



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

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Sunday 7th June 2026

Honouring The Real Presence Of Christ

As you may have noticed, at St Dunstan's the tabernacle – the shrine within which consecrated hosts are 'reserved' after Mass – is set away to one side. Meanwhile, at St Hugh's, the tabernacle is set right behind the altar. A little history may help you understand what's going on in these two options.

In the early Church, 'reservation' of the sacrament was first undertaken in order to allow holy communion to be taken to the sick at home. So a first – and often overlooked – meaning of the tabernacle is that it reminds the congregation of those who can't be there and reminds us to pray for those who are unwell or struggling in any way.

Naturally enough, the reserved Sacrament became a focus of prayer. Its storage place became a shrine, the 'tabernacle' – recalling the awesome 'Holy of Holies' in the Jerusalem Temple. In the Middle Ages devotion to 'the Real Presence' of Christ reached such a pitch that going to communion became a rare event, because people saw themselves as 'unworthy'. Now the Sacrament was typically something to be adored from afar, rather than consumed. This Sunday's Solemnity of *Corpus Christi* (or 'The Body and Blood of Jesus Christ') emerged in that context.

After Protestant Reformers called into question the doctrine of 'Transubstantiation' (a sort of shorthand for Catholic understanding of the Sacrament), tabernacles got put centre-stage in our churches and became ever more imposing – trumpeting Catholic belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Only in the twentieth century was there a gradual shift in emphasis. On the one hand, Catholics were encouraged to receive communion more regularly and that invitation was extended to children, too (hence the many first communion celebrations this month). On the other hand, theologians made it clear that the 'Reserved Sacrament' must always be understood in relation to the liturgy in which the hosts (and the precious blood) are consecrated. The tabernacle honours and prolongs that action, but it never replaces it. It is in the Mass that Jesus makes himself present – in his Word, in the Sacrament, in the ordained priest and in the assembled company of believers.

So the different placing of the tabernacles in our two churches represents two different insights: firstly, that the Lord Jesus is truly here and ever worthy of worship; secondly, that his presence is an active presence. He invites us to his table, takes our bread, transforms it into himself and gives it back for sharing. Christ humbly 'places himself in our hands' (whichever way we receive the sacrament). That is truly awesome! And all we can do is take, eat and together become the Body of Christ. *Fr Rob*

Fr Rob Writes:

Ministers of Communion

One of the most important ministries in our community is that of Minister of Communion. Not only do our ministers help with the practical task of sharing holy communion at Mass. They also express the nature of our parish as a community of mutual care and service, honouring and nourishing the presence of Christ in their brothers and sisters. And some take holy communion out into the community to those who are unwell. On the great Solemnity of Corpus Christi, we invite them to renew their commitment to their ministry. If you are a Minister of Communion, regardless of whether you are 'on duty' this weekend, please come forward for a blessing before we distribute communion. Thank you for all that you do. May the Lord bless you through your ministry and bless all those you serve.

Magnifica Humanitas

We now have copies Pope Leo's letter, '*Magnifica Humanitas*', for sale in the Repository.

PLEASE NOTE

There will be no reconciliation at St Dunstan's this Saturday morning 6th June.

Please note that on Sunday 21st and 28th June, the 5.30pm Mass is replaced by Confirmation celebrations at 2.30pm on 21st and 5pm on the 28th.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF

THE SOULS OF

Philip Birch RIP (husband of Julianne)

and

Jacqueline Deeks

(daughter of Hazel Lynch)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may
they rest in peace

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE

SICK especially for *Pauline*

Delaney and John Coady

UPCOMING FUNERALS

Requiem Mass for Mary McDonnell RIP, St Dunstan's Church, 11.30am, Wed 17th June.

Requiem Mass for Peter Grennan RIP, St Dunstan's Church, 12 noon, Thu 18th June.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Please pray for Aiden, Alexander G, Alexander S, Amelia, Anisa, Anthony, Dylan, Edie, Emma, Freddy, Imogen, Isabella, Isla, Kaja, Liliana, Lorenzo, Ming Ho, Pui Yu, Morenike, Oliver, Raphael, Shana, Sienna S, Anisa, Sienna C, Simone, Sophia, Vincenzo, Aoife, Arthur, Millie, Carter, Edward, Elena, Ella, Emilia D, Emilia B, Ethan, Galib, Isabel, Jonathan, Levan, Liam, Lorcan, Nathaniel, Oliver, Shanelle, Teddy, Thomas B, Thomas P, Vaughn and Matthieu who will celebrate their First Holy Communion on 6th June.

