



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

# NEWS from ST. DUNSTAN'S

## Sunday 26 JANUARY

### EPIPHANY 3



#### 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST

Anthem: *Lord, for thy Tender Mercy's Sake (Farrant)*

Setting: *Mass of St Mark (Archer)*

#### READINGS:

1 Corinthians 12: 12 – 31

Luke 4: 14 – 21

#### 12noon SAID

EUCHARIST—Five Ashes

#### 6.30pm Service for

Christian Unity—Wadhurst (see over)



#### COLLECT:

Lord God, whose compassion embraces all peoples, whose law is wisdom, freedom and joy for the poor, fulfil in our midst your promise of favour, that we may receive the gospel of salvation with faith and, anointed by the Spirit, freely proclaim it. Grant 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:

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world; may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; 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 24th:** St Thomas' RC Church facing change

**Saturday 25th:** Our work with children and young people, especially Sunday Club

**Sunday 26th:** Doctors/staff at Woodhill Surgery and Mayfield dentists

**Monday 27th:** Our sidespeople

**Tuesday 28th:** Skippers Hill Prep school

**Wednesday 29th:** All those on the Coffee Rota

**Thursday 30th:** Our Social Committee and events

**Friday 31st:** Mayfield Baptist church/congregation

### 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, Keith Ketley (landlord of the Five Ashes Pub); and all who mourn the loss of loved ones

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Margaret Winter, Leslie Pring, Alan Parry, Charles Lemesurier, Denis Hand-Bowman, Ivan Poland, John Wicker, Pam Mather, Dorothy Swain, Neil Grigson, Cyril Barnard, Betty Foster and David Winter

### PRAYER for PEACE

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.'  
Matthew 5.9

*Lord Jesus, who walked the land you made holy, and blessed those who made peace; look with compassion on the people of your land today, Jew and Muslim and Christian, Israeli and Palestinian. May peace come for all with justice, may war cease and all live in harmony, and be the children of the one God who you made known, now and always.*

The Very Rev Andrew Nunn  
FHL Reflections and Prayers for Peace

### 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 newly elected president 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

For an urgent and determined global response to climate change, pollution and loss of biodiversity



## THIS WEEK'S DIARY

**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)  
**Tues 28<sup>th</sup>:** 6.30/7pm **PCC MEETING**—London House  
**Wed 29<sup>th</sup>:** 10am **SAID EUCHARIST** in the Lady Chapel  
**Thurs 30<sup>th</sup>:** 9.30am **HOLY DUSTERS**  
**Sat 1<sup>st</sup>:** 10am **FLOWER GUILD AGM**—London House  
**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>:** 10.15am **PARISH EUCHARIST**—St Dunstan's

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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 Jesus, you love each of us, whatever we are going through. Thank you for bringing good news for everyone and for taking special notice of those who were left out or seen as unimportant. Thank you for showing us a loving way to live. Amen.



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 Luke 4: 14 – 21



**6.30PM SUNDAY 26 JANUARY**  
**Church of the Sacred Heart, Wadhurst**  
**A Service concluding the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with its focus on the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea and the adoption of our Creed. 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*



**THIS WEEK'S ECO-TIP:**  
**Put reflective foil behind your radiator to heat your room and not your wall!**



**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.

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**A THANKSGIVING SERVICE**  
 for the life of Jan Meryon  
 will be held at 2pm  
 on Wednesday 12 February  
 in St Dunstan's



**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.

On Tuesday evening representatives from St Dunstan's attended a service at St Mary's, Hartfield celebrating the life of the church in the Rotherfield Deanery. Bishop Martin and Bishop Will were there and extended a warm invitation to us all to participate the events planned across the Diocese for the coming year  
 For further information, please click on the 950 logo. To watch an introductory video, please click [here](#)



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

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

### 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.



**Friday 7 March at St Thomas's**  
**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**  
 ecumenical service  
 put together by Christian women in the Cook Islands  
 Watch this space for further details.



We are warmly welcomed two to three times each term into the CEP schools in Mayfield and Five Ashes and have great fun telling pre-scripted Bible Stories. Why not come along to our run-through meeting to find out more?  
**11am Wednesday 29 January in St Dunstan's**



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