



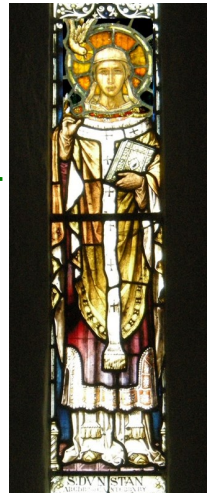
THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

# NEWS from ST. DUNSTAN'S

## Sunday 19 JANUARY

### EPIPHANY 2



#### 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST

Anthem: *If Ye Love Me* (Tallis)  
Setting: *Mass in E* (Darke)

#### READINGS:

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11  
John 2: 1-11

#### COLLECT:

God of wonders, at Cana in Galilee you revealed your glory in



Jesus Christ and summoned all humanity to life in him. Show to your people gathered on this day your transforming power and give us a foretaste of the wine you keep for the age to come. We make our prayer 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:

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

#### CHURCH PRAYER DIARY

- Friday 17th: St Dunstan's Choir
- Saturday 18th: Mayfield School for girls
- Sunday 19th: Vanessa and our bell ringers
- Monday 20th: All who own businesses within the parish, including our farmers
- Tuesday 21st: Nina Sanderson and the Flower Guild
- Wednesday 22nd: Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish Council/plans for the new medical centre
- Thursday 23rd: Holy Dusters
- Friday 24th: St Thomas' RC Church/Fr Patrick as he moves on to pastures new

#### 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:** Jan Meryon; and all who mourn the loss of loved ones  
**Those whose anniversaries we remember at this time:** Joan Nicholls, Ellen Wicker, William Tully, William Pope, Freda Hemsley, Alfred Humphrey, Jane Hallett, John Turnnidge-Rosindell, Berenice Blurton, Peter Bridger and Remy Pridham

#### WEEK of PRAYER for CHRISTIAN UNITY

(18-25 January)

O Lord,  
 open our eyes that we may see the need of others,  
 open our ears that we may hear their cries,  
 open our hearts so that they need not be without succour.  
 Let us not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong, nor afraid to defend the poor, because of the anger of the rich.  
 Show us where love and hope and faith are needed, and use us to bring them to these places.  
 Open our eyes and ears that we may, this coming week, be able to do some work of peace for you.

(Shona Prayer, Zimbabwe)

#### 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 the president-elect of USA  
**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  
**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 19<sup>th</sup>: 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST—St Dunstan's  
 Tues 21<sup>st</sup>: 7pm CELEBRATORY DEANERY SERVICE—  
 St Mary's Hartfield—please see below  
 Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>: 10am SAID EUCHARIST in the Lady Chapel with  
 Fr Patrick  
 Fri 24<sup>th</sup>: am QUINQUENNIAL - St Dunstan's  
 Sun 26<sup>th</sup>: 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST—St Dunstan's  
 12noon SAID EUCHARIST—Cottage Hospice  
 6.30pm Service for Christian Unity—Wadhurst  
 (see below)

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

Lord God,  
 you are always making  
 the ordinary extraordinary:  
 caterpillars changing into butterflies,  
 seeds changing into flowers, water into wine.  
 Thank you for the extraordinary gift  
 we are to each other.  
 Help us not to forget that you are always  
 making the ordinary extraordinary.  
 Amen.

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 John 2: 1-11



AN A ROCHA UK PROJECT

### Tessa Younger writes:

At St Dunstan's, we're proud to be part of the Eco-Church programme, taking meaningful steps to care for God's creation and address climate change. We've achieved a Bronze Award, with Gold for 'worship and teaching', Silver for 'land', and Bronze for 'buildings', 'community engagement', and 'lifestyle'.

The Church of England's Net Zero Carbon by 2030 initiative is encouraging us to reduce emissions from our buildings and transport. Recent wildfires in the US serve as a stark reminder of how climate change is worsening natural disasters, particularly in the world's most vulnerable communities. Here at St Dunstan's, we're exploring lower-carbon heating options and, most notably, we've been actively managing our churchyard to promote local biodiversity. By nurturing native plants and creating habitats, we're transforming our grounds into a sanctuary for nature.

While climate change can seem daunting, every action counts. We invite you to join us on our Eco-Church journey to make a positive impact, care for the environment, and help build a stronger, more resilient future for all. Together, we can make a difference.



Community composting in the churchyard



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 Rotherfield Deanery with Bishop Martin and Bishop Will  
 7pm on TUESDAY 21st JANUARY  
 at ST MARY'S, HARTFIELD.  
 ALL ARE MOST WELCOME.

For further information, please click on the 950 logo.

18-25 January



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6.30pm Sunday 26 January  
 Church of the Sacred Heart,  
 Wadhurst

A Service concluding the week  
 of Prayer for Christian Unity.  
 ALL ARE WELCOME.

Lord Jesus,  
 who prayed that all might be one,  
 we pray to you for the unity of all Christians,  
 according to your will, according to your means.  
 May your Spirit enable us to experience the  
 suffering caused by division, to see our sin and  
 to hope beyond all hope. Amen.

Chemin Neuf Community



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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



HOLY DUSTERS The next session will be on  
 Thursday 30 January 9.30—12noon  
 Coffee and chatter! ALL WELCOME!



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