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

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 6th June, Weekday

10.00 am	St Dunstan	First Holy Communion Mass	
10.00 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Valerie Judge RIP</i>
12.00 pm	St Dunstan	First Holy Communion Mass	
3.00 pm	St Dunstan	Ukrainian Eucharist	
6.00 pm	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Natasha & Steve</i>
6.00 pm	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Jim Moore RIP</i>
7.15 pm	St Dunstan	Mass in Portuguese	

Sunday 7th June, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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

Monday 8th June, Weekday

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	
10.00 am	St Dunstan	Adoration until 2.00 pm	

Tuesday 9th June, Weekday

No Masses Today

Wednesday 10th June, Weekday

5.45 pm	St Hugh	Holy Hour	
7.00 pm	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Sathiarty</i>

Thursday 11th June, St Barnabus, Apostle

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Mrs Flora Chow</i>
10.00 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Germaine Sr Jeanne Tiendrebeogo</i>

Friday 12th June, the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Alex Ezechukwu 50th Birthday</i>
10.00 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Valerie Judge RIP</i>

Saturday 13th June, The Immaculate Heart of Mary

9.30 am	St Hugh	First Holy Communion Mass	
10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Lucy Gallagher RIP</i>
11.30 am	St Hugh	First Holy Communion Mass	<i>Thanksgiving</i>
12.30 pm	St Dunstan	Baptisms	
1.45 pm	St Dunstan	Baptisms	
3.00 pm	St Dunstan	Ukrainian Eucharist	
6.00 pm	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>All Parishioners</i>
6.00 pm	St Hugh	Low Sensory Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
7.15 pm	St Dunstan	Mass in Portuguese	

Sunday 14th June, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Kamil Rosa RIP</i>
9.30 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Glenn Bishop RIP</i>
10.30 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Eamonn Smith</i>
12.00 pm	St Dunstan	Mass in Italian	
5.30 pm	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>The deceased members of the Thompson & Roche families</i>

EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

In September we will be beginning a new Course (usually known as the 'RCIA') at St Dunstan's. If you have thought about becoming a Catholic Christian and would like to find out more about what is involved then you are invited to a preliminary, informal meeting on Thursday 9th July at 7.30pm at St Dunstan's. We will be able to describe the process to you and answer any questions you may have. You will also be able to chat to some of those who have become Catholics in recent years.

This invitation is open to any adults who have not already been baptised or were baptised into a different Christian tradition. You would also be welcome if you were baptised Catholic but have not gone on to be confirmed. The course will give you the opportunity to explore the Catholic Faith and to discern whether or not you might like to be baptised, received into the Catholic Church or confirmed.

If you would like to bring a friend or relative with you to the meeting, they would be very welcome. (If you are reading this note and know someone who might like to find out more then why not invite them?)

You will not be making a commitment to join the course by coming to the meeting. It is simply an opportunity to find out more. If you have any questions, please email rcia.woking@abdiocese.org.uk . If you are interested in the course but unable to attend on July 9th then simply email rcia.woking@abdiocese.org.uk and we will get in touch with you.

FOOD BANK

There will be a Food Bank collection this weekend 6th/7th June at both Churches. The deadline for donations at St Hugh's is after the 9.30 am Mass on Sunday 7th. They are in particular need of tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, hot chocolate, long life fruit juice, fruit squash, tinned custard, chocolate spread, jam, long life sponge puddings and toilet rolls. Thank you for your ongoing support.

PUBLIC TALK: FROM THE FRONT LINE TO THE HIGH STREET

St Dunstan's Church, Wednesday June 10th, 7 - 8.15 pm

A talk organised by the Guildford and District Knights of St Columba presenting two stories of service: one describing military leadership and life on the front line, presented by Colonel Graham Jones (Retd) and one telling real stories from the streets as seen by the volunteers from Woking Street Angels, presented by Mark Potter. Tickets are £5, book now at www.ticketsource.com (Search for "Woking"). All proceeds will go to a local charity.

