



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

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Easter Sunday, 5th April 2026

Oh, And By The Way ... Happy Easter!

It's very easy to think of Easter as just another line in the Creed. We believe in God. Tick. We believe in his only begotten Son. Tick. Who suffered under Pontius Pilate. Tick. On the Third Day he rose from the dead. Tick. From heaven he shall come to judge the living and the dead. Tick. And until that last bit happens we can all get on with our lives ...

We can. But wait a minute. Did we just say that the Crucified One – the man the Romans and their Jewish High Priest collaborators sought to destroy, the one who definitely, undeniably died. In public. Naked. Agonizingly and slowly. That one – rose from the dead, lives and reigns in glory? That he has been revealed to be our Lord and Saviour?

That can't be just another line in the Creed. That's the reimagining of all of reality, the redirection of all our narratives about victory and defeat. That's the unmaking of all our expectations about might and right, success and failure. That's the questioning of all our conclusions about what 'The End' means.

If Jesus rose from the dead, that's not just adding one more detail to the world we live in. That's the reinterpretation of everything. Easter isn't an incidental detail ("Oh, and by the way, he rose from the dead"). It implies that the Universe Story ends not simply in the death of stars and the dissipation of all the energy in an ever-expanding physical Cosmos. It ends in life, in glory, in God.

Being a Christian is not about accepting one more, rather surprising, fact about reality. Being a Christian is about viewing the whole of reality differently. Easter isn't 'Lazarus Mark Two', the story of a man walking out of the tomb just in order to die again a few years later. 2,000 years ago St Paul insisted that our own Resurrection couldn't just be about 'more of the same': "We shall be changed [entirely], for this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality." (1 Cor 15.52-3)

All of reality, all of history, all of human hope is transformed by this one event, experience and encounter, this 'Oh, and by the way ...' That Jesus, who was crucified, is risen from the dead. So now we are to live in that truth and expectation. The Cross is not the end. The end is God. As St Augustine said 1600 years ago, "We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song."

Wishing you the joy and blessing of this Easter Day. *Fr Rob*

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

Fr Rob writes: Keeping The Easter Fire Safe We have the joyful lighting of the Paschal candle from the Easter fire at the Vigil next Saturday night (April 4). It is a beautiful moment and from the Paschal Candle the candles held by each of us will be lit – but only once we have entered the church. We ask parents to be particularly attentive with their own children – either holding a candle for them or, if the child is old enough to be trusted with a candle, keeping a sharp eye on their safety. The candles are only kept alight during this entrance procession and the singing of the Exultet and then relit for the renewal of our baptismal promises. At Easter morning masses candles are again held by all but only during the renewal of our baptismal promises. Again, a beautiful sign of our Easter faith, but again keep an eye to make sure everyone stays safe. Thank you.

INFANT BAPTISMS

Please pray for Savannah and Kairo who will be baptised at St Hugh's this weekend. Please pray also for their parents and godparents.

BAPTISMS, CONFIRMATIONS AND RECEPTIONS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Please pray for Mirka, Faith, Lewis, Yim Ying, Yee Man, Thomas, Petra, Ben, Gabor, Yu Hin, Kathy, Ka Po, Colin, Jade, Roxanne, Kate, Alba, Prabhu, Sara, Sze Yen, Chi Tung and Yuk Kwun who are to be Baptised and Confirmed, for Gerardo, Cameron, Cheyne and Maria Sofia who will be Confirmed, and for Julia, Natalie, Ross, Jemima, Syuzi, Vijay, Reem, Amy and Katherine who are to be Received into Full Communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Please note that there will be no Children's Liturgy at either church on Easter Sunday.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ST DUNSTAN'S

Maundy Thursday

10.00 am Maundy Thursday Service for Children

8.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until 11.00pm

Good Friday

10.00 am Stations of the Cross for Children

3.00 pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

5.00 pm Ukrainian Service for Good Friday

6.30 pm Stations of the Cross and Veneration of the Cross

8.00 pm Via Crucis in Italian

Holy Saturday

10:30 am Swiecone for Polish parishioners

8.00 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

9.00 am Mass

10.30 am Mass 12.00 noon Mass in Italian

2.00 pm Ukrainian Liturgy

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ST HUGH'S

Maundy Thursday

8.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until 11.00 pm with Night Prayer at 10.45 pm

Good Friday

9.45 am Walk of Witness starting at St Hugh's at 9.45am and finishing at Woodhill (Holy Trinity) for a 10.30 am service

12.00 noon - 12.30 pm Way of the Cross for families

3.00 pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday

12 noon Swiecone for Polish parishioners.

