



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

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Deacon Russell Young, Deacon Rob Wellbelove



**Second "Low" Sunday of Easter, Sunday 12th April 2026 *Divine Mercy Sunday***

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***'Seeing - is not - necessary believing'***

We hear each year on the second Sunday of Easter the Gospel focusing on the apostle who has become known as Doubting Thomas. Thomas can be a consolation to us who have doubts about our faith.

If that is the case let us take a few moments to ask our Lord Christ Jesus to dispel them, as he dispelled the doubts of Thomas.

Jesus said to Thomas: *'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.'* It can be all too easy to believe that Jesus' apostles saw everything he did and believed totally – but we know through the reading of Holy Scripture this was not the case. However, the blessedness of those who believe runs throughout the Gospel. You could say that it's the central theme of the Gospel. It is totally impossible to exaggerate the value of faith.

Some people are born into a religious faith, and with the passage of the years find this faith increasingly strong and sustaining. To possess a faith like that is a tremendous blessing. But for others – faith is a constant struggle.

We can take great comfort and encouragement from the story of Doubting Thomas. Some may even be surprised at the fact that some of Jesus' apostles were doubters. They may even wonder why those who wrote and edited the Holy Scripture didn't remove the story as it was likely to cause scandal. Fortunately for us they left it in – We need it...

There is a lovely prayer, which helps to give a different perspective:

**I ASKED GOD**

I asked God for strength that I might achieve; I was made weak that I might humbly obey.

I asked for health, that I might do greater things; I was given infirmity that I might do better things.

I asked for riches that I might be happy; I was given poverty that I might be wise.  
I asked for power, that I might have praise of men; I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things that I might enjoy life; I was given life that I might enjoy all things.

I received nothing that I asked for but everything I had hoped for.

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.

I am among all men, and women most richly blessed. (Author Unknown)

With my love and prayers, God bless, *Deacon Rob Wellbelove*

**Fr Rob writes:** Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Holy Week and Easter celebrations at both St Dunstan's and St Hugh's so beautiful and joyful. The dedication of those who prepare the church, of our RCIA catechists through the year (culminating in our Easter Vigil), of our musicians, of those proclaiming the Word, of the altar servers and ministers of communion, our welcomers and (importantly especially on Easter night) our fire-marshals is itself a great witness to our Easter faith. The numbers who came were exceptional - literally standing-room only at most services, so we had a wonderful opportunity to welcome both those visiting our parish from elsewhere and those seeking faith. The numbers baptised, received into full communion and confirmed at the Easter Vigil at St Dunstan's (but drawn from both our churches) show the fruitfulness of that welcoming spirit.

On behalf of myself, Fr Hilary and Fr Linus, I also thank you for your enormous generosity in the Easter collection, which is a major part of parish priests' income, as well as for the many kind cards and gifts received. And I thank deeply Deacon Russell and Deacon Rob both for their diaconal ministry in our liturgy and their spirit of service throughout the year.

### **HOLY HOUR FOR THE DIGNITY OF HUMAN LIFE**

A Holy Hour has been arranged to take place in Rome at 5.30pm (Rome time – 4.30pm BST) on the Sunday afternoon of the Spring Plenary of the Bishops' Conference (19 April). Parishes across England & Wales have been invited to arrange Holy Hours at the same time to unite themselves in prayer with the Bishops. So a Holy Hour will be held at 4.30pm next Sunday at St Hugh of Lincoln church, Knaphill. Read more at [www.cbcew.org.uk/holy-hour-for-the-dignity-of-life/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/holy-hour-for-the-dignity-of-life/)

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF  
THE SOULS OF  
**Madge Flood RIP,**  
**Noel Johnstone RIP** and  
**Maria Frangiamore RIP**  
Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord, may they rest in peace.

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

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### **BAPTISMS AND RECEPTIONS**

Please pray for Alexandria, Hana, James and Killian who will be baptised on Saturday. Please pray also for their parents and godparents.

Please pray for Cecilia, Isaac, Rory, Christopher, Madeleine, Sienna, Dorothy, Chi Tin, Blake, Cole, Lewis, Myles, Phoebe, Vihaan, Lea, Alfie, Ella, Harry, Ava, Allie, Hayson, Hayley, Hayden and Emily who are to be baptised this Sunday. Please pray also for Bella, Noah, Grace, Mila, Angelo and Jaycob who are to be received into the Catholic Church.

Please continue to pray for all of their parents who were baptised or received into the full communion of the Catholic church at the Easter Vigil.