LECTIO DIVINA AND ROSARY AT ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH

The next meeting to pray Lectio Divina and a Rosary will be on Thursday 11th June in the library from 1.15 pm. Everyone is welcome.

THE CATENIANS' NIGERIAN DINNER

St Dunstan's Church, Thursday 11th June, 8pm

Booking is now closed. We look forward to seeing you at the Nigerian Dinner hosted by the Catenians in honour of our new priests.

ST HUGH'S SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday 27 June at St Hugh's School from 12 noon-3.00pm

As preparations for the Fayre move up a notch, we are now asking for volunteers to help with setting up gazebos from 7.00pm the night before (weather permitting), setting up stalls from 9.30am and helping on a stall during the Fayre.

If you can offer any help, please sign the sheet in the narthex or email the parish office (knaphill@abdiocese.org.uk). We are also after donations of wines, spirits, beers, soft drinks for the Bottle Tombola. Donations of new/very nearly new toys for prizes, but please no soft toys. There is a box in the narthex for your donations.

We are unable to accept bric-a-brac, jewellery, toiletries, books, cds or dvds - please keep for the Christmas Bazaar (21 November). Grand Draw tickets at £5 a book are on sale after both Masses, with a 1st prize of £100, plus many other prizes. Proceeds from the day will be split equally between the parish and the school.

Do put the date in your diary and pop along for lunch and mingle with fellow parishioners. We look forward to seeing you then!

THANK YOU

Lynda Shore of Knaphill Methodist Church would like to pass on her thanks to all those who supported her both physically by helping to collect and financially by donating during Christian Aid Week. £2216.63 in total was raised.

CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?

We are in great need of more volunteers at St Dunstan's to help keep our lovely church clean and inviting. Would you be able to spare a couple of hours a month? Cleaning normally takes place in the morning, on a Tuesday after the 10 am Mass and the Rosary, or on a Wednesday morning when there is no Mass. If you can help please contact the parish office.

PARISH SOCIAL BRIDGE CLUB

St Hugh's Church Hall, Mondays from 11am - 1.00pm

There was an encouraging response last Monday to the formation of a Social Bridge Club within the Parish, and we look forward to welcoming more Bridge players to join us. If you haven't played before and would like to learn, come along and learn a new skill. It's friendly and social, and we look forward to hearing from you! Contact Maureen on 07568 512964.

ST HUGH'S GIFT AID

If you are a taxpayer and you make donations directly to the parish bank account, you are entitled to Gift Aid these and receive an annual statement of donations. Please contact our Gift Aid Organiser ga.knaphill@abdiocese.org.uk to register for Gift Aid (this can also be claimed for prior years).

COLLECTION AT ST HUGH'S FOR MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals *a simple solution to world hunger*. With the holiday season upon us, donate your leftover foreign currency to help feed hungry children. You can also donate UK coins and notes that are no longer legal tender. Take an envelope, fill it up with currency and place the envelope in the box in the narthex. We will continue collecting until 6th September.

SVP APPEAL FOR HELP

Thank you for your generous donations to last Sunday's appeal, currently £832 for which the SVP is immensely grateful. There is still time to donate to support a family in urgent need. We are seeking financial assistance to help cover the costs of a visa application that is essential for the family's stability and future.



Donations can be made on the Dona machine, by cash in sealed envelopes marked "SVP family appeal" handed into the parish office, or via the gofundme link gofund.me/34f5b0ce5 or QR Code. Your kindness and generosity are deeply appreciated. If you are unable to assist with funds we ask you to keep the family in your prayers. Many thanks and God bless

TO COMPOSTELLA WOTH LOVE (AND SONG)

Fraser Ellson, the diocesan schools choral director who works with children at both St Hugh's and St Dunstan's primary schools, walked and cycled the Camino to Compostella over the Easter holidays and raised an amazing £4,110, which means that each of the schools in his care received £456.78 towards their choral singing work. Many thanks to everyone who sponsored him – and especially to Fraser for his generous use of his holidays.

