



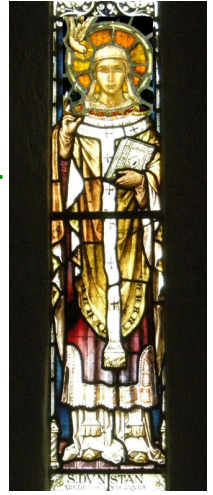
THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

# NEWS from ST. DUNSTAN'S

## Sunday 12 JANUARY

### BAPTISM OF JESUS



#### 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST

Anthem: *Ave Verum Corpus* (Byrd)  
Setting: *St Mark* (Archer)

12noon SAID EUCHARIST in the Cottage Hospice

#### READINGS:

Acts 8: 14-17  
Luke 3: 15-17; 21-22

#### COLLECT:

Open the heavens, almighty Father, and pour out



your Spirit upon your people gathered in prayer. Renew the power of our baptismal cleansing and fill us with zeal for good deeds. Let us hear your voice once again, that we may recognize in your beloved Son our hope of inheriting eternal life. Grant this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendour of eternal light, God for ever and ever.

**POST COMMUNION:** Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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

### CHURCH PRAYER DIARY

- Friday 10th: Mayfield Festival of Music and the Arts
- Saturday 11th: Our PCC, and secretary
- Sunday 12th: MAYFACS
- Monday 13th: Deanery Synod Reps: Karen Mack, Emma R-R, Phyllida de Salis, Sue Smith
- Tuesday 14th: Colkins Mill church and congregation
- Wednesday 15th: Lucy Piercy, Musical Director
- Thursday 16th: Five Ashes Cottage Hospice
- Friday 17th: St Dunstan's Choir

#### 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 and all who mourn the loss of loved ones
- Those whose anniversaries we remember at this time: Nigel Hoggins, Eileen Boyter Smee, Carolyn Freedman, Daphne Vockins and Elizabeth Gibbens

### A PRAYER for the NEW YEAR

Heavenly Father, as we face both known and unknown challenges in the coming year, grant us strength and courage. Help us to rely on your mighty power and to find our refuge in you. May we be steadfast in our faith, knowing that you are our rock and our fortress, Amen.

### 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 victims of child abuse
- For peace and reconciliation in all areas of conflict—particularly for Israel, Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon, Syria, Ukraine, Sudan
- 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 and the fires in LA
- For an urgent and determined global response to climate change, pollution and loss of biodiversity



## THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Sun 12<sup>th</sup>: 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST—St Dunstan's  
 12noon SAID EUCHARIST—Cottage Hospice  
 Tues 14<sup>th</sup>: 2pm ORGAN CONSULTANT  
 Wed 15<sup>th</sup>: 10am SAID EUCHARIST in the Lady Chapel  
 6pm CHOIR ANNUAL MEETING  
 Sun 19<sup>th</sup>: 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST—St Dunstan's

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Please be in touch if you would like names added to our prayer list.

## Sunday Club



Luke 3: 15-17 & 21-22

Meet in London House from 10am.  
 The children will join the Service in

Gracious Father, for those who don't know you, for those who have forgotten about you, and for those who need to know you more - may they all know that you love them. Amen.

## Choral Evensong

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



2025 marks the 950th anniversary of the formation of the Diocese of Chichester and Chichester Cathedral and to celebrate, a diverse programme of events will be taking place across the Diocese. These will include

### A CELEBRATORY SERVICE

in our local Rotherfield Deanery  
 7pm on TUESDAY 21st JANUARY  
 at ST MARY'S, HARTFIELD.

PLEASE SIGN THE LIST AT THE BACK OF CHURCH by SUNDAY 12th if you would like to attend. Car sharing advised.

ALL ARE MOST WELCOME.

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



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Do not throw away last year's Christmas cards! They can be cut up and recycled as next year's labels for Christmas gifts!

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.

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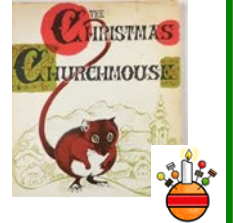
## CHRISTMAS in ST DUNSTAN'S



THANK YOU to all those who helped in so many different ways to make this Christmas in St Dunstan's so memorable—Lucy and the choir, flower arrangers, Christingle-makers,

Holy Dusters, sidesmen, Churchwardens, coffee makers, bell-ringers, and so the list goes on...

Thank you to Father Michael for your perseverance despite personal grief; and to Deacon Di who has been described as 'an angel' for dealing last minute with the damage caused by one (or more?) rather mischievous churchmouse!



Finally, thank you all to those who came to the various services where the attendance was well up on last year. St Dunstan's remains a very important part of our village community.

Wishing all our readers  
 A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## A POEM for the NEW YEAR

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,  
 The flying cloud, the frosty light:  
 The year is dying in the night;  
 Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.  
 Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
 Ring, happy bells, across the snow:  
 The year is going, let him go;  
 Ring out the false, ring in the true.  
 Ring out the grief that saps the mind  
 For those that here we see no more;  
 Ring out the feud of rich and poor,  
 Ring in redress to all mankind.  
 Ring out a slowly dying cause,  
 And ancient forms of party strife;  
 Ring in the nobler modes of life,  
 With sweeter manners, purer laws.  
 Ring out the want, the care, the sin,  
 The faithless coldness of the times;  
 Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes  
 But ring the fuller minstrel in.  
 Ring out false pride in place and blood,  
 The civic slander and the spite;  
 Ring in the love of truth and right,  
 Ring in the common love of good.  
 Ring out old shapes of foul disease;  
 Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;  
 Ring out the thousand wars of old,  
 Ring in the thousand years of peace.  
 Ring in the valiant man and free,  
 The larger heart, the kindlier hand;  
 Ring out the darkness of the land,  
 Ring in the Christ that is to be.



Lord Alfred Tennyson  
 from *In Memoriam* (1850)



### ONLINE SHOPPING CAN BENEFIT

ST DUNSTAN'S! THANK YOU to all who have signed up to make charitable donations on their internet purchases without a single penny cost to themselves. If you are not registered, please click on the logo to see how it works. The PCC is registered as St Dunstan's Parish Church, Mayfield—it all helps the Church's finances.