



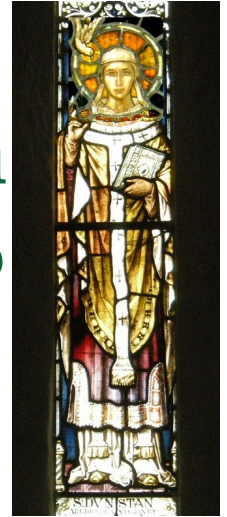
THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

# NEWS from ST. DUNSTAN'S

## SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER

### ADVENT 1



#### 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST

Mass Setting: *Mass of St Mark (Archer)*  
Anthem: *Verily, Verily (Tallis)*  
Postlude: *Master Tallis' Testament (Howell)*

#### SUNDAY CLUB

6pm ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

#### READINGS:

Isaiah 64: 1-9  
Mark 13: 24-end



#### COLLECT

**Rend the heavens and come down, O God of all the ages! Rouse us from sleep, deliver us from our heedless ways, and form us into a watchful people, that, at the advent of your Son, he may find us doing what is right, mindful of all you command. 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

**O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**



### CHURCH PRAYER DIARY

- Friday 1st:** Our Vicar, Fr Michael, and Jo
- Saturday 2nd:** Mayfield Primary School
- Sunday 3rd:** Deacon Di
- Monday 4th:** Five Ashes Primary School
- Tuesday 5th:** Stephen and Steve, Churchwardens
- Wednesday 6th:** Mayfield Scout Group
- Thursday 7th:** Nicky Higgins, Parish Administrator
- Friday 8th:** Traders and shopkeepers in Mayfield

#### 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

For our local schools, teachers and pupils

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: Geoff Wicker, Brian Wembridge, Mary Ann Poland, Eveline Fenner, Jack Finch, Margaret Verkaik, Tony Donovan, Winifred Hemsley, Pat Brown, Moreen Biron and Kevin Hennessy

### 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, 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 those affected by adverse weather conditions

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

### A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN ISRAEL AND GAZA

God of justice and compassion  
We give thanks for the respite that the temporary truce brings.

We pray that this fragile pause in the fighting holds and leads to a full ceasefire.

We give thanks for the release of hostages and continue to pray for those still in captivity.

We pray for the unconditional release of all hostages held by Hamas.

We continue to pray for a safe and prosperous tomorrow for Palestinians and Israelis, a future of equal rights for all and an end to the occupation.

We ask this in Jesus' name.  
Amen

## THIS WEEK'S DIARY

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup>:** from 5pm St Dunstan's BELL TOWER OPEN and MULLED WINE on sale for Late Night Shopping

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>:** 10-1.30pm CHRISTMAS MARKET

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>:** 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST— St Dunstan's  
6pm ADVENT CAROLS—St Dunstan's

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup>:** 10am SAID EUCHARIST in the Lady Chapel

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>:** pm Chair set-up—St Dunstan's

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup>:** PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
9-12noon SKIPPERS HILL Christmas Service Rehearsal  
6pm SKIPPERS HILL CHRISTMAS SERVICE

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup>:** 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST with Bishop Nicholas Reade -and blessing of statue of St Dunstan in memory of Sheila Humphrey

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### BELL TOWER OPEN & MULLED WINE SERVED!

**TONIGHT!** during Late Night Shopping evening from 5pm on Friday 1st Dec. ALL WELCOME!



### FIRE! FIRE! CALLING ALL SIDESMEN!

Sidesmen, please note, you are staying after the morning service for a quick rehearsal of what happens in a fire drill, either as fire marshalls or as congregation. It will take 20 minutes or less and commence as soon as the ways are sufficiently clear.. Thank you.



No services at the COTTAGE HOSPICE in FIVE ASHES in December. Next Services Jan 14&28.



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

being shared.

### STAYING ALERT AS WE WAIT FOR JESUS

Dear God, we pray for all those for whom waiting is hard: those waiting for results and news, those waiting to be free, those waiting for help, those waiting for their loved ones to come home. May they find Jesus in their waiting and know they never wait alone. Amen.



The next Coffee & Chat will be on Friday 5th January (no meeting on 1st December)



**CHURCHES TOGETHER AND WATERYARD** are looking for lots of people of all ages to help make this exciting project happen.

Are you interested in acting, extra work, singing, poetry, stewarding, props, set building, costumes or catering? If you are interested - meet on the High Street where Kathryn Pogson our director will bring the idea alive and encourage you to contribute your enthusiasm, help, charisma and skills. All welcome!

**2:30PM SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER** outside the big wooden gates to Mayfield Girls School



**Christmas 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**

## TOMORROW ST DUNSTAN'S CHRISTMAS MARKET

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER 10am—1.30pm

All your favourite local stalls selling Jewellery, Hand-turned wooden items, Honey products, Produce, Paintings, Christmas decorations, Peg dolls, Wooden toys, Crochet animals and gifts, Usborne Books and much more!

RAFFLE \*CHOCOLATE AND BOTTLE TOMBOLA \*REFRESHMENTS\*

ALL WELCOME—please bring family & friends



## Handel's Messiah

7pm Friday 15th December 2023

with the new Mayfield Festival Orchestra under the leadership of its Principal Conductor, Jack Gonzalez-Harding

Doors open 6.15pm. Bar.

TICKETS: £8-£25 (Centre), £12.50 (South Side), £8 (North Side) Free (age 25 and under)

Online: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/mayfieldfestival](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/mayfieldfestival)

In person: Sew Inspired, Mayfield;  
On the Door: subject to availability.



### SHARE THE WARMTH

Once again, FSW, our chosen Parish charity, are inviting supporters to donate their HMG Winter Fuel Payment to the 53,000 households living in fuel poverty across the Diocese. Please click on the logo to give online or send a cheque payable to FSW, to FSW, Garton Hse, 22 Stanford Ave, BN1 6AA

**E Greetings** If you would like to extend Seasons' Greetings to our congregation via Enews, please submit your message by Monday 18 December to [julia.lawrence10@btinternet.com](mailto:julia.lawrence10@btinternet.com) for a 'Christmas messages' supplement to the Enews to be circulated on Friday 22 December.



### DECEMBER in ST DUNSTAN'S

Fri Dec 1<sup>st</sup>: 5pm Bell Tower open/Mulled wine  
Sat Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>: 10am Christmas Market  
Sun Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>: 6pm Advent carols  
Sun Dec 10<sup>th</sup>: 10.15 Sung Eucharist and dedication of the new statue of St Dunstan

10am Wednesday Eucharist in the Lady Chapel as usual

Fri Dec 15<sup>th</sup>: 7pm Concert Handel's Messiah (please note start time)  
Sun Dec 17<sup>th</sup>: 10.15 Sung Eucharist (followed by farewell to Jack)  
Tues Dec 19<sup>th</sup>: 6pm Christmas Carol service  
Sat Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>: 10am Christingle-making (come along to join in the fun!)  
Sun Dec 24<sup>th</sup>: 10.15am Said Communion service  
Sun Dec 24<sup>th</sup>: 5pm Christingle service  
Sun Dec 24<sup>th</sup>: 11pm midnight Mass of Christmas  
Mon Dec 25<sup>th</sup>: 10.15 Sung Eucharist  
Sun Dec 31<sup>st</sup>: Eucharist with carols



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



SATURDAY PICNICKERS No meeting Saturday 2 Dec because of the Christmas Market

