



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

# NEWS from ST. DUNSTAN'S SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER ADVENT 2



## 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST with BAPTISM

Setting: *Mass of St Mark (Archer)*  
Anthem: *Coventry Carol (Anon)*  
Voluntary: *Fantasia on 'Lo he comes' (Leighton)*

### Sunday Club

### Readings:

Isaiah 11: 1-10  
Matthew 3: 1-12

## 12noon BURIAL OF ASHES of Sophia Encaoua

### COLLECT

Your kingdom is at hand, O God of justice and peace; you made John the Baptist its herald to announce the coming of your Christ, who baptizes with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Give us a spirit of repentance to make us worthy of the kingdom. Let complacency yield to conviction, that in our day justice will flourish and conflict give way to the peace you bestow in Christ. 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

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## CHURCH PRAYER DIARY

Saturday 3rd: Deacon Di  
Sunday 4th: Five Ashes Primary School  
Monday 5th: Stephen and Steve, Churchwardens  
Tuesday 6th: Mayfield Scout Group  
Wednesday 7th: Nicky Higgins, Parish Administrator  
Thursday 8th: Traders and shopkeepers in Mayfield  
Friday 9th: Robin Holliday, our Treasurer

### 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 our local schools, teachers and pupils  
For all known to us who are sick; for those undergoing surgery including Mike Hand-Bowman; for all carers  
For the recently departed including Henry Brickell  
All who mourn the loss of loved ones  
For those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Mary Ann Poland, Ruth Moore, Eveline Fenner, Jack Finch, Tony Donovan, Winifred Hemsley, Pat Brown, Moreen Biron, Kevin Hennessy and Ronald Franklin

## OUR PRAYERS FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD

For our Government and Prime Minister in the many challenges facing us  
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, particularly at this time for Ukraine  
For all victims of intolerance, persecution and oppression  
For safe refuge for the displaced and homeless; for compassion and wisdom in dealing with migrants  
For equitable distribution of vaccine throughout the world; for scientists in their research programmes; for healthcare services  
For all who lack proper healthcare, good nutrition and adequate supplies of clean water  
For aid agencies and all who work, both in this country and abroad, to alleviate poverty, hunger and disease.  
For an urgent and determined global response to the climate emergency



This Advent ...  
remembering the  
gift of PEACE we  
have in Christ

Loving God,  
we thank you for the gift of  
peace you give us  
through Jesus.  
Help us prepare our hearts  
for the Lord's coming  
by working for Christ's peace  
to take root in our homes,  
our community, our nation  
and our world.  
We ask this in the name of  
the one born in Bethlehem,  
Jesus our Lord.  
Amen.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK

- Fri 2<sup>nd</sup>: Please note: **NO COFFEE AND CHAT TODAY** from 4pm SET UP for St Dunstan's Christmas Market
- Sat 3<sup>rd</sup>: from 8am SET UP for .....  
**10am – 2pm ST DUNSTAN'S CHRISTMAS MARKET**  
**NO SATURDAY PICNICKERS TODAY**
- Sun 4<sup>th</sup>: **10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST and HOLY BAPTISM**  
**12noon BURIAL OF ASHES** of Sophia Encaoua
- Wed 7<sup>th</sup>: **8.45am OPEN the BOOK**—Mayfield CEP school  
**10am SAID EUCHARIST in The Lady Chapel**  
**11am PRAYER TOGETHER**—Stone House
- Thurs 8<sup>th</sup>: **8.45am OPEN the BOOK**—Five Ashes CEP school  
**4.15pm WEDDING** of Tim Sharp and Michelle Gardiner
- Fri 9<sup>th</sup>: **am REHEARSAL by Skippers Hill** for  
**6pm SKIPPERS HILL CAROL SERVICE** in St Dunstan's
- Sat 10<sup>th</sup>: **am REMOVAL OF CHAIRS**
- Sun 11<sup>th</sup>: **10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST in St Dunstan's**  
**12noon SAID EUCHARIST**—The Cottage Hospice  
**1pm BURIAL OF ASHES** of June Tite

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St Dunstan's warmly welcomes **FREDDY** into our church family *son of Jessica and John Cooper* to be baptised on Sunday 4 December

### THANK YOU .....

- \*to the **Bellringers and Social Committee** for making everyone so welcome at the Late Night Christmas Shopping event last Friday
- \*to the **Nicholson Trust** for financing the **new sound system** (works to be completed in January)
- \*to **Monica Aitken** for sponsoring the **new Service Booklets**
- \*to carpenter **Simon McLay** for so skilfully constructing the **new sound system cabinet** in the Lady Chapel. The cabinet incorporates salvaged linenfold panels from our old choir stalls which had been carefully stored 'just in case...'!



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

Isaiah 11 verses 1 – 10  
 Matthew 3 verses 1 - 12



This week we explore what it means to point to Jesus

**God of hope, we pray that, through you, we may live together as family, so that with one voice, we may point the way to Jesus, when we're at home, church, or school. Amen.**

'PRAYER TOGETHER' in Stone House (by kind permission of Sister Jean and Sister Maria) at **11am on Wednesday 7th December**. The entrance is through the white gateway and across the courtyard. **ALL WELCOME.**



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**

## ST DUNSTAN'S CHRISTMAS MARKET

10am to 2pm Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

- Local stalls: \*Jewellery\*Paintings\*  
 \*Hand-turned wooden items\*  
 \*Honey products\*Christmas decorations\*  
 \*Flamingo Paperie\*Mayfield Osteopaths\*  
 \*Usborne Books\*Raffle\*
- Also: \*Cake Stall\*Tombolas\*Refreshments\* (including bacon baps, mulled wine, mince pies) and **SO MUCH MORE!**
- Entrance £1 per adult, children free.

**PLEASE BE SURE TO ALERT YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!**

**STRONG MEN NEEDED!** at 4pm today (Friday) to move tables from London House into the Church for Saturday's Christmas Market. **PLEASE DROP OFF** all items for **BOTTLE and CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA** by Friday latest; and **BAKE STALL ITEMS** from 8am Saturday



### CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

London House

10-2 Saturday 3rd December  
 Further info: call 873888

### OPEN THE BOOK ...

...is recommencing in our Primary Schools in Mayfield and Five Ashes in the coming week. Thank you to our aspiring thespians. The costumes are out of mothballs and ready to go .....



**SAID EUCHARIST** in the **COTTAGE HOSPICE** in **FIVE ASHES:**  
**12 noon Sunday**  
**11 December**



### SHARE THE WARMTH

Once again FSW, our chosen Parish charity, are inviting supporters to give their **HMG Winter Fuel Payment** to families in need. Please click on the logo to give online or send a cheque payable to FSW, to FSW, Garton House, 22 Stanford Ave, BN1 6AA



### Advance notice of CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

**6pm**  
**Christmas Carol Service**

**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)



Valuable funds for the church at no cost to you **amazon smile** when shopping online?! Make 'The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of Mayfield' your chosen charity on Amazon Smile or Easyfunding. Thank you.