



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

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday 19th July 2026

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

On this 17th Sunday of ordinary time, the Church reminds us that the greatest of all treasures is the Kingdom of God. In his love, God himself has chosen us and prepared it for us before time. So, the Holy Mother Church encourages us to pray and desire for wisdom as Solomon did to enable us to discern the value of God's kingdom and mysteries.

Every day and every moment of life is an opportunity to choose. As human beings, we are partly products of many choices. Our choices determine a lot about our present and our future. God leaves us with choices, not because He hasn't the power to condition everything about us, but because His plan for us is to live as human beings created in His image and likeness, so that by choosing wisely, we contribute our quota in making the world a better and a safe place.

In the First Reading, 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12, Solomon prayed "give Your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil." This prayer of Solomon is one that must be said repeatedly by all people, especially with the ever-changing modern trend of things where it is increasingly becoming difficult to discern between good and evil, in a world where everybody is encouraged to choose whatever pleases him or her. One underlying truth about his choice is the fact that Solomon was set to please God. The disposition to please God informs and forms our choices because what drives us internally determines our choices. This was the case with the two persons recounted for us in the Gospel Reading.

In the Gospel Mt 13:44-52, they saw beyond their possessions. They were not slaves of their worldly goods. They were internally driven by the search of that which is superior to the sum of all earthly goods, and which is eternally valuable. Thus, the ability to look beyond the transitory value of the things of this world and of political and economic powers remains the secret to arrive at that point when one is focused on values and treasures that last forever.

Today's parables intend to instruct us to prefer the kingdom of heaven to this world and ensure that nothing prevents us from entering it, for God's kingdom is a treasure hidden from the wise of this world. Only those who are wise according to God's standard look for it and find it. To find it, we must first value it; when we have found it, we must hide it in our hearts. Therefore, let us ask God for understanding and wisdom as Solomon did so that we may be wise enough to discern what is good for us and to make God's kingdom our priority, Amen.

Fr Hilary prays for you.

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 25th July, St James, Apostle, Feast

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Eric Smith RN RIP</i>
10.00am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>For all sick and injured St Hugh's parishioners</i>
3.00 pm	St Dunstan	Ukrainian Liturgy	
6.00pm	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>For the beatification of Fr Jacques Hamel</i>
6.00 pm	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Fernando & Rita 18th Wedding Anniversary</i>

Sunday 26th July, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Mairi O'Connell</i>
9.30 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
10.30 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Peter Morrison RIP</i>
12.00 noon	St Dunstan	Mass in Italian	
5.30 pm	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>All Parishioners</i>

Monday 27th July, Weekday

10.00am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Angela Lee RIP</i>
10.30 am	St Dunstan	Adoration until 2.00 pm	

Tuesday 28th July, Weekday

10.30 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Sales Hanrahan RIP, His Wife and Baby</i>
10.00 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Jim and Edith Moore RIP</i>

Wednesday 29th July, Ss Mary, Martha & Lazarus, Memorial

5.45 pm	St Hugh	Holy Hour	
7.00 pm	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Ann Widdecombe RIP</i>

Thursday 30th July, Weekday

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Requiem Mass for James Hagen RIP	
10.00 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Maureen Harper on her 106th Birthday</i>

Friday 31st July, St Ignatius Loyola, Priest, Memorial

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Patrick & Jimmy</i>
10.00 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>For the wellbeing of Ray Harden</i>
12.00 noon	St Dunstan	Requiem Mass for Salvatore Scandone RIP	
7.30pm	St Dunstan	Mass in Portuguese	

Saturday 1st August, St Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop, Doctor, Memorial

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Jimmy, Mark & their Family</i>
10.00am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Mrs Alice & Mr John Doyle</i>
3.00 pm	St Dunstan	Ukrainian Liturgy	
6.00pm	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Thanksgiving for a Healthy Baby</i>
6.00 pm	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Geoffrey Edwards & Del Edmonds RIP</i>

Sunday 2nd August, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Elizabeth Clinging Ints</i>
9.30 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
10.30 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Siobhan Fahy RIP</i>
12.00 noon	St Dunstan	Mass in Italian	
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, 5.15pm to 5.45pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF
THE SOULS OF

**James Hagen RIP and
Salvatore Scandone RIP**

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE
SICK especially for those visiting Lourdes
this week.

Fr Rob Writes:

The Ordination of Bishop Stephen

The ordination date of our new bishop, Stephen Wang, has been announced. Very appropriately, he will be ordained in Arundel Cathedral on the Solemnity of St Philip Howard, our diocesan co-patron saint, at noon on Monday, October 19. That will be a ticket-only event but there will be a first opportunity for a few of us to meet him at a mass at Worth Abbey the following Saturday, October 24, at 11.30am. Again, places will be limited to a coachload per deanery. But doubtless he will visit our neck of the woods before too long. Please continue to pray for him as he prepares to become our chief shepherd.

UPCOMING FUNERALS

Requiem Mass for James Gerald Hagan RIP, St Dunstan's Church, 10 am, Thursday 30th July

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

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.

ST DUNSTAN'S FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 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.

ST HUGH'S FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2026/27

Families with children in year 3 or above in September are welcome to join our programme to prepare to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Registration will be open in September; details will be in the newsletter. The course runs from October to June, with monthly classes on Tuesday evenings and celebration of Mass together one Sunday per month. All dates will be published when registration opens. Any questions can be sent to Amy at sthugh.holycommunion@gmail.com

GRANDPARENTS' COFFEE

The next Grandparents' coffee will take place on Monday 27th July after the 10am Mass. All are Welcome.