8.00 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

9.00 am Mass

10.30 am Mass

PARKING AT ST HUGH'S

A number of complaints from our neighbours have been made in the past week regarding the parking by our parishioners, especially relating to drives being blocked. The police have been consulted about parking in Victoria Road and they have advised us as follows:

- To park legally, as well as considerately
- Not to block the road which would prevent buses and other large vehicles getting down Victoria Road, especially the emergency services
- Not to block the pavements so that mobility scooters and buggies have to go into the road in order to pass
- We are reminded that there is a car park a short walk away in the village, which we are free to use
- Disabled parking bays on the church forecourt should be left for those who need them
- If a fire engine comes down the road, it may well damage cars that are blocking its path

Please be considerate to our neighbours.

WOKING GOOD FRIDAY "ACT OF WITNESS"

Join us by Boots, Commercial Way, Woking at 10:40 for a procession to Jubilee Square, or meet in the Square, next to Christ Church for 11:00 am. All are very welcome.

KNAPHILL GOOD FRIDAY "WALK OF WITNESS"

All are welcome to join us on our annual Knaphill Good Friday silent Walk of Witness which this year will start from St Hugh's at 9.45am and finish at Woodhill Church, Chobham Road. There will be scripture reading stops at the Memorial Garden in the High Street, Knaphill Methodist Church, Knaphill Baptist Church and at Woodhill Church. Following the walk there will be an Ecumenical Service at Woodhill Church starting at 10.30 am. Join us for the whole walk, at any of the reading stations or at the service afterwards.

COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES

There will be a collection at both churches for The Holy Places on Good Friday, supporting Christians in the Holy Land.

SWIECONE AT ST DUNSTAN'S

Swieccone for Polish parishioners will take place at 10:30 am on Saturday 4th April. Please bring your baskets, family and friends along for this special blessing of Easter foods. Do join us for tea/coffee afterwards in the Function Room, and cake donations are most welcome. For info telephone Lila 07950 771534.

SWIECONE AT ST HUGH'S

Swieccone for Polish parishioners will take place at 12 noon on Saturday 4th April and all are most welcome.

EASTER COLLECTION FOR OUR PRIESTS

Easter and Christmas offerings are a major part of our priests' income, and an opportunity to thank them for their hard work through the year. Envelopes for the Easter Collection are available this weekend at both churches. Please use an 'Easter Envelope' at St Dunstan's, at St Hugh's please use the blue envelopes which can be found in the pews or the Narthex or in both churches there is an 'Easter Collection' option on the contactless Dona machines.

UPCOMING FUNERALS

Requiem Mass for Gennaro Meola RIP at St Dunstan's on Thursday 9th April at 12 noon

Requiem Mass for Carole Frost RIP at St Dunstan's on Friday 10th April at 11.30 am

CHURCH EVACUATION AT ST HUGH'S

In the unlikely event that we have to evacuate the church:

- Please leave immediately via the nearest fire exit. Fire Marshals will guide.
- Please proceed to your car immediately and turn left as you exit the car park.
- If your car is on the forecourt, please return to it and wait for instructions to leave from a Fire Marshal; you will be guided out.
- If your child is in the hall at Children's Liturgy, please go to Lauriston Close where your child will be waiting for you.
- If you are waiting to be collected, please go to the Presbytery.

FOOD BANK

There will be a Food Bank collection this weekend 4th/5th April at both Churches. The deadline for donations at St Hugh's is after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday 5th. They are in particular need of cooking oil, toilet cleaner, surface cleaner spray, honey, long-life fruit juice, small cartons of laundry detergent, coffee, long-life sponge puddings and corned beef. Thank you for your ongoing support.

PARISH MAGAZINE

The Easter edition of the parish magazine is now available. Pick up a copy in the Narthex at St Dunstan's or St Hugh's or read it on the website. A big thank you to the editor, Michael McGrath, and all those who have written or helped produce it.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS
THE SACRED TRIDUUM**

Thursday 2nd April, Maundy Thursday

8.00 pm	St Dunstan	Mass of the Lord's Supper	<i>All Parishioners</i> Watching at the Altar of Repose until 11.00pm
8.00 pm	St Hugh	Mass of the Lord's Supper	<i>People of the Parish</i> Watching at the Altar of Repose until 11.00pm

Friday 3rd April, Good Friday

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Stations of the Cross for Children	
10.30 am	St Hugh	Ecumenical Service	
12.00 noon	St Hugh	Way of the Cross for Families	
3.00 pm	St Dunstan	Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	
3.00 pm	St Hugh	Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	
5.00 pm	St Dunstan	Ukrainian Good Friday Service	
6.30 pm	St Dunstan	Stations of the Cross and Veneration of the Cross	
8.00 pm	St Dunstan	Via Crucis in Italian	

