



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

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday 12th July 2026, Sea Sunday

The Fruit Test

For those of us blessed with even the smallest outdoor space, the arrival of plant-identifying apps has been something of a revelation. Whatever the quality of one's own green fingers, you simply point your phone at an unfamiliar sapling and, within seconds, discover whether it is friend or foe. It's a good thing too. More than once it has stopped me pulling up a treasured perennial by mistake or allowing an invasive weed to become established.

Nature never stops. Neither, it seems, does the Word of God. Every one of this weekend's readings is rich with images from the natural world, and both Isaiah and Jesus use them to reveal something about God's living Word.

In Matthew's Gospel (13:1-23), the Sower scatters seed generously, but its success depends on the quality of soil and the competing forces around it. Jesus assumes that many voices will compete for our heart.

Every morning we open our phones before we open our curtains. Before breakfast we have already encountered headlines, opinions, advertisements, arguments and, perhaps, even a little Scripture. Every one is trying to take root. Learning which voices to trust is not straightforward, particularly in an age of deepfakes and increasingly divisive public debate.

In Magnifica Humanitas, Pope Leo XIV speaks of the need to "disarm our words" (#214), reminding us that speech is never neutral. Words either build communion or deepen division. Whenever we encounter messages that create an "us" and a "them", it is worth noticing that the New Testament consistently moves in the opposite direction. St Paul's vision in Romans (8:18-23) is radically expansive. It is no longer a group or race of people who await redemption, but the whole of creation. The entire cosmos "waits with eager longing" for God's saving work.

Isaiah (55:10-11) offers another important insight. It is God's Living Word, his active and personal presence and purpose, that never returns empty, not simply isolated Bible passages. Scripture is holy and God-breathed, but not every voice that quotes the Bible is necessarily speaking with the heart of Christ. Jesus offers us a better test than simply asking whether a Bible verse can be found to support a teaching. He advises us to look at the fruit:

What kind of life does it produce? Does it nurture fear or hope? Contempt and division or communion and compassion?

The seed of God's Word always grows towards life. Let us pray for the ability to nurture its saplings. God bless, *Teresa*

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

Fr Rob Writes:

Retirement of Mrs Grace from St Hugh's. This week Mrs Grace retires as the headteacher of St Hugh of Lincoln Primary school, Knaphill. We are so very grateful to her for her dedication, shown over many years in education, and for the leadership she has provided as headteacher of St Hugh's, cementing the school's status as an 'Outstanding' school not only in narrow Ofsted terms but in the general experience that parents and pupils have. We wish her every blessing in what comes next – and are glad that she will continue to be a member of our parish family.

This Sunday is Sea Sunday. The Apostleship of the Sea, 'Stella Maris', is a remarkable little UK charity which provides chaplaincy services for merchant sailors visiting these shores as part of a world-wide network of Catholic port chaplaincies. Those who carry the goods on which our economy and lifestyles depend are very often taken for granted and, not infrequently, badly treated by their employers. Working away from home and from their families for months at a time, often in port for only a few hours, the visit of a port chaplain or visitor is an essential support, offering help with practicalities, pastoral counsel and, occasionally, advocacy in conflict situations. Many of the men (and smaller number of women) come from Catholic communities in countries such as in the Philippines or Sri Lanka . Please support the work of Stella Maris with our retiring collection today. Donations can be gift-aided using their envelopes.

HOT WEATHER PRECAUTIONS AT MASS

If coming to church will not simply mean getting hot but actually put your health at risk, please stay at home and keep safe. Please wear lighter clothing if possible. Hydrate yourselves before attending Mass and bring drinking water with you. If you have a health condition (particularly affecting your heart or lungs) which might be adversely impacted by hot weather, please consider accessing Mass online from home. If you have one, bring a small handheld fan with you. If you feel unwell during Mass, please inform one of our Mass Coordinator's or the nearest person to you.

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO MASS IN PORTUGUESE THIS WEEK**UPCOMING FUNERALS**

Requiem Mass for John Coady RIP at St Dunstan's Church at 11.30 am on Thursday 16th July.

Requiem Mass for Pauline Delaney RIP at St Dunstan's Church at 10.30 am on Tuesday 21st July.

Requiem Mass for Salvatore Scandone RIP at St Dunstan's Church at 12 noon on Friday 31st July.

LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

Services from St Dunstan's Church are streamed by ChurchServicesTV

Services from St Hugh of Lincoln are streamed on YouTube

SUNDAY READINGS

Isaiah 55:10-11, Psalm 65:10-14 R. Luke 8:8, Romans 8:18-23, Matthew 13:1-23

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, 5.15pm to 5.45pm

ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH AND ST HUGH OF LINCOLN CHURCH - MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

Saturday 11th July, St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe, Feast

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Arthur Porter RIP</i>
10.00 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Holy Souls</i>
12.30 pm	St Dunstan	Baptisms	
1.45 pm	St Dunstan	Baptisms	
3.00 pm	St Dunstan	Ukrainian Liturgy	
6.00 pm	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Ghislaine Wellspeak RIP</i>
6.00 pm	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Mr John D'Cruz RIP</i>