WOKING PEOPLE OF FAITH

Short half day Pilgrimage Walk with Woking People of Faith Sat 13th June. All welcome to join this friendly walk bringing people of different faiths and backgrounds together to visit local places of worship. Starting at St Dunstan's Church at 10.30 a.m., with registration and a talk, we then walk to Christian Science Church, United Reformed Church, Shah Jahan Mosque and St Paul's Church. Ends at about 2.30pm. Open to all ages and fitness levels, with refreshments along the way. No need to register, just turn up on the day. Participants are encouraged to dress for the weather. Further details, including the route and parking information, are available at <http://www.wpof.org.uk>

"THE ROSES" ECUMENICAL WALKING PILGRIMAGE

15th-30th August 2026. A pilgrimage where the journey, walking, laughing, sharing, praying, singing are as important as the destination. This year's route links three cathedrals: Middlesbrough, Ripon & Blackburn. Pilgrims are welcome to join for a day or two, or the whole 2 weeks. For more information and to book go to thepilgrims.org.uk/book

NATIONAL JUSTICE AND PEACE NETWORK

48th Annual Conference 24th - 26th July 2026, Derbyshire

There are still spaces available which we would love to fill, so if you were thinking of attending but not yet decided, please make your move now, and enjoy once more meeting friends and allies in the convivial setting of the Hayes Conference Centre, and unrivalled grounds, for relaxing, restoration and recharging of commitment and campaigning. Keynote speaker Andy Burnham (booked many months ago!). Further details and ways to book are available through the NJPN website justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference/

EPWORTH CHOIR

Epworth Choir presents Music from the British Isles. Saturday 27th June, 7.30 pm, at Trinity Methodist Church, Woking, GU21 4LH. Tickets £10 available at epworthchoir.org

WOKING SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Woking Symphony Orchestra's summer concert is on Saturday 27th June at the Welcome Church, 1-5 Church Street West, Woking, GU21 6 DJ. The orchestra will be performing Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto and works by Elgar and Bax. The concert starts at 7.30pm with a pre-concert talk by the conductor at 6.45pm. Further details (including how to buy tickets) are available on the orchestra's website wokingso.org.uk/summer-concert-at-welcome-church-woking or see the poster in the narthex.

ST AUGUSTINE'S CARE HOME SUMMER FAIR

The Friends of St Augustine's are holding a Summer Fair at St Augustine's Care Home, Simplemarsh Road, Addlestone KT15 1QR on Saturday 20th June from 12.00-4.00pm. There will be a BBQ, Raffle, Tombola and many other stalls. All welcome to come and enjoy the gardens as well.



Great Big Green Week 2026 6th-14th June

Every June, over a million people participate in over 5,800 events for Great Big Green Week which, this year, starts on Saturday (6th June). It is the UK's largest celebration of climate action and is organised by The Green Coalition, with support from WWF, RSPB, and NT. A series of events for the coming week has been organised by Zero Carbon Guildford, including butterfly, bat, and wild food walks. You can find details of them here [Great Big Green Week | Guildford | Climate Festival](#). Even closer to home, WEAct has collated a schedule of events for Woking, including an open day at Holme Farm, a green themed craft afternoon at Woking Library, and a Grow and Eat Workshop [Diary – Woking Environment Action](#). Or perhaps the open gardens scheme and Horsell's Garden Safari on Sunday 14th June will appeal to you more. Whatever your interests, have a great week celebrating our wonderful natural world and please spare a prayer for those who work to protect it.

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.

LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

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

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

SUNDAY READINGS

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16, Psalm 147: 12-15,19-20, 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, John 6:51-58

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for the St Dunstan's collection for 30/31st May of £4784.80. Thank you for the collection at St Hugh's for 30/31st May of £1082.75. 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/ for the forms and more details.

JOB VACANCIES

St Dunstan's School

School Business Manager. We have an exciting opportunity for a highly motivated individual to join our team as a School Business Manager from September 2026. We welcome applications from both experienced School Business Managers and those at an earlier stage in their career, including candidates with relevant transferable skills from similar fields. A full Job description, job specification and application form are all available on our school website under Staff Vacancies. Closing date for applications: Friday 12th June.

Salvation Army, Woking

Community Programme Manager. We are recruiting for an experienced Community Programme Manager to manage Woking community centre and develop relevant activities to the centre.

Children (including Youth) and Family Mission Lead. Woking Salvation Army is a vibrant church in Surrey, expanding its children's (including youth) and families ministries to the local community. We are recruiting a motivated and experienced children's and families leader to join our friendly team.

For more information and details on how to apply to either of these vacancies please visit careers.salvationarmy.org.uk/vacancies/

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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