Saturday 4th April, Holy Saturday

10.30 am	St Dunstan	Święcone, blessing of Easter Food	
12.00 noon	St Hugh	Święcone, blessing of Easter Food	
8.00 pm	St Dunstan	Vigil Mass for Easter Sunday	<i>All Parishioners</i>
8.00 pm	St Hugh	Vigil Mass for Easter Sunday	<i>Jim Moore RIP</i>

Sunday 5th April, Easter Sunday

9.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>All Parishioners</i>
9.00 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
10.30 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Luisa Irranca</i>
10.30 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Family Health</i>
12.00 noon	St Dunstan	Mass in Italian	
2.00 pm	St Dunstan	Ukrainian Pascal Liturgy	

Monday 6th April, Easter Monday

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass (No Adoration)	<i>Cath Cheeseman RIP</i>
12.00 pm	St Dunstan	Ukrainian Liturgy	

Tuesday 7th April, Easter Tuesday

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Fr Francis Maple ofm Cap</i> CANCELLED
10.00 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>John Taylor RIP</i>

Wednesday 8th April, Easter Wednesday

5.45 pm	St Hugh	Holy Hour	
7.00 pm	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Maurice Buckingham on his birthday</i>

Thursday 9th April, Easter Thursday

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Sebastian P.O. RIP</i>
10.00 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>J. Edward, David & Emily Mary Emerson RIP</i> CANCELLED
12.00 noon	St Dunstan	Requiem Mass for Gennaro Meola	RIP

Friday 10th April, Easter Friday

10.00 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Bruna Moore RIP</i>
11.30 am	St Dunstan	Requiem Mass for Carole Frost	RIP

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

SOCIAL MEDIA DAY TRAINING DAY

St Peter and St John Church Hall, Camberley, GU15 4ED: Sat April 18th 11am-3.30pm

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

CAFOD's Big Lent Walk 28 March 2026

Thereza Macnamara has now walked **417.9 km** in the **35 days** from **Ash Wednesday to 25 March** and has raised **£2,242** out of her target of **6000**, from **56** donors. ***However donations can still be made at any time if you have not donated but would like to do so.*** 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, & cafod.org.uk/news/blogs/meet-the-star-walkers-of-the-big-lent-walk



EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE

The final opportunity to buy raffle tickets for an Easter Hamper at both churches will be after the 10.30am Mass on Easter Sunday at St Hugh's, when the draw will take place and at St Dunstan's the draw will take place around 10.00am. Tickets are £1 each or £5 for a strip. All monies raised will go towards the work of Sr Munanie and the Ikutha project.

WOKING AND GUILDFORD'S FREE LIBRARIES OF THINGS

Following the success of Guildford's library of things, Woking has now launched its own version wokingenvironmentaction.com/library-of-things/. The idea is to save people from having to buy new items that they will use only occasionally or even just once – instead, such items can be borrowed for free. The Woking version currently has some impressive power tools (and a pressure washer, strimmer, electric sewing machine, and cake tins in the shape of numbers). The Guildford library of things has been established for much longer and, besides tools, includes board games, gazebos, camping equipment, cool boxes, a steam cleaner, and so much more – over 100 items in fact. The Guildford Library of Things calculates that, with over 1,000 members, it has saved 6 tonnes of CO2 emissions (from new products not needing to be made, transported, packaged etc.) and its users over £105,000 in borrowing items for free, instead of purchasing them. Use the link above to

find more details of what is available and how the scheme works in Woking. See here for Guildford's library of things guildfordlibraryofthings.org. To use the libraries, you will need to set up a free account and reserving your chosen item is recommended for Guildford, but not essential. Both library of things are located in their respective town libraries and donations of items are always welcome.

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.

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. Book now at www.pta-events.co.uk/fosd.



MARRIAGE SUPPORT

From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. Find out more at www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443.

MARY'S MEALS WALKING PILGRIMAGE

Would you like to join a Mary's Meals walking pilgrimage this year? Details of all the pilgrimages are available here: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/charity-events/walk-for-hope>. Options include the Augustine Camino from Rochester to Ramsgate via Aylesford Priory, Canterbury Cathedral and Minster Abbey from 5-11 September, and The Way of Our Lady of Consolation from West Grinstead to Storrington and onto Arundel Cathedral from 8-9 May. You are very welcome to join us for a single day, for several days, or for a whole pilgrimage. Come on your own or as a group. To find out more or to sign up, please go to <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/charity-events/walk-for-hope> or contact Roy Peachey from Mary's Meals at info@marysmeals.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

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34,37-43, Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-9

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for the St Dunstan's Sunday collection on 21st/22nd March of £4400.55. 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 21st/22nd March of £1181.40. 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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