Sunday 12th July, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Philip Birch RIP</i>
9.30 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
10.30 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Herbie Chappell, 90th Birthday</i>
12.00 noon	St Dunstan	Mass in Italian	
5.30 pm	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>All Parishioners</i>

Monday 13th July, Weekday

10.00am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Gavin</i>
10.30 am	St Dunstan	Adoration until 2.00 pm	

Tuesday 14th July, Weekday

10.00 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>For Vocations</i>
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Wednesday 15th July, St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor, Memorial

5.45 pm	St Hugh	Holy Hour	
7.00 pm	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Iolanda and family</i>

Thursday 16th July, Weekday

11.30 am	St Dunstan	Requiem Mass for John Coady RIP	
10.00 am	St Hugh		<i>Catherine Grace</i>

Friday 17th July, Weekday

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Helmut Wagner RIP</i>
10.00 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>In celebration of the life of Peter Doneux</i>
7.30pm	St Dunstan	Mass in Portuguese	

Saturday 18th July, Weekday

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Jean Sylvester RIP</i>
10.00am	St Hugh	Mass	
3.00 pm	St Dunstan	Ukrainian Liturgy	
6.00pm	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Ismael Diaz Gonzalez RIP</i>
6.00 pm	St Hugh	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>

Sunday 19th July, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>All Parishioners</i>
9.30 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Sheila Ginty</i>
10.30 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Daniel Noble</i>
12.00 noon	St Dunstan	Mass in Italian	
5.30 pm	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Christine Czepukojc RIP</i>

BAPTISMS

Please pray for Molly, Alessio, Anna, Wiktor, Jack, Ethan, Theo, Iris and Elijah who will be baptised at St Dunstan's this weekend. Please pray also for their parents and godparents.

CONFIRMATION 2026/27

Those who will be starting Year 10 or above in September will be eligible to sign up for the Confirmation preparation course for the coming academic year. Please keep an eye on the newsletter during September, when the online application form will open.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT ST DUNSTAN'S 2026/27

If you have a child, or children, who will be in year 3 or above in September and you think that they may be ready to celebrate their First Reconciliation and Holy Communion in 2027, then please make a note of the date: Tuesday 8th September 2026. There will be a meeting that evening at 7pm which you will need to attend (parents, not children). We will outline for you how the course will run and distribute details of the key dates and events in the programme. Registration will open after this meeting.

CHANGES TO SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE FROM SEPTEMBER 2026

SJB Application for September 2027 entry. For children who will be in Year 6 in September (Current Year 5), applications for a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) will open on 1st September. Granted CCPs will be available for collection from 1st October. In order to apply for a CCP you will need to know the date of your child's Baptism. If this was celebrated somewhere other than at St Dunstan's, Woking or St Hugh of Lincoln, Knaphill you will need to provide a copy of the certificate.

SJB Application for September 2028 entry. For children who will be in Year 5 in September (Current Year 4), an online form to register for a Mass Attendance sheet will open on 1st September. Signing in will start on the weekend of 3rd/4th October and will run until the end of September 2027.

Links to the forms will be in the Parish Newsletter from the beginning of September 2026.

ST DUNSTAN'S ADMISSIONS TO RECEPTION 2028-2029

Parents who wish to apply to St Dunstan's Primary School for their child to start in Reception in 2028-2029 and would like to demonstrate that they attend Mass regularly will be able to request a Mass attendance sheet at the beginning of November 2026. The signing in period will run for a calendar year from the end of November. Please read the newsletter at the beginning of October for more information.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AND TODDLERS PRAYERS

We are fortunate to be able to run both Children's Liturgy and Toddler Prayers at St Dunstan's, and these sessions are now enjoyed by over 100 children each weekend. However, it takes a minimum of 6 volunteers each week to make this possible! In order to continue offering these sessions on a weekly basis, we are urgently seeking more volunteers to join our team for all sessions, but especially for Toddlers Prayers. If you can help please contact the parish office woking@abdiocese.org.uk. We would love to hear from you even if you can only commit to helping once every half term, this would still make a big difference. Thank you.

CAFOD CAKE SALE

There will be a Cafod cake sale this Sunday 12th July after the 9am Mass.

VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Dear Parishioners, thank you very much for your kindness and generosity. During the cake sale on Sunday 5th July, we raised £1,844, which will be donated to CAFOD to support those affected by the earthquake in Venezuela. It was not only your financial support that moved us, but also your kind words, encouragement, and compassion during such a difficult time for us as Venezuelans. Your generosity has meant so much to us. Please keep our country in your prayers. If you would still like to make a donation, please use this link: cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/venezuela-earthquake-appeal

GARDENING AT ST HUGH'S

Our next session will be on Saturday 18 July from 9.30am-12 noon. As always, there is plenty of work to do around the grounds. Please bring along your suncream and gardening implements to help us remove the ever-growing weeds, trim shrubs and all the other things needed to make our grounds look neat and tidy. Many hands make light work. Refreshments will be provided.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 5.30PM MASS

There will be refreshments after the 5.30pm Mass on Sunday 19th July.

