



# ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH, *Woking* ST HUGH OF LINCOLN CHURCH, *Knaphill*

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**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday 15th February**

*Day for the Unemployed; Quinquagesima*



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## **Living Beyond The Commandments**

'Thou shalt not ...' is a great start. Commandments give a direction of travel, labelling some attitudes and actions as 'wrong'. And those rules help to keep us – and our neighbours – safe. No false gods (which always end up justifying our wrong behaviour), no ignoring of the natural rhythms of life (and our own need for rest), no abandoning of the older generation, no murder, no betrayal of the family, no stealing stuff, no lying to get our own way. Without those building blocks we have little basis for a moral life. Chaos beckons as individualism takes over and the Common Good gets sidelined. But commandments, though foundational, do not in themselves constitute a moral pathway. Moreover, dutifully following the rules and keeping out of trouble are certainly not what Jesus did – or what Christian faith requires of us. This Sunday's Gospel reading (Mt 5:17-37) tells us how much further Jesus went and how much further we have to go if we would be his followers.

He takes us from appearances to the heart, from avoiding literal homicide to dealing with the inner anger which we so often deny or mask. He takes us from indifference to broken relationships to the urgency of seeking reconciliation. He takes us beyond the physical act of adultery to facing up to the myriad ways in which we can reduce others (and ourselves) to sex objects. He names the specific injustice which divorce represented in his own culture (men's power to abandon a wife to economic destitution and dishonour on a whim) – and raises difficult questions for us today with our very different forms of family life. He calls out lying and makes the devastating demand that we just tell the damned truth. And if we were to read on to the end of the chapter we'd discover even harder demands – that we break the cycle of retaliation, love our enemies and pray for our persecutors.

Jesus didn't come to teach us rules. He came to 'change our mindset' – that's what he meant by 'repentance' (Greek: *Metanoia*). Six times in the fifth chapter of Matthew's Gospel we hear the refrain: "You have heard that it was said ... but I say ..." He invites us to much more than dutiful, respectable rule-following. Our lives are to 'make sense' – in both meanings of the phrase. Our behaviour must have integrity, of course, but it also needs to offer meaning to others.

Each year the Church offers us the forty days of Lent, beginning this Wednesday, to focus on that transformation. Will we let Jesus change our minds (and our actions)? May the journey be joyful and fruitful. *Fr Rob*

## **SATURDAY 14TH FEBRUARY - INSTALLATION MASS**

This Saturday 14th February at 12 noon, the Most Rev Richard Moth will be solemnly Installed as the 12th Archbishop of Westminster in Westminster Cathedral. There will be no 10am Masses or Reconciliation that morning because Fr Rob, Fr Linus and Fr Hilary will be at Westminster. You can watch the installation mass at [https://youtu.be/O7G\\_Q8uRh2o](https://youtu.be/O7G_Q8uRh2o)

**Fr Rob writes:**

## **ASH WEDNESDAY**

On Wednesday we begin the season of Lent. Ashes will be distributed at 10am and 7.30pm mass at both St Dunstan's and St Hugh's. It isn't a Holy Day of Obligation, funnily enough, but it is a mandated Day of Fasting & Abstinence: adults in good health are invited to miss a meal (children and the elderly are exempt) and all are invited to live the day more frugally and reflectively. Let us make a good beginning together to our living of the forty days. And let us pray especially for those preparing for baptism or admission to full communion this Easter. Because the start of Lent this year coincides with the start of Ramadan, it is a good opportunity to learn from Muslims' example of fasting and prayer through their holy month and to pray for peace between the World's Religions.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF  
THE SOUL OF  
**Eddie Runswick RIP**

Eternal rest grant unto him,  
O Lord, may he rest in peace.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE  
SICK especially for those whose names  
are on our prayer board.

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## **SERVICES DURING LENT**

### **Stations of the Cross**

At **St Hugh's** on Fridays starting Friday 20th February at 7.30 pm in English and 8.15 pm in Polish.

At **St Dunstan's** on Tuesdays after 10.00 am Mass and on Sundays at 4.00 pm.

All are very welcome.

### **Taizé evening**

A Taizé style evening of songs, readings and prayer is being hosted by St Dunstan's Church, Shaftesbury Road, Woking GU22 7DT on Friday 27th February at 7.30pm. No more than one hour, with tea/coffee to follow. All are welcome.

### **Parish Reconciliation Service**

The Parish Reconciliation Service will take place at **St Dunstan's** on Friday 27th March at 7.30 pm.