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Saturday**

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Holy Souls</i>
10.00 am	St Hugh	Mass	
12.30 pm	St Dunstan	Baptisms	
3.00 pm	St Dunstan	Ukrainian Eucharist	
6.00 pm	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Robert Searle RIP</i>
6.00 pm	St Hugh	Mass	<i>For the intentions of Henry Larkham</i>
7.15 pm	St Dunstan	Mass in Portuguese	

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April, Second, "Low", Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday**

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>Jack and Teresa Woodcock RIP</i>
12.00 pm	St Dunstan	Mass in Italian	
2.30 pm	St Dunstan	Baptisms	
5.30 pm	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>J. Edward, David and Emily Mary Emerson RIP</i>

### **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April, Monday after the Second Sunday of Easter**

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Fr Francis Maple ofm Cap Intentions</i>
10.30 am	St Dunstan	Rosary and Adoration until 2.00 pm	

### **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April, Tuesday after the Second Sunday of Easter No Masses today**

### **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April, Wednesday after the Second Sunday of Easter**

5.45 pm	St Hugh	Holy Hour	
7.00 pm	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Domenico and Maria Grazia</i>

### **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March, Thursday after the Second Sunday of Easter**

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>John McBrien RIP</i>
10.00 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Bruna Moore RIP</i>

### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April, Friday after the Second Sunday of Easter**

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Carmelita Panlilio</i>
10.00 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Daphne Doneux RIP</i>

### **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April, Saturday after the Second Sunday of Easter**

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	
10.00 am	St Hugh	Mass	
3.00 pm	St Dunstan	Ukrainian Eucharist	
6.00 pm	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Cash family Intentions</i>
6.00 pm	St Hugh	Mass	<i>In celebration of the life of Megan Doneux</i>
7.15 pm	St Dunstan	Mass in Portuguese	

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April, Third Sunday of Easter**

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>Bridget O'Brien RIP</i>
12.00 pm	St Dunstan	Mass in Italian	
4.30 pm	St Hugh	Holy Hour for the Dignity of Human Life	
5.30 pm	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Bridie Buckingham RIP</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

## **CAFOD CAKE SALE**

There will be a cake sale after the 9 am Mass at St Dunstan's Church this Sunday in support of Cafod.

## **REFRESHMENTS AFTER 5.30 PM MASS**

There will be refreshments after the 5.30 pm Mass at St Dunstan's Church on Sunday 19th April.

## **UPCOMING FUNERALS**

Requiem Mass for Victoria Ridley RIP at St Dunstan's on Wednesday 22nd April at 11 am.

## **FILM CLUB**

The next film club will be on 21st April at 2.00 pm at St Dunstan's. "The Two Popes" was released in 2019 and stars Anthony Hopkins and Jonathan Rye.

## **LENTEN LUNCHESES**

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Lenten lunches this year. After expenses, the lunches raised £457 for St Dunstan's SVP.

## **UNWANTED ROSARIES**

If you have an old, new or even broken rosary which is unwanted, please drop it into the plastic pot in the narthex. Using Catholic contacts across the world, the Catenians collect and distribute the rosaries, which are given to new owners who would like one or cannot afford one. Broken rosaries will be remade or repaired before sending.

## **UPDATE TO CAFOD'S BIG LENT WALK**

Thereza Macnamara has now walked **583.5 km** from Ash Wednesday to 9 April. She has raised **£3295** and was one of the two lucky winners of the **Palm Sunday prize draw** (a special initiative for participants in the Big Lent Walk 2026) to win a **£100 donation** from Just Giving. It was also her **85th birthday** and she received cash from various relatives which she was able to donate in her name, so that CAFOD could claim the Gift Aid. She is encouraging children to donate, like one five year old who wrote "**Everyone needs water! I'm giving my £2 so others can have water**".

All cash donations can be left in an envelope through the letter flap of the office. Please write "Thereza - CAFOD" and your name on the envelope so that it can be identified as your donation, and write your name and contact details on a piece of paper inside the envelope, so that she can thank you, unless you prefer to remain Anonymous.

To donate online please use the link [walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/therezas-fundraising-page](https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/therezas-fundraising-page) and for other details [cafod.org.uk/news/blogs/meet-the-star-walkers-of-the-big-lent-walk](https://cafod.org.uk/news/blogs/meet-the-star-walkers-of-the-big-lent-walk)



### **EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE WINNERS**

The lucky winner at St Hugh's was Becky Underwood and at St Dunstan's it was Meriel. Many thanks to all who supported by buying tickets, the proceeds of which will be supporting our joint parish project in Ikutha, Kenya.

### **SEED, PLANT AND PRODUCE SWAP**

The next seed, plant, and produce swap is taking place over the weekend of 18th/19th April 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. 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! 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, with the next one being on 16th/17th May.

### **"THE PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING"**

Film Screening: Wednesday 22nd April at 6.30pm at WWF Living Planet Centre  
Join WEAct (Woking Environment Action) at the WWF centre in Woking on Wednesday 22nd April at 6.30pm for a special screening of the film, "The People's Emergency Briefing". This eye opening 45 minute film brings together nine leading UK experts, presenting the latest evidence impacting extreme weather, food security, health, and the cost of living. There are contributions from Chris Packham, Deborah Meaden and a range of voices from across the UK. One of the film's experts (Angela Francis, Director of Policy Solutions at WWF UK) will be there to reflect on the film and its themes. After the screening, there will be a short open discussion about what this means for our community and what we can do locally. Local MP Will Forster will be attending and local councillors and candidates in the upcoming elections are also invited to join constituents for this important conversation about our future. Seats are limited but free. Please book ahead, using this [www.tickettailor.com/events/wokingenvironmentactionweact/2127469](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/wokingenvironmentactionweact/2127469) or contact [livesimply@st-dunstans.org](mailto:livesimply@st-dunstans.org)

### **LIVESIMPLY QUIZ AND CURRY EVENING**

Saturday 6th June at 7.30pm at St Dunstan's. An invitation for parishioners of St Hugh's and St Dunstan's. Details to follow, but in the meantime, start to gather your teams of eight! No team, no problem! We will arrange one for you!