SUMMER ART CAMP FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

Planning an activity for the Summer holidays? Why not try our free summer art camps at St Dunstan's Church. Suitable for all ages. Parent or Guardian must accompany children throughout the session. All materials will be provided.

Summer camp will run over 1 week from 24th to 28th August from 9.30 am - 12 noon. Booking is essential so that we can plan sessions and arrange materials. Please email dcartcamp26@gmail.com

REBUILDING THE ST HUGH OF LINCOLN DATABASE

We have only partial, paper-based records of St Hugh's parishioners. We have contacted those whose e-mails we have, inviting them to confirm and update their contact details. We invite you to use the QR Code on the poster in the porch to give us details. If you find such technology challenging we'd still love to have your contact details so we can keep in touch. All records are held in accordance with current data-protection regulations and will not be passed to any third-party but it would be a great help to know these are up-to-date.

PARKING AT ST HUGH'S

The forecourt is for Blue Badge Holders/those in need of a little extra help

Please park legally, as well as considerately

Please do not block the road which would prevent buses and other large vehicles getting down Victoria Road

Please do not block the pavements so that mobility scooters and buggies have to go into the road in order to pass

Inconsiderate parking prevents the emergency services getting through to someone in need

LETTER TO THE XAVIER CATHOLIC EDUCATION TRUST COMMUNITY

James Kibble, CEO of Xavier Catholic Education Trust, has written an end-of-year letter to families whose children attend their schools (including SJB and St Hugh of Lincoln). Paper copies of the letter are available at each church.

PRAYER PETITIONS FOR LOURDES

The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes begins on Friday 24th July. If you would like any petitions to be taken to the Grotto, then please place them in a marked envelope for the attention of Mary Smith.

The Pastoral Theme for the Sanctuary this year is "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee." The Diocesan Pilgrimage organisers have prepared small cards with the words of the Angelus for use by those on the Pilgrimage. It will be prayed each day just before lunch in the hotels (12.00 noon). Some of the cards are available on the newsletter stand for anyone who would like to join us in prayer for the Pilgrimage. Please help yourselves.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

Young Adults' Retreat Day, Saturday 26 September 2026, 10am-6.30pm, St Wilfrid's Burgess Hill. Tickets start from £20pp. To book your place or find out more visit the Diocesan website events page www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events. Participants are very welcome to join the Parish Mass at 6.30pm, with social time at a local pub to follow.

Marriage Anniversaries Mass, Saturday 3 October, 11.30am at Arundel Cathedral.

To book your free place go to the Events page of the Diocesan website www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events

'Mary, Cause of our Joy' Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 23- 25 October 2026

Led by Fr David Murphy, journey in prayer to Walsingham this autumn, joining people from across our Diocese at "England's Nazareth". Pilgrims will travel to Walsingham by coach, with collection and return at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley, RH10 6RP. To book your place or find out more visit the Diocesan website or use this link abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/kjbnthfp

JOB VACANCIES

Community Worker (Part Time)

The Parish of St Peter Woking are looking for a Community Worker to join their ministry team. For a job description and application form go to www.stpeterwoking.org/communityworker or contact the parish office 01483 755852 admin@stpeterwoking.org. Closing date for applications: 10am Thursday 16th July. Interviews: Thursday 23rd July

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Car Owner-Driver Volunteers Sought for local Good Neighbours charity. Do you have an occasional hour or two to spare to drive and accompany neighbours in our area, mainly to medical and other appointments? (Our Good Neighbours scheme covers central and east Woking and Sheerwater). If so, we would love to hear from you so that we can explain more about how we operate. There is no obligation to volunteer any minimum period of time; drivers simply volunteer for driving tasks that fit in with their other commitments. For more information please phone East Woking Good Neighbours on 07500 376394 and leave your name and number; a Committee member will return your call. Thank you.

RETRouvaille

MARRIAGE IN A RUT? Or need help with deeper issues? Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage. Next dates: 2nd - 4th Oct. www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info Tel: 0788 7296983

STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE

Assisted suicide campaigners have sadly brought back the Leadbeater Bill. This can be stopped if MPs vote down the Bill on 11th September. Right To Life UK has launched an EasyAction tool to help you email your MP to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide in the vote in the House of Commons on 11th September. Please take 30 seconds to email your MP today to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide: righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote



SEED, PLANT AND PRODUCE SWAP

The next seed, plant, and produce swap will take place over the weekend of 18th/19th July 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.

ST DUNSTAN'S OVERSEAS PROJECT JACKPOT CLUB- IKUTHA, KENYA

The June draw will be held after the 9am Mass on Sunday 19th July 2026.

Will you be a winner?

Join the Jackpot Club and help Sister Munanie (The Poor Servants of the Mother of God) support the struggling community of Ikutha, Kenya, with sustainable farming in these times of drought. You can join at any time to be included in the next month's draw. Please collect a registration form from the Narthex or contact Vida email: livesimply@st-dunstans.org.

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for the St Dunstan's collection for 4th/5th July of £4703.15.

Thank you for the collection at St Hugh's for 4th/5th July of £1052.95.

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.

There will be retiring collection this weekend for Stellar Maris.

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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