## **SVP LENTEN LUNCHES**

The SVP are hosting Lenten Lunches on Fridays of Lent, 20<sup>th</sup> February – 27<sup>th</sup> March, 12.30-2.30 pm. Will include a speaker. Soup, roll and cheese, tea and coffee. A donation of £5 would be appreciated. Parishioners from Our Lady's, West Byfleet, St Dunstan's and St Hugh's are very welcome. Do bring a friend.

## **AN INVITATION TO JOIN LENT GROUPS**

We would like to invite you to participate in **Lent Groups** which will run at both **St Dunstan's** and **St Hugh's** on **Monday evenings from 7.30 to 9.00pm starting on 16th February for 6 weeks**. The meetings will be based around the following Sunday's readings and will allow time for Prayerful Reflection and Faith Sharing.



It would be helpful (but not essential) if you could bring a Missal or Bible or Universalis App (or similar) to access the readings. We will serve tea and coffee from 7.15pm. Please sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/e/ArQ812GEDi>

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Weekday Lectionary Cycle Year 1, Sunday Lectionary Cycle Year A

**St Dunstan's Church:** Weekday Mass with Morning Prayer at 9.45am then the Rosary

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February, Ss Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe, Feast**

No 10am Masses today

3.00 pm	St Dunstan	Ukrainian Eucharist
6.00 pm	St Dunstan	Mass <i>Francis Selvadurai RIP</i>
6.00 pm	St Hugh	Mass <i>Archbishop Richard</i>
7.15 pm	St Dunstan	Mass in Portuguese

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Day for the Unemployed; Quinquagesima**

9.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass <i>All Parishioners</i>
9.30 am	St Hugh	Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
10.30 am	St Dunstan	Mass <i>Eddie Runswick RIP</i>
12.00 pm	St Dunstan	Mass in Italian
5.30 pm	St Dunstan	Mass <i>Rebecca Clarey RIP</i>

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February, Weekday**

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass then Rosary & Adoration until 2pm <i>Gjergj Pal Nika RIP</i>
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**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February, Weekday Shrove Tuesday**

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Requiem Mass for Maureen Thornton RIP
10.00 am	St Hugh	Mass <i>Lyn Marsh RIP</i>

### The Season of Lent

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February, Ash Wednesday**

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass <i>Patricia Bell RIP</i>
10.00 am	St Hugh	Mass <i>Bob and Jane Catt</i>
7.30 pm	St Dunstan	Mass <i>Mr Mathew RIP</i>
7.30 pm	St Hugh	Mass <i>Michal Sturmer RIP</i>

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February, Thursday after Ash Wednesday**

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Requiem Mass for Luke Kellett-Smith RIP
12.00 pm	St Hugh	Requiem Mass for Bruna Moore RIP

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February, Friday after Ash Wednesday**

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass <i>Annie Pascoe</i>
10.00 am	St Hugh	Mass <i>Rosario and Carmella Coppola RIP</i>
7.30 pm	St Hugh	Stations of the Cross
8.15 pm	St Hugh	Stations of the Cross led by the Polish community

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February, Saturday after Ash Wednesday**

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass <i>For Engaged couples</i>
10.00 am	St Hugh	Mass <i>Our Lady, in thanksgiving and devotion</i>
12.30 pm	St Dunstan	Baptisms
3.00 pm	St Dunstan	Ukrainian Eucharist
6.00 pm	St Dunstan	Mass <i>Colin Crouch RIP</i>
6.00 pm	St Hugh	Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
7.15 pm	St Dunstan	Mass in Portuguese

## **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, First Sunday in Lent**

9.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Fr Danny McAvoy</i>
9.30 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Mary Miles</i>
10.30 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Michael Gorman RIP</i>
12.00 pm	St Dunstan	Mass in Italian	
4.00 pm	St Dunstan	Stations of the Cross	
5.30 pm	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>All Parishioners</i>

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**St Dunstan's Church** – After the Saturday 10.00 am Mass or by Appointment

**St Hugh of Lincoln Church** – After the Saturday 10.00 am Mass or before the Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.15pm to 5.45pm

### **HALF TERM**

Next week is half term and so the offices at St Dunstan's and St Hugh's will be closed, with the exception of Friday when the St Dunstan's office will be open 9 -3.

