



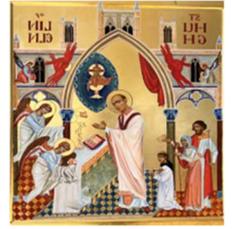
ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH, *Woking*
ST HUGH OF LINCOLN CHURCH, *Knaphill*

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First Sunday in Lent, Sunday 22nd February



WALK WITH JESUS AND STAY CLOSE TO HIM

Today is the first Sunday of Lent Year A. The Church invites us to celebrate Jesus Christ, 'The Second Adam', who overcame temptation and sin by the power of the Holy Spirit.

There are seemingly two different creation narratives in the Book of Genesis. According to the first narrative, it took God six days to create heaven and earth, light and darkness, seas and rivers, sun, moon and stars, plants and animals and finally man and woman in His own image and, on the seventh day, He rested. (Gen 1:1-2:3) In today's first reading (Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7) we take the second narrative, which seems to suggest that God created everything in a short period of time and, after creating heaven and earth and before any grass or shrubs had sprouted from the earth, God made man (Gen 2:4-6).

Thus, it recounts the beginning of our salvific history. We all became vulnerable to temptation and Original Sin through the disobedience of our progenitors. From this reading, it is evident that temptation in itself is not a sin. A sin is a gross act of disobedience against our Creator and a violation of the natural order of things. St Paul in the second reading (Rm 5:12-15) sees Sin as a force which disrupts life and leads to death, bringing fear, hopelessness, and shame.

The First Sunday of Lent, dear friends, invites us into a sacred journey; forty days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving mirroring Jesus' own forty days in the wilderness. In today's Gospel (Matt 4:1-11) we see Him face temptation, not in a place of comfort, but in a place of hunger, solitude, and vulnerability. This is a reminder that temptation often comes when we are tired, discouraged, or longing for something more. The enemy tries to twist our desires into shortcuts.

In our journey of life there are times when we find ourselves repeating some bad habits, which we have promised to give up. The Apostle Paul fell into such dilemma in his lifetime and he exclaimed in frustration: "For what I do is not the good I want to do; nor the evil I do not want to do this I keep on doing." (Rm 7:19) We find ourselves struggling to move on but there are certain sins, which are keeping us back, such as anger, pride, lust, greed, envy, hatred, etc. We must never be discouraged in our efforts to shed these weaknesses, no matter how long it takes.

This season therefore calls for great discipline, courage, vigilance, and strong faith in God. May this Lent be a time when we, like Christ, emerge from the wilderness renewed, strengthened, and ready to live more fully in the light of the Resurrection. *Fr Hilary*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF
THE SOUL OF
Ken Haigh RIP

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE
SICK especially for *Maureen Nuttall*

BAPTISMS

Please pray for George, Harper, Claude, Eliana, Isla and Ifunanyachukwu who will be baptised at St Dunstan's this weekend. Please pray also for their parents and godparents.

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.

At **St Dunstan's** on Wednesdays at 6.30 pm in Italian.

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, until 27th 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.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY COLLECTION

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting on Friday 27th February and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought.



Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call **0303 303 3030**. Text **CAFODLENT to 70085** to donate £10.

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.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

Saturday 21st February, Saturday after Ash Wednesday

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

Sunday 22nd February, First Sunday in Lent

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

Monday 23rd February, Monday of the First Week in Lent

- 10.00 am St Dunstan Mass then Rosary & Adoration Until 2pm *Elisha RIP*

Tuesday 24th February, Tuesday of the First Week in Lent

- 10.00 am St Dunstan Mass *Baby Angel RIP*
- 10.30 am St Dunstan Stations of the Cross (no Rosary)
- 10.00 am St Hugh Mass *Michael and Margaret Earley RIP*

Wednesday 25th February, Wednesday of the First Week in Lent

- 6.30 pm St Dunstan Stations of the Cross in Italian
- 5.45 pm St Hugh Holy Hour
- 7.00 pm St Hugh Mass *Jacinta's and Michael's Health*

Thursday 26th February, Thursday of the First Week in Lent

- 10.00 am St Dunstan Mass *Ken Haigh RIP*
- 10.00 am St Hugh Mass *Frances White RIP*

