



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

NEWS from ST. DUNSTAN'S

SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER

2nd before ADVENT



10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST

Setting: *Setting in G (Wadeley)*
Anthem: *Ave Verum (Byrd)*
Postlude: *Prelude and Fugue in E Minor, BWV 555 (Bach)*

SUNDAY CLUB

READINGS:

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11
Matthew 25: 14-30



COLLECT

O God, from whose own abundance all gifts and skills are lavishly bestowed, encourage us to use our talents as generously as you have allotted them, so that, being faithful to your purpose, we may become sharers in your glory. 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

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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 Councillors
Thursday 23rd: Holy Dusters
Friday 24th: St Thomas' RC Church and congregation



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
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: Henry Brickell, Joyce Burridge and Bert Lodge

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—especially at this time for Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Yemen
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

A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN ISRAEL AND GAZA

Heavenly Father,
we pray for the many people whose lives have been torn apart by conflict in Gaza and Israel.
We pray especially those who have died, those who are grieving, the injured and those now without food, shelter or medical supplies. Strengthen and support the work of all relief organisations.
We pray also for those who have the power to bring peace. May they be touched by a spirit of compassion and kindness.
Lord hear us as we pray in the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Sat 18th: 10-1pm MAYFIELD FESTIVAL CHOIR rehearsal
2-4pm Mayfield School visit to Bell Tower

Sun 19th: 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST in St Dunstan's
from 2pm Mayfield Festival Choir rehearsal
7.30pm 'BACH'S CHRISTMAS ORATORIO'

Mon 20th: am Concert clear-down

Wed 22nd: 10am SAID EUCHARIST in the Lady Chapel

Sat 25th: 7pm TALK by JEREMY SUMMERLY— St Dunstan's

Sun 26th: 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST— St Dunstan's
12noon SAID EUCHARIST in The Cottage Hospice
6pm EVENSONG in St Dunstan's

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ST DUNSTAN'S CHRISTMAS MARKET

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER 10am—1.30pm

All your favourite local stalls selling Jewellery, Hand-turned wooden items, Honey products, Paintings, Christmas decorations, Peg dolls, Wooden toys, Crochet animals and gifts, Usborne Books and much more!

RAFFLE TICKETS now available from Nicky in the office, Renee or Maggie after services.

BOTTLES AND CHOCOLATE urgently required for tombolas, also PRESERVES —please place in boxes at the back of church.

Please bring BAKED GOODS AND FRESH PRODUCE on the day.

THANK YOU!



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

USING WELL WHAT GOD GIVES TO US

Generous God, for those who have lost everything through no fault of their own, **give hope**.

For those who feel they have no gifts, **give confidence**.

For those who feel overwhelmed by the darkness of fear and failure, **give comfort**. In Jesus' name. **Amen**.



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God believes in you - go in the strength of that belief. God has entrusted you with gifts - go in joy and use them. **Amen**.

SAID EUCHARIST at the COTTAGE HOSPICE at FIVE ASHES 26 NOVEMBER at 12noon



THANK YOU, Holy Dusters, for all your hard work last week to make the church look spick and span!



The next Coffee & Chat will be on Friday 5th January (no meeting on 1st December)



MUSIC IN ST DUNSTAN'S

7.30pm Sunday 19 November
Bach's CHRISTMAS ORATORIO



BELL TOWER OPEN & MULLED WINE SERVED! during Late Night Shopping evening from 5pm on Friday 1st Dec. ALL WELCOME!



JACK'S FINAL DAY WITH US WILL BE SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER although he will be playing for our Christmas Services. We are enormously appreciative of all that he has done for us during the past 15 months. Should you wish to contribute to a parting gift—Bank details: Mayfield PCC Ref: Jack 55-70-13 08277540; cheques to the office. THANK YOU.

MAYFACS HELPLINE: 01435 873888



ECO CHURCH AN A ROCHA UK PROJECT

Don't forget, your kitchen waste can now be deposited in the compost heap in the churchyard!

Please click here to help 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 for a cuppa and a chat!



SATURDAY PICNICKERS 12.30-2.30 London House Tel Valerie 873253



Handel's Messiah

7pm Friday 15th December 2023

with Mayfield Consort, St. Dunstan's Parish Church Choir, members of Apollo Voices and a line-up of esteemed soloists associated with companies such as Royal Opera House Covent Garden, Glyndebourne, English National Opera and English Touring Opera, together with the new Mayfield Festival Orchestra under the leadership of its Principal Conductor, Jack Gonzalez-Harding

Doors open 6.15pm. Bar.

Full details <https://mayfieldfestival.co.uk>

TICKETS: £25 (Centre), £12.50 (South Side), £8 (North Side) Free (age 25 and under)

Online: www.ticketsource.co.uk/mayfieldfestival

In person: Sew Inspired, Mayfield; Lambert & Foster, Wadhurst.

On the Door: subject to availability.

LOOKING AHEAD DECEMBER in ST DUNSTAN'S

Sat Dec 2nd:
Sun Dec 3rd:
Sun Dec 10th:

10am Christmas Market

6pm Advent carols

10.15 Sung Eucharist and

dedication of the new statue of St Dunstan

7pm Concert Handel's Messiah (please note start time)

10.15 Sung Eucharist (followed by farewell to Jack)

6pm Christmas Carol service

10.15am Said Communion service

5pm Christingle service

11pm midnight Mass of Christmas

10.15 Sung Eucharist

Eucharist with carols

Fri Dec 15th:

Sun Dec 17th:

Tues Dec 19th:

Sun Dec 24th:

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Mon Dec 25th:

Sun Dec 31st:

10am Wednesday Eucharist in the Lady Chapel as usual

