



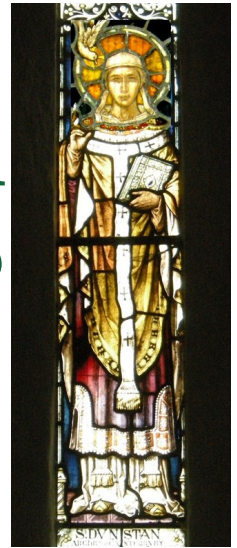
THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

NEWS from ST. DUNSTAN'S

SUNDAY 7 JANUARY

EPIPHANY



10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST

Setting: *Mass of St Mark (Archer)*

SUNDAY CLUB

READINGS:

Ephesians 3: 1-12
Matthew 2: 1-12



COLLECT

Lord God of the nations, we have seen the star of your glory rising in splendour. The radiance of your incarnate Word pierces the darkness that covers the earth and signals the dawn of peace and justice. Make radiant the lives of your people with that same brightness, and beckon all the nations to walk as one in your light. We ask 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 God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

CHURCH PRAYER DIARY

- Friday 5th:** Stephen and Steve, Churchwardens
- Saturday 6th:** Mayfield Scout Group
- Sunday 7th:** Nicky Higgins, Parish Administrator
- Monday 8th:** Traders and shopkeepers in Mayfield
- Tuesday 9th:** Robin Holliday, our Treasurer
- Wednesday 10th:** Mayfield Festival of Music and the Arts
- Thursday 11th:** Our PCC, and secretary Emma R-R
- Friday 12th:** MAYFACS

PRAY ALSO ...

- For the courage** to make the most of every opportunity to share our faith with others through words and deeds
- For church growth** in numbers, spiritual commitment and in service to our community
- For those struggling** because of cost of living increases
- For our local schools, teachers and pupils** as they return to school after the holidays
- For all known to us who are sick; for those awaiting hospital appointments/surgery; for the NHS/all carers**
- For the recently departed and all who mourn the loss of loved ones**
- For those whose anniversaries fall at this time:** Edward Law, Walter Podger and Nigel Hoggins

OUR PRAYERS FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD

For our Government, Prime Minister and national institutions in the many challenges facing us
For our King and Queen and all members of the Royal family
For all national leaders that they be guided by a Godly wisdom in their decision-making
For peace and reconciliation in all areas of conflict—at this time particularly for Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Yemen, Sudan
For safe refuge for the displaced and homeless
For all victims of intolerance, persecution and oppression
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

AN EPIPHANY PRAYER

God of all heaven and earth,
 From the breath of your love
 came the creation of the world.
 We are amazed at the vast beauty
 of the night sky
 and at the intimate nature of the love
 you have for us your children.
 Be our daily star,
 Guiding our lives to search for
 kingdom love.
 May we always follow your light of
 truth in all that we do,
 Forever trusting, hoping
 and believing in your word.
 Lift our eyes to see
 your eternal life shining brightly,
 Leading us home.
 Amen.

DECEMBER DIARY

Sun 7th: 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST
Wed 10th: 10am SAID EUCHARIST in the Lady Chapel
11am OPEN THE BOOK run through
Sun 14th: 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST
12noon SAID EUCHARIST in the Cottage Hospice

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The next SAID EUCHARIST SERVICES at the COTTAGE HOSPICE in FIVE ASHES will be on SUNDAY 14 & 28 JAN



We are warmly welcomed into the CEP schools in Mayfield and Five Ashes and have great fun telling Bible Stories. Why not come along to find out more—11am Wed 10 Jan in St Dunstan's

Sunday Club

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



Ephesians 3: 1-12
Matthew 2: 1-12

EPIPHANY

Gold - a symbol of royalty, because they saw Jesus as a king.

Frankincense - this was burned during worship in

the temple, reminding us of God and how Jesus is His representative on Earth.

Myrrh - this was an oil used to anoint the dead, it was symbolic of the death Jesus would face to save humanity from sin.



Dear Jesus,
we seek you today because we want to worship you and crown you as our King.
We thank you for priests, school teachers, youth workers, parents and relations, and Sunday Club leaders who want to help us and we are thankful for the Bible which we have been given to lead us to you.
Amen.

MUSIC in ST DUNSTAN'S

The Box Office for the 2024 Mayfield Festival is now open and many of the concerts are taking place in St Dunstan's. To find out more please click on the logo.....

Tickets: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/mayfieldfestival>

Phone: 0333 66 3366 quoting Mayfield Festival.

In Person: Sew Inspired, High Street, Mayfield; Lambert & Foster, High Street, Wadhurst



CHRISTMAS 2023

Thank you to all who worked so hard in so many different ways to make our Christmas Services so memorable. Over the Christmas period we had well over 500 through our doors



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.

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year!



RAISING FUNDS FOR ST DUNSTAN'S Many retailers will make a donation every time you shop online at no additional cost to you. Please see <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/create-an-account/> and make 'St Dunstan's Parish Church' your chosen charity.

Alternatively, 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

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



SATURDAY PICNICKERS
12.30-2.30 London House
Tel Valerie 873253
ALL WELCOME!