Friday 27th February, Friday of the First Week in Lent

- 10.00 am St Dunstan Mass *Alice Thompson*
- 10.00 am St Hugh Mass *Margaret Earley RIP*
- 12.00 noon St Dunstan Requiem Mass for Domenico De Vivo RIP
- 7.30 pm St Dunstan Taizé Service
- 7.30 pm St Hugh Stations of the Cross
- 8.15 pm St Hugh Stations of the Cross in Polish

Saturday 28th February, Saturday of the First Week in Lent

- 10.00 am St Dunstan Mass *Gallagher Family*
- 10.00 am St Hugh Mass *For the family & friends of Peter Doneux*
- 3.00 pm St Dunstan Ukrainian Eucharist
- 6.00 pm St Dunstan Mass *Frank & Eunice Connelly RIP*
- 6.00 pm St Hugh Mass *Deceased members of the O'Riordan family*
- 7.15 pm St Dunstan Mass in Portuguese

Sunday 1st March, Second 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent

9.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>T.V. Joseph RIP</i>
9.30 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
10.30 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Roy Richard Searle 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

WOKING BEREAVEMENT TEAM - BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ

The next meeting will be on the 27th February from 10.30am to 12.30pm in St Dunstan's function room. Here we meet as a group to share our thoughts and feelings with each other on a variety of topics in a secure, safe and respectful environment. It is a social hub to meet and chat over a cup of coffee/tea.

ST DUNSTAN'S EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE

The Easter Hamper Raffle returns this year. Look out for raffle tickets on sale at all masses at St Dunstan's from 7th March up until Easter. Tickets will be £1 or £5 for a strip. Please give generously in support of Sr Munanie and the Ikutha Project. Your support is much appreciated.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING - ST HUGH'S

Current Altar Servers! There will be two sessions of Altar Server training to which you are invited. Sundays 8th and 22nd March 2026 (11.00-11.45am). Ideally attending both. Advance Warning - Please look out for details of Altar Servers Practices and Sign Up Sheets for Easter soon! Thank you. Kevin.

SAVE THE DATE

Parish walk for Cafod. Saturday 14th March. Full details to follow.

QUIZ AND CURRY EVENING

The postponed LiveSimply Quiz and Curry Night will be held on Saturday 6th 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

WE NEED YOU!

We are in need of Ministers of Welcome and screen operators at St Hugh's 9.30am Mass. We work on a rota basis and the more we have on the rota the less frequently will you be called upon to minister. Training will be provided as you work alongside an experienced member of our team. Do think what you could do to serve our community. For further info speak with Roger after Mass or contact the Parish Office.

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. 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: 21st – 25th 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.



SEED, PLANT AND PRODUCE SWAP

A very big thank you to all those who participated in our first Seed, Plant and Produce swap which took place last weekend. It raised upwards of £70 across both churches, St Dunstan's and St Hugh's for the Ikutha project in Kenya. **Our next** Seed Swap is after Masses in both churches on the weekend of 14th and 15th March. Please bring any spare seeds (whether in or out of date), and any seedlings, cuttings, plants, or produce. All would be welcome. If you take and use any out of date seeds and they germinate, please let us know at the LiveSimply table at the St Dunstan's Parish Festival Mass in May and those using the oldest seeds will receive a prize!

OVERSEAS PROJECT JACKPOT CLUB

The result of the December draw on 15th February 2026 is -:

1st Prize – Anthony Sims **£28.00**

2nd Prize – Anne Bond **£13.50**

Congratulations!

With **£50** raised for the **Ikutha Project** this month!

The next monthly Jackpot Draw will be on the weekend of 14/15th March 2026

If you would like to join the Jackpot Club and help Sister Munanie support the struggling community of Ikutha, Kenya, with sustainable farming methods, please collect a registration form from the Narthex or contact Sarah at livesimply@st-dunstans.org. You can join at any time to be included in the following 12 monthly draws. *To qualify for the Annual Draw, you must have been contributing for 12 months.*

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

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.

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.

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 ljcaszo@hotmail.com or on 01483 770587

EPWORTH GENESIS

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

LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

Services from St Dunstan's Church are streamed by [ChurchServicesTV](#)
Services from St Hugh of Lincoln are streamed on [YouTube](#)

SUNDAY READINGS

Weekday Lectionary Cycle Year 1, Sunday Lectionary Cycle Year A
Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7, Psalm 51:3-6,12-14,17, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for the St Dunstan's Sunday collection on 7th/8th February of £4289. 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 £1,172.27. To set up GiftAid for St Hugh of Lincoln Church visit 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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