



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

NEWS from ST. DUNSTAN'S

Sunday 2 February

CANDLEMAS



10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST

Anthem: *O Nata Lux (Tallis)*

Setting: *Addington*

READINGS:

Malachi 3: 1-5

Luke 2: 22-40

COLLECT:

Inspired by your Spirit, Lord, we gather in your temple to welcome your Son. Enlighten



our minds and lay bare our inmost thoughts. Purify your people, and make us obedient to the demands of your law, so that we may mature in wisdom and grow to full stature in your grace. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

POST COMMUNION:

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

St Dunstan's strives to be a diverse yet inclusive church, affirming everybody, young and old.

CHURCH PRAYER DIARY

Friday 31st: Mayfield Baptist church/congregation

Saturday 1st: Our Vicar, Fr Michael, and Jo

Sunday 2nd: Mayfield Primary School

Monday 3rd: Deacon Di

Tuesday 4th: Five Ashes Primary School

Wednesday 5th: Stephen and Carl, Churchwardens

Thursday 6th: Mayfield Scout Group

Friday 7th: Nicky Higgins, Parish Administrator

PRAY ALSO ...

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

For all those who contribute to the life of St Dunstan's

For growth in numbers, spiritual commitment and in service to our community

For teachers and pupils in our local schools

For those struggling because of cost of living increases

For all known to us who are unwell; for those awaiting hospital appointments/surgery; for the NHS/all carers

For the recently departed: Wendy Norman, Jan

Meryon; and all who mourn the loss of loved ones

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

James Chapman, Norma Butters, Dot Mitchell and

Wendy Hicks

PRAYER for the week

Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands,

yours are the feet,

yours are the eyes,

you are his body.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

St Theresa of Avila

OUR PRAYERS for the NEEDS OF THE WORLD

For our Government, Prime Minister and national institutions in the

many challenges facing us; for all members of the Royal family

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

For unity within the Anglican Communion; for the selection process for a new Archbishop of Canterbury

For peace and reconciliation in all areas of conflict—particularly for

Israel, Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon, Syria, Ukraine, Sudan, DRC

For all victims of war; of intolerance, persecution and oppression

For safe refuge for the displaced and homeless

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



THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Sun 2nd: 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST—St Dunstan's
Wed 5th: 9am ST DUNSTAN'S STORYTELLERS—Five Ashes
10am SAID EUCHARIST in the Lady Chapel
Thurs 30th: 9.30am HOLY DUSTERS
Fri 7th: 10am COFFEE & CHAT—London House
10am SOCIAL COMMITTEE
Sun 9th: 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST—St Dunstan's
12noon SAID EUCHARIST—Cottage Hospice

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CHURCH OPENING HOURS: daily 9am to 4pm

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

SONG OF SOLOMON NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people. To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

2nd February
FEAST of CANDLEMAS
The presentation of Jesus in the Temple



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Luke 2: 22-40

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

This year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at 11.30am on Sunday 6th April

Please prayerfully consider whether you would like to participate in the life of the church through being a member of the PCC. To find out more, please talk with Fr Michael, the Churchwardens, or current PCC members.



THANK YOU, Holy Dusters, for all your hard work on Thursday and for ensuring that the church always looks well cared for. As usual, a jolly time was had by all!



THIS WEEK'S ECO-TIP: Every time you re cycle a pile of papers a metre high you save a tree.



MAYFACS HELPLINE: 01435 873888 <https://www.mayfacs.org.uk/>

10.30-11.30am
WEDNESDAY
COFFEE in
St Dunstan's
(after 10am
Said
Eucharist).
ALL WELCOME

SATURDAY PICNICKERS
12.30-2.30pm London House
ALL WELCOME!



SAID EUCHARIST—CHAPEL OF THE
GOOD SHEPHERD at the COTTAGE
HOSPICE, FIVE ASHES
12 noon 12 & 26 JANUARY



Please click here to help directly 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. Thank you.

DONATE

A THANKSGIVING SERVICE
for the life of Jan Meryon
2pm Wednesday 12 February
in St Dunstan's



The next CHORAL EVENSONG will be held at 6pm on SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY

THURSDAY LENT LUNCHES in London House

March 13th Hospice in the Weald
March 20th MAYFACS
March 27th Friends of the Holy La
April 3rd Friends of St. Dunstans
April 10th Family Support Work
Please make a note in your diaries. Your support is greatly appreciated.



A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY ...

Local children, aged 8 upwards, are invited to become CHORISTER PROBATIONERS. Singing training provided with rehearsals taking place once a week during term times, sometimes with the church choir. A small fee will be given to probationers for singing in Sunday services. This is an excellent opportunity for young people to develop their musical training, including reading music and sight singing. Social events to include pizza parties! Please email Lucy Piercy, Director of Music, on music.stdunstans@gmail.com for more details.

For those probationers demonstrating commitments and enthusiasm, there is also a Youth Choral Scholarship Scheme. Details of both programmes are available at the back of church.



COFFEE & CHAT

10-11.30 7 February—London House

A lovely opportunity to pop in for a friendly chat over a cup of coffee/tea. A WARM WELCOME AWAITS!



10am Friday 7 March
at St Thomas's

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

ecumenical service
put together by Christian women
in the Cook Islands

Chichester



2025 marks the 950th anniversary of the formation of the Diocese of Chichester and Chichester Cathedral; also the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea and the adoption of the Nicene Creed.

For further information, please click on the 950 logo. To watch an introductory video, please click [here](#)



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