: Betty Bennett, John Coomber, Lesley Chapman, Meriel Packman, Elizabeth Hammond, William Fieldwick,

Geoffrey High, William Moir, Les Chapman, Janet Peckham, Ian Hacking, Theo Packman, Joyce Law, Michael Dickson, Edward Law, Walter Podger, Bert Ashdown

### 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. May all be blessed with a deep sense of your presence.

Amen.



EACH WEEK Margaret Neve posts activities for our younger members. Please see the Church website. [www.stdunstansmayfield.org.uk](http://www.stdunstansmayfield.org.uk)

THE PARISH OFFICE is closed until Wed 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022

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NEXT ENews: Friday 7th January

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*My thanks for the thoughtful gift I was given last Sunday. My garden will win next year! Deacon Di*

### SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 9TH JANUARY:

10.15am Parish Eucharist with Fr Christopher Channer

12noon Said Eucharist in The Cottage Hospice with Deacon Di

*Loving God, after the fun, chaos and excitement of Christmas, may we start the new year with hope in our hearts. Amen.*

### WEDNESDAY COMMUNION SERVICES

10am on 29 December and 5 January



Coffee & Chat

### FRIDAY 7 JANUARY—all

welcome!

Sale table with cakes, biscuits, vegetables etc We look forward to seeing you.

IN THE BLEAK MID-WINTER—a new version commissioned by CofE—to listen, click here:



WISHING YOU ALL  
A VERY  
HAPPY CHRISTMAS!



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, Andrew and the choir, to name but a few! It is greatly appreciated by us all.

Stephen and Steve, Churchwardens

### 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.)

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