



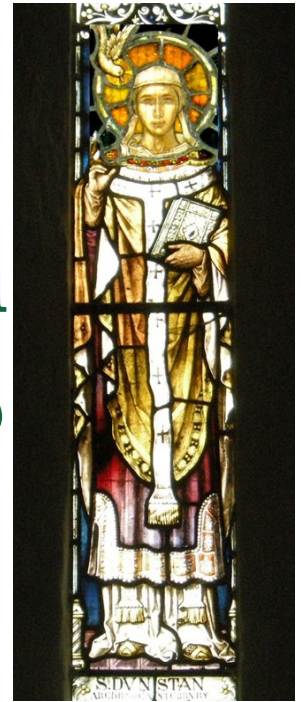
THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

# NEWS from ST. DUNSTAN'S

## SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER

### ADVENT 2



#### 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST

with Fr Michael Asquith  
Setting: Mass of St Osmund (Halls)  
Anthem: How beautiful upon the mountains (Stainer)

#### READINGS

Malachi 3: 1-4  
Luke 3: 1-6



#### COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now

and for 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.

#### 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.



#### PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

For Fr Michael Asquith, and his wife Jo, Deacon Di, Churchwardens, PCC and Nicky in the Office

For our village community: MAYFACS, our schools, the Cottage Hospice, local shops/services

For the courage to make the most of every opportunity to share our faith with others through words and deeds

For those continuing to be affected by Covid—both directly and indirectly

For all known to us who are sick : Anne Clayton, William Humphrey, Pam Mather; and for all those who care for them

For the recently departed: Leonard Trevillion and Isobel Jean Lawson; and for all who mourn the loss of loved ones

For those whose anniversaries fall this at this time: Ruth Moore, Eveline Fenner, Jack Finch, Tony Donovan, Winifred Hemsley, Pat Brown, Moreen Biron, Kevin Hennessy, Ronald Franklin, Sarah Jane Hunt

#### AND FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WIDER WORLD

For our Government and all national leaders that they be guided by a Godly wisdom in their decision-making

For peace and reconciliation in all areas of conflict; for all victims of intolerance, persecution and oppression; for safe refuge for the displaced and homeless

For parts of the world continuing to be adversely affected by Covid and new variants; for equitable distribution of vaccine

For all who lack proper healthcare, good nutrition and adequate supplies of clean water; for all aid agencies

For an urgent and determined global response to the climate emergency

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL—9am to 4pm Fri & Sat

- Fri 3rd:** from 5.00pm Late Night Shopping—  
St Dunstan's open for mulled wine and mince pies. Bell Tower open to visitors
- Sat 4th:** 10am-12noon Festive Cake Sale/Raffle/Stalls
- Sun 5th:** 10.15am Parish Eucharist  
pm Removal of Christmas Trees
- Mon 6th:** 9-11am – Monday Tots in London House
- Wed 8th:** 10am Said Eucharist with Fr Michael  
11.30am – Funeral of Leonard Trevillion
- Sun 12th:** 10.15am Parish Eucharist  
12noon Said Eucharist—The Cottage Hospice  
7.30pm Bach Advent Cantatas – a Choral Meditation for Advent – in St Dunstan's

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CHURCH OPENING HOURS: Daily 9am to 4pm

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Website: [www.stdunstansmayfield.org.uk](http://www.stdunstansmayfield.org.uk) Please do be in touch if you would like names added to our prayer list.

**MICROPHONE** We are now using a different more sensitive microphone at the lectern. This microphone DOES NOT NEED ANY ADJUSTMENT since it picks up sound from a much wider area than was previously the case and doesn't even need to be pointing directly to the reader. A note to all readers: for optimum effectiveness, please do not touch. Thank you.



### Monday Tots

ST DUNSTAN'S BABY AND TODDLER GROUP  
9am London House

Dates: December 6 & 20.

Toddlers have the chance to play whilst you enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat. Each time we have a bible story with related craft and singing. Do join us!

Further details [karen@mackcapital.co.uk](mailto:karen@mackcapital.co.uk) or 07985215344.



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

This week we explore John as a sign that Jesus is for all.

Gospel: Luke 3: 1—6

God of all, a voice is calling out in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way of the Lord'. May our voices call out in our schools, in our towns and in our homes, 'Prepare the way of the Lord'



**CASHLESS GIVING** The new card reader is located adjacent to the door in St Dunstan's. It's easy to use—to give £5, simply tap the machine with a payment card. To change the amount, please follow the instructions.

Alternative ways to give:

DONATE

the QR code with your mobile; the Donate Button; or a bank transfer to Mayfield PCC, code 55-70-13, account 08277540. Thank you.



MAYFACS HELPLINE: 01435 873888

PLEASE BRING FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO ...



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Last 2 days! Friday and Saturday 9am—4pm

LATE NIGHT SHOPPING

Friday 3rd Dec from 5pm

Enjoy mulled wine/mince pies in St Dunstan's. Bell Tower open



OPEN MORNING Sat 4th 10am-12noon

FESTIVE BAKE STALL/COFFEE/STALLS

Mayfield-themed RAFFLE

in St Dunstan's



Christmas cakes, puddings, 'everyday' cakes, preserves, chutneys etc. all very welcome. Please bring along on the morning of the sale.

### BACH ADVENT CANTATAS

*A Choral Meditation for Advent*

7.30pm Sunday 12 December  
at St Dunstan's



St Dunstan's Church Choir with Mayfield Festival Baroque Orchestra conducted by Andrew Benians

This is a major fundraiser for St Dunstan's. Please invite family and friends for what will be a thought-provoking evening of beautiful music interspersed with reflections, readings and poetry selected and read by The Rt Revd Nicholas Holtam.

TICKETS : £10; under 18's £5

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

tel: 0333 666 3366; also from Lambert & Foster and on the door (cash only)

THANK YOU to everyone involved in the Christmas Tree Festival! The inspired decoration of the themed trees was much appreciated by us all!



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**Volunteers needed at Cottage Hospice!** We want to recruit more patient-facing volunteers to help us care for families and those important to them. We simply can't manage to run Cottage Hospice without our volunteers who play such an important role and whom we value so much! Please check our website or contact [julie.leigh@hospiceintheweald.org.uk](mailto:julie.leigh@hospiceintheweald.org.uk); tel: 01435 512500



FSW has the opportunity of doubling any donation made to them under a scheme backed by the National Emergencies Trust Local Action Fund. **Deadline 15 Dec.** Details on <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/building-stronger-families-in-sussex>. A £10 gift aided donation will give them £22.50. Please have a look at the website.