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

## **ST DUNSTAN'S FESTIVAL - INTERNATIONAL MASS AND SOCIAL 2026**

You are warmly welcome to our annual St Dunstan's festival on Sunday, 17th May 2026, where we will celebrate an International Mass at 11am, followed by a rich multicultural social of delicious food and entertainment. So come and proudly represent your native country and make this a joyous celebration especially if your country hasn't been represented in the past! Please volunteer to read in your native language, share a cultural hymn or Eucharistic tradition, wear traditional clothes, make and bring your country flag [https://bit.ly/InternationalMass\\_Flags](https://bit.ly/InternationalMass_Flags), bring traditional food and perform in the cultural show of traditional music and dance.

To Volunteer PLEASE fill in the form accessible at <https://bit.ly/InternationalMass2026> or by using the QR code. Alternatively, sign the form available in the Narthex or contact Lara Pereira on 07466 763735 or email [laraspereira23@gmail.com](mailto:laraspereira23@gmail.com)



### **OUR COMMON HOME**

Attend an online meeting ([journeyto2030.org/our-common-home-engaging-mps/](http://journeyto2030.org/our-common-home-engaging-mps/)) on 13th April at 6.30pm with Bishop John Arnold, The Diocesan Environmental Leads Network & Friends to discuss views on climate and justice ahead of the May local elections. Following a meeting with the Catholic Diocesan Environment Leads of England and Wales, an alliance of organisations has come together to offer parishioners guidance on key environmental issues and to help them engage local politicians in dialogue about defending our common home and safeguarding the dignity of all our brothers and sisters.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA TRAINING DAY**

*St Peter and St John Church Hall, Camberley, GU15 4ED Sat April 18th 11 am - 3.30 pm*  
Would you be interested in finding out more about digital communications and social media. Drawing on the experience of other parishes who have found that developing an effective and engaging digital presence has had a positive impact on their mission, the Diocese has organised a training day on Saturday April 18th, at St Peter and Sr John Church Hall, Camberley from 11 am - 3.30. Topics will include: Who is your target audience? Which platform is right for your church? Issues such as Copyright photographs and brand identity will also be discussed. To find out more or to register, please visit [abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/dievxpch](http://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/dievxpch)

### **SPONSOR OF RAFFLE TICKETS FOR ST HUGH'S SUMMER FAYRE**

Would you, or your company, be willing to help defray the cost of the printing of our Grand Draw tickets at a cost of £50? If so, please contact [pfc.knaphill@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pfc.knaphill@abdiocese.org.uk) for further info. Our Fayre is a joint event between our school and parish and will be held on Saturday 27 June from 12 noon - 3.00pm. All will be very welcome.

### **FRIENDS OF ST DUNSTAN'S QUIZ NIGHT**

The FOSD Quiz Night is on Saturday 25th April at 7 pm. Tickets £20 per person including your choice of pizza. Register as a complete team of 10 people or if you don't have a team, don't worry, one will be found for you. Bring your own drinks and snacks. Any questions, please email [sharonagius@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sharonagius@hotmail.co.uk). Book now at [www.pta-events.co.uk/fosd](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/fosd).



## COMMUNITY GROCERY

A new Community Grocery is being opened in Woking on 23rd April to help those in need financially with the high cost-of-living. Offering affordable food from just £5 per visit, anyone in need can become a member of Woking Community Grocery. To find out more before it opens you can attend a pre-launch at the store on either Thurs 16th April from 09.30am - 4.30pm or on Sat 18th April 09.30am - 1.00pm. The store's address is: 1-5 Church Street West, Woking GU21 6DJ, next door to the Welcome Church.

## SURRENDER TO LOVE

ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat 25th April 10.00-1.00 pm online. The Holy Spirit transforms us by helping us surrender to God's love. Mini retreat morning Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring talk from speaker Geoff Poulter, trainer in prophecy, healing and discipleship. Attend in person if possible at St. Joseph's, Christchurch, Dorset. Details at [https://www.altonrenewal.com/this\\_month](https://www.altonrenewal.com/this_month)

## LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

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

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

## SUNDAY READINGS

Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for the St Dunstan's collection for SVP on Holy Thursday of £240.65, and for the collection at St Dunstan's for Holy Places on Good Friday of £273.70. Thank you also for the generous donations for the Easter collection at both churches. 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. 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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