FILM CLUB

The next Film Club showing, at 2pm on Tuesday, 28th July in the Function Room at St Dunstan's, will be From Time to Time. Premiered in 2009, the film is a fantasy drama, featuring Maggie Smith, Tommothy Spall and Pauline Collins.

FOOD BANK

There will be a Food Bank collection next weekend 1st/2nd August at both Churches. The deadline for donations at St Hugh's is after the 9.30 am Mass on Sunday 2nd. They are in particular need of Cooking Oil, Semi Skimmed Long Life Milk, Shampoo, Long Life Fruit Juice, Washing Up Liquid, Deodorant, Children's Chocolate Bars, Tinned Tomatoes, Toilet Gel & Liquid and Instant Mashed Potato. Thank you for your ongoing support.

GARDENING AT ST HUGH'S

Saturday 1st August 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.

END OF SUMMER FAYRE

Would you be willing to have a Leaders Estate Agent board outside your house advertising our *End of Summer Fayre*? If so, please contact pfc.knaphill@abdiocese.org.uk asap. If we can achieve 50 boards, Leaders will donate £250 to our *End of Summer Fayre* event which is to take place on Saturday 12 September at St Hugh's School from 12 noon - 3.00pm. As always, the monies raised will benefit both the school and the parish. The Fayre was originally planned for June, but due to the very hot weather, it will take place in September.

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

CAFOD DEBT CRISIS PETITION

A huge thank you to all who signed the CAFOD petition a couple of weekends ago. Cafod have contacted us to tell us that our 328 signatures for their debt-crisis petition is the highest number received from a parish so far (out of 124 parishes who have sent in petition forms). Thank you to everyone who has taken part. If you missed our sign-up Sunday for this earlier in the month, you can still sign online at cafod.org.uk/campaign/latest-campaigns.

PUBLIC TALK: FROM THE FRONT LINE TO THE HIGH STREET

The combined talk organised by the Guildford and District Knights of St Columba was very well received by our parishioners and raised £150 to support the efforts of Woking Street Angels.

ST HUGH'S JACKPOT CLUB

The winners of the June Draw were Mary Edmundson (£40.50) and Marie Evans (£20.00). Congratulations to you both! 50% of the subs are given out in prizes and 50% is retained for parish funds; the funds pay for the catechetical programmes, maintenance of our buildings, office costs, communion hosts, cleaning materials etc. If you would like to join the Jackpot Club for £12 per annum per number, please email pfc.knaphill@abdiocese.org.uk.

EASYFUNDRAISING AT ST HUGH'S

Would you like to be part of a growing trend, turning your everyday shopping into free funds for St Hugh's Church? Over 8,000 retailers will make a donation to our parish on your behalf when you shop with them via *easyfundraising*. All the big names like Sainsbury's, M&S, Argos, Just Eat and many more are ready to donate at no extra cost to you. When you go on to raise your first donation, *easyfundraising* will give us a bonus £2 donation: join today via <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/sthughschurchknaphill/25EYUB/s2s/qDlq1vX1/SE894/facebook>

MARY'S MEALS

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

DIOCESAN EVENTS

Young Adults' Retreat Day, Saturday 26 September 2026 10am-6.30pm at 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 visit the Diocesan website events page 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 <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/kjbnthfp>



Recycling Collections at Our Churches and in the Locality

- Unfortunately, the LiveSimply team has had to take away the used pen recycling boxes at both our churches, due to the provider withdrawing the service.
- Used stamps and broken rosaries are still being collected at St Dunstan's; please cut out carefully, with a half inch margin. St Hugh's will re-commence collecting used stamps around Christmas time.
- However, neither church collects old spectacles, as these are widely recycled at opticians – you do not need to be a customer to use their recycling bins (for example, the recycling bin at Specsavers in Woking is in the left hand corner of the window as you enter the shop). Specsavers simply recycle them as plastics, but the reception desk at Woking Hospice receive glasses on behalf of the Lions Club, who send them to people who can use them as spectacles. Opticians also collect used contact lenses and their containers for recycling.
- Empty pill blister packs continue to be collected at Boots in Woking and empty used make up containers (in a separate bin).
- Used make up containers are also collected at Superdrug in Woking.
- White milk bottle tops only are collected at St Hugh's in aid of the Surrey Air Ambulance.
- The Works in Woking has a Barnardo's charity bin to collect unwanted art materials.

Thank you for your co-operation in reducing waste.

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.

JOB VACANCY

Cafe Manager in The Café at Christ Church Woking

Could you be our new café manager? You will be passionate about re-establishing The Café as a key part of the life of Woking town centre, and a central element of the weekly Christ Church outreach. Visit ccwoking.org/job-vacancy for a full job description and details on how to apply. Deadline for applications: **Sunday 16th August**. Shortlisted applicants will be invited for interviews which will take place on Friday 21 & Monday 24 August (please keep these dates free).

LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

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

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

SUNDAY READINGS

1 Kings 3:5-6a,7-12, Psalm 119:57,72,76-77,127-130, Romans 8:28-30, Matthew 13:44-52

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for the St Dunstan's collection for 18th/19th July of £4851.95.

Thank you for the collection at St Hugh's for 18th/19th July of £1192.53.

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.

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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