



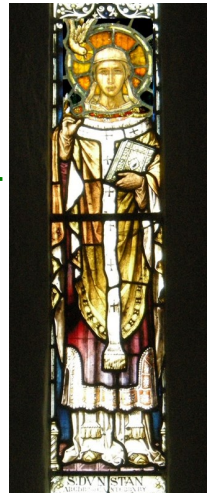
THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

# NEWS from ST. DUNSTAN'S

## Sunday 17 November

### 2nd before ADVENT



#### 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST

Setting: *Short Service (Byrd)*  
Anthem: *Beati Mundo Corde (Graystone Ives)*

Hebrews 10:11-14;19-25  
Mark 13: 1-8

#### COLLECT:

Your creation, O God, runs its appointed course, as from the ends of the earth you



gather a people you call your own. Confirm us in the strength of your abiding word. Steady our hearts in the time of trial, so that on the day of the Son of Man we may without fear rejoice to behold his appearing. We ask 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:

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.



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

#### CHURCH PRAYER DIARY

- Friday 15th: Lucy Piercy, Musical Director
- Saturday 16th: Five Ashes Cottage Hospice
- Sunday 17th: St Dunstan's Choir
- Monday 18th: Mayfield School for girls
- Tuesday 19th: Vanessa and our bell ringers
- Wednesday 20th: All who own businesses within the parish, including our farmers
- Thursday 21st: Nina Sanderson and the Flower Guild
- Friday 22nd: Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish Councillors

#### 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: Olive Cowper; all who mourn the loss of loved ones; for those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Norman Drury, Alan Mathams, James Clouett, Henry Brickell, Joyce Burrige and Bert Lodge

#### A PRAYER FOR SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

May the doors of our church be wide enough to receive all who come seeking God and fellowship.

May the doors of our church be narrow enough to shut out pettiness and pride, envy and enmity.

May the threshold of our church be no stumbling block to young or frail feet.

May the threshold of our church be too high to admit complacency and self-seeking.

May our church be, for all who enter, a safe place and the doorway to a richer life in Christ. 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, Yemen, 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 recently affected by adverse weather conditions

For an urgent and determined global response to climate change, pollution and loss of biodiversity; for the COP29 meeting in Azerbaijan

## THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Sat 16<sup>th</sup>: 2.30-5.30pm MAYFIELD FESTIVAL CHOIR rehearsal  
 Sun 17<sup>th</sup>: 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST—St Dunstan's  
 3-6pm MAYFIELD FESTIVAL CHOIR rehearsal  
 7.30pm MAYFIELD FESTIVAL CHOIR CONCERT  
 Wed 20<sup>th</sup>: 10am SAID EUCHARIST in the Lady Chapel  
 11am OPEN THE BOOK run-through—St Dunstan's  
 12noon FUNERAL of Olive Cowper, Wealden Crem.  
 Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>: 10.30am BELLRINGERS—visiting Eastern Division  
 Sun 24<sup>th</sup>: 9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST—St Dunstan's  
 12noon SAID EUCHARIST Cottage Hospice, 5 Ashes

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 Tel: 01435 873484. Website: [www.stdunstansmayfield.org.uk](http://www.stdunstansmayfield.org.uk)  
 Please be in touch if you would like names added to our prayer list.

## Sunday Club

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

Lord Jesus, send us out as signs of hope,  
 as guides to the lost  
 and servants to those in need.  
 Amen.

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## FORTHCOMING CONCERTS in ST DUNSTAN'S

7.30pm SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER  
 MAYFIELD FESTIVAL CHOIR—  
 Lotti 'Missa Sancti'; Handel 'Ode for  
 St Cecilia's Day'.



7pm SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER  
**HANDEL'S MESSIAH** conducted by  
 Jack Gonzalez-Harding with the  
 Mayfield Consort, St Dunstan's Choir,  
 4 superb soloists and the London  
 Mozart Players. Don't miss out on this perennial and  
 seasonal favourite—this promises to be a special night  
 of magnificent music!

For online tickets, please click on images.  
 Also available at Sew Inspired.



## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

### ST DUNSTAN'S CHRISTMAS MARKET

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 10am—2pm

All your favourite stalls and much more!

Fabulous local stall holders selling  
 \*jewellery\*hand-turned wooden items\*honey  
 products\*Christmas decorations\*wooden toys\*  
 crochet animals and gifts\*Usborne Books\*  
 Cake Stall\*Raffle\*Tombola\*Refreshments—  
 bacon baps, mulled wine & mince pies!  
 Please be sure to alert family and friends.  
 £1 per adult; children free.

Please be collecting bottles for the Tombola and  
 baking cakes/home-made produce!

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2024



SATURDAY  
 PICNICKERS  
 12.30-  
 2.30pm  
 London  
 House  
 ALL  
 WELCOME!



## TAIZÉ SERVICE

7.30 Saturday 30th November  
 in Mayfield School Chapel



What is Taizé? A Taizé service is a simple meditative  
 form of worship with short readings, prayerful silence  
 and chants to guide the focus of prayer. It originated  
 an ecumenical Christian community founded in Taizé  
 in France in 1940, originally a hideaway for Jews.  
**ALL ARE WELCOME** to this ecumenical, candlelit  
 service of approximately 45 minutes.

Chichester 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 in 2025. These will include  
 a **CELEBRATORY SERVICE**  
 in our local Rotherfield Deanery  
 at 7.30pm on TUESDAY 21st JANUARY  
 at ST MARY'S, HARTFIELD.



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-  
 scribed Bible Stories. Why not  
 come along to our run-through  
 meeting to find out more?

11am Wednesday 20 November in St Dunstan's

THANK YOU, Holy Dusters, for all your hard work  
 on Thursday and for ensuring that the church  
 always looks well cared for. As usual a jolly time  
 was had by all!



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



SAID EUCHARIST—CHAPEL OF THE  
 GOOD SHEPHERD at the COTTAGE  
 HOSPICE, FIVE ASHES  
 12 noon 24 NOVEMBER



MAYFACS HELPLINE: 01435 873888  
<https://www.mayfacs.org.uk/>

**ECO CHURCH** Remember that oranges, bananas  
 and apples are usually shipped to  
 us, not flown in, so they have a much smaller  
 carbon footprint than other fruits.



## ONLINE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING CAN BENEFIT ST DUNSTAN'S!

St Dunstan's is amongst the top  
 50% of charities in raising nearly  
 £1500 through **Easyfundraising**. **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 and we've recently received £84—  
 it all helps the Church's finances. **THANK YOU!**

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**