### **UPCOMING FUNERALS**

Requiem Mass for Maureen Thornton RIP: St Dunstan's Church, Tue Feb 17th, 10.00 am

Requiem Mass for Luke Kellett-Smith: St Dunstan's Church, Thu Feb 19th, 10.00 am

Requiem Mass for Bruna Moore RIP: St Hugh's Church, Thu 19th Feb, 12.00 noon

### **ST HUGH'S JACKPOT CLUB**

Congratulations to Caroline Fernandes and Maureen Thomas on winning £50 and £24.50 respectively in our January Draw. If you would like to join the Club, not only will you be in with a chance of winning a monthly cash prize, but you will also be supporting our parish financially. 50% of the monthly subscriptions are paid out as Prize money, the balance being retained for Parish funds which helps pay for utilities, candles, catechetical programmes, maintenance of our premises and much, much more. To join, either email [pfc.knaphill@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pfc.knaphill@abdiocese.org.uk) or complete a standing order form, which can be found on the noticeboard in the narthex. Subscriptions are £12 per annum per number and you can have as many numbers as you like!

### **REFRESHMENTS AT 5.30PM MASS**

There will be refreshments after the 5.30pm Mass this Sunday 15th February.

### **PARKING**

You may have noticed a "yellow" box painted on the paving bricks immediately outside the main church entrance. This area is now a "no parking zone" and must be kept clear at ALL times for emergency vehicle access. Thank you for your support.

### **FIRE MARSHALLS**

A huge thank you to all those who have volunteered over the past year to be Fire Marshals during the various masses held at church. That said, we currently do not have any volunteer Fire Marshals for the Italian Mass and require a few extra Fire Marshals to cover the English masses. Could we ask that you consider volunteering for this simple, but important role. Please contact the Parish Office or Parish H&S Rep (Greg Singh, tel no: 07876763113).

## **ST HUGH'S SAFETY NOTICE**

Please could we kindly request that you do not place lit candles on the flat tray of the votive candle stand. Also, please light candles from the back down to the front of the stand to save people having to reach over already lit candles. This poses a fire risk to fellow parishioners. Thank you.

## **FILM CLUB**

The next SVP Film Club is planned for the Function Room on Tuesday, 17th February at 2.00 pm. **The Lady in the Van**, starring Maggie Smith and Alex Jennings was released in 2015 and relates the true story of a woman living in a camper van on author Alan Bennett's driveway.

## **ST BAKHITA AND MODERN SLAVERY**

St Josephine Bakhita is the patron saint of the victims of human trafficking and modern slavery and her feast day is 8th February. **On Tues 24th February at 7.30pm in the Function Room at St Dunstan's Church** there will be a talk and presentation about the nature, signs and impact of modern slavery. All are welcome. Tea/coffee etc. will be provided.

## **QUIZ AND CURRY EVENING**

The postponed LiveSimply Quiz and Curry Night will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm at St Dunstan's Church. More details to follow, but save the date and start planning your teams of 8 now!

## **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

Saturday 27 June - St Hugh's Summer Fayre - 12 noon-3.00pm

## **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 24-30 July 2026**

Applications are now open for the Lourdes Pilgrimage. For prices and further information please visit [www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes). There will be a retiring collection for the Arundel & Brighton Pilgrimage Fund this weekend 7th/8th February. This collection is eligible for Gift Aid.

## **A RETREAT IN LOURDES: 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

Spiritual Director: Fr Peter Andrews

A quieter alternative to the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. You will be able to spend time in quiet, in prayer, in visiting the Lourdes Grotto, the Baths, and many other sites associated with Mary's apparitions to Bernadette in 1858. There will be the opportunity to join others in the group for Mass each day, for the processions and other daily prayers, but if you wish you can spend time alone or with friends or family. There is a trip to the Cirque de Gavarnie, a world heritage site, included for those who wish. If you would like to find out more then a brochure is available in the Parish Office or speak to Mary Smith.

## **COME AND JOIN THE WOKING CATENIANS**

We are a Catholic male group with a faith-based ethos. We are regularly involved in the community of our parish. Key aspects of our group are family, socialising, welfare and fund raising, having fun and with support for and activity in our local schools. If this sounds like something you might want to be a part of, please get in touch and attend one of our monthly meetings for dinner and find out more about who we are and what we do. Please contact Leon Caszo at [ljaszo@hotmail.com](mailto:ljaszo@hotmail.com) or on 01483 770587



## SEED, PLANT AND PRODUCE SWAPS THIS WEEKEND

Our first seed, plant, and produce swap of the year is taking place **this weekend (14th/15th February)** at all Masses at both St Dunstan's and St Hugh's churches. Please bring your surplus seeds, plants and produce to share with others and, thereby, reduce waste. You do not have to have brought anything yourself in order to take whatever is on offer – everything is free. However, should you wish, you are most welcome to make a donation to our overseas sustainable farming project in Ikutha, Kenya, and thereby help a community struggling with poverty and climate change. Members of the Live Simply team will be on hand to offer assistance and take any cash donations (and the project is listed on the dona machines for card payments). We look forward to seeing you. Future plant swaps will be held on the third Sunday of each month.

*For more [tips](#), [blogs](#), [resources](#), and [links to local events](#), visit our [LiveSimply Award website](#) [livesimplywoking.org](http://livesimplywoking.org). Please feel free to make suggestions or get involved, by contacting our team through the [website](#) or at [livesimply@st-dunstans](mailto:livesimply@st-dunstans).*

## CAFOD'S BIG LENT WALK

Please help **Thereza Macnamara** to raise funds for people who live in rural communities like those in southern Ethiopia who walk six hours every day to collect clean water. Thereza took up the Walk for Water challenge 5 years ago when she raised £5000.06 and the Gift Aid claimed by CAFOD was a further £661.43, making a grand total of **£5661.49**. She came 6th on the leader board, the day before her 80th birthday. She walked 731852 steps (325.27 miles or 520.43 km). Please help her to repeat her success or even exceed it, as she approaches her 85th birthday. The challenge is to walk 5 km a day for 40 days but she hopes to walk at least 10 km (14,000 steps) or more each day i.e. a **total of 400 km** and raise **£6000**. She has currently raised **£170**. The fitness activities can only be logged between **18/02/2026** and **05/04/2026** so it is currently showing she has not walked at all! Please use the link [walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/therezas-fundraising-page](http://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/therezas-fundraising-page), to donate You can also scan the QR code on the page to donate. Every little counts.

Please support **Iwona** as she embarks on the Big Lent Walk. She says: "While I choose to walk, millions of people have no choice — whether it's to find food, water, or safety. CAFOD works alongside local communities to change that. The Big Lent Walk is my way of turning reflection into action — one step at a time." To sponsor Iwona visit [walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/iwonas-fundraising-page2027](http://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/iwonas-fundraising-page2027). You can also scan the QR code on the page to donate.

## EPWORTH GENESIS

A two choir collaboration plus the Chameleon Arts Orchestra! Joseph Hayn's 'The Creation', conducted by Charlie Perry and Florence Price. Sunday 28th March 7.30pm at Welcome Church Woking, Church St, GU21 6DJ. Tickets £25 including refreshments and programme [www.epworthchoir.org](http://www.epworthchoir.org)

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - MARCH 6TH 2026

The Woking service will be held at 10.30am at Trinity Methodist Church, Brewery Road, Woking, GU21 4LH. The Service will also be 'live streamed' on YouTube under [Trinity Methodist Church Woking](#). Donations to the work of WDP may be made through cash and cheques. Everyone Welcome!

The Knaphill service this year will be held at Woodhill Church (Holy Trinity), Chobham Road at 10.45am. If you would like to take part as a reader, please contact the parish office.

The service has been prepared by Christian Women from Nigeria. It is written in response to the theme *I will give you rest, come* (Matthew 11:28-30) and shares the stories of four Nigerian women who inspire us to work towards a world without injustice, insecurity, marginalisation, religious persecution, poverty and despair.

### LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

Services from St Dunstan's Church are streamed by [ChurchServicesTV](#)

Services from St Hugh of Lincoln are streamed on [YouTube](#)

### SUNDAY READINGS

Sirach 15:15-20; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for the St Dunstan's Sunday collection on 7th/8th February of £4,678.45. Thank you also for the collection for the Arundel & Brighton Pilgrimage Fund of £436.20. Please consider setting up a monthly standing order and adding a further 25% via GiftAid at no cost to you if you are a UK taxpayer. The forms to set up GiftAid to St Dunstan's Church are available on the GiftAid table in the narthex or the parish website.

Thank you for the St Hugh's Sunday collection on 7th/8th February of £1,029.14. Thank you also for the collection for the Arundel & Brighton Pilgrimage Fund of £172.51. To set up GiftAid for St Hugh of Lincoln Church visit [sthughoflincoln.com/gift-aid-giving/](http://sthughoflincoln.com/gift-aid-giving/) for the forms and more details.

### MARRIAGES

Couples wishing to get married in a Catholic Church are reminded to give a year's notice of their intention to allow adequate time to prepare for the life-changing promises that they are making and so that the parish community can support you on your journey. To enquire about being married at either St Dunstan's or St Hugh's, please use the QR code. Thank you.



### BAPTISMS

Parents wishing to apply for baptism for their infant or pre-school child to take place at St Dunstan's or St Hugh's, please submit an application using the QR code. Most celebrations of Baptism take place on the second Saturday of the month at St Dunstan's and the last Sunday of the month at St Hugh's.



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Woking Catholic Website: [www.wokingcatholic.church](http://www.wokingcatholic.church)

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