



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

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday 30th August 2026

As you were...

Well, I don't know about you, but our garden is looking like an outpost of the Sahara at the moment. What used to pass for a lawn, is now bereft of any life, dry and withered. Even the ants have given up. The borders have suffered too, with at least one complete loss, a well established Camellia.

Most of the rest of it is OK, due to daily watering (with a watering can!) just to keep it alive. This summer the weather has certainly been brutal. And amongst the readings for this weekend, in the Psalm, we find: *"For you my flesh is pining, like a dry weary land without water"* (Ps. 63:2) The Word of God is always topical. We've had a little rain, but much more is needed.

Of course at this time of year we also look forward to new beginnings, and continuing the horticultural theme, the first adverts for spring bulbs have appeared. You try digging a hole to plant them though... But what I'm really talking about is the new school year which begins later this week. For many it will be a case of, as I said at the top of this note, 'as you were' in as much as they will be returning to continue their academic journeys in the same place. Others will be just starting out, entering the halls of learning for the first time, and others starting 'big school' with all the challenges and opportunities that brings. Remember also all the staff and teachers at our brilliant schools who give so much, and in the Cycle of Prayer for Autumn the Church encourages us to pray for (amongst other things) our teachers, students and young people and their families.

In the parish, the catechetical programmes all come back to life, and again, it's good to keep in prayer all those who volunteer in our parish to provide that valuable input and spiritual development. And if you are finding that you have a bit of spare time on your hands, why not consider joining them? More volunteers are always welcome and needed. Just contact the office. Pray also for our priests, ever busy!

As we start September refreshed from our summer break, there is always much to look forward to. New opportunities, which must be grasped – we will only pass this way once – and with that may come some trepidation, but fear not, God will be with us. Again, from the Psalm: *"For you have been my strength; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me"* (Ps. 63: 8-9). To all I wish every blessing and success over the year to come. *Deacon Russell Young*

UPCOMING FUNERALS

Requiem Mass for Jim McCahy RIP, St Dunstan's, Thu Sep 3rd, 12noon.

Funeral Service for Diego Dorta RIP, Woking Crematorium, Fri Sep 4th, 1.00 pm.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation - 1st September 2026

Pope Leo's Message for this year's celebration emphasizes the connection between armed conflict and environmental degradation. The theme, "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks" (Isaiah 2:4), calls for a transformation of weapons into tools for agriculture and a renewal of hearts to care for creation. This message reflects the Pope's hope for a world where the energies currently invested in war are redirected toward integral human development and the care of the poor and the safeguarding of creation. Please visit www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages.index.html#messages to read the full message.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF
THE SOULS OF

Olive Lichtblau RIP

(Sister of Mary Branagan),

Ouedraogo N. Leopold RIP and

Sr Marie Françoise R Guidjelibe 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.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

SJB Applications for September 2027 entry into Year 7

The school requires a completed Supplementary Information Form (SIF) for each Catholic applicant. This no longer requires a Priest's signature and should be completed and submitted directly to the school. In addition to this, and with priority being given to children from feeder schools (see the school's admissions policy at www.sjb.surrey.sch.uk/join-us/admissions), those who attend Sunday mass **regularly** and **consistently over time** can apply for a **Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP)** which affects the ranking of applications. Please don't cause embarrassment by applying when you are not fulfilling these criteria. Application for a place in any Catholic school does not depend on obtaining a CCP.

If you and your child attend Mass and you would like to apply for a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) to include with your application, please fill out the following form using the QR code. The form will be available from 1st September.



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 at the time of collection. We will contact you at the beginning of October once your application has been processed.

SJB Applications for September 2028 entry into Year 7

For children who are in Year 5, signing in at Mass will start on the weekend of 3rd/4th October and will run until the end of September 2027. If you would like to register for a signing in sheet please fill out the form via the QR code. The form will be available from 1st September.



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 29th August, The Passion of St John the Baptist, Memorial

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Special Intention</i>
10.00am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Mary and Andy Higgins RIP</i>
3.00 pm	St Dunstan	Ukrainian Liturgy	
6.00pm	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>All Parishioners</i>
6.00 pm	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Maria Yon and Maria Montanary RIP</i>

Sunday 30th August, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Antonio Valentino RIP</i>
9.30 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
10.30 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Mr Jim McCahy RIP</i>
12.00 noon	St Dunstan	Mass in Italian	
5.30 pm	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>For the people of Russia</i>

Monday 31st August, Weekday

10.00am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Steve Hiscocks RIP</i>
10.30 am	St Dunstan	Adoration until 2.00 pm	

Tuesday 1st September, Weekday, Day of prayer for the care of creation

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Rebecca Clarey RIP</i>
10.00 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Bruna Moore RIP</i>

Wednesday 2nd September, Weekday

5.45 pm	St Hugh	Holy Hour	
7.00 pm	St Hugh	Mass	<i>"Twee" RIP</i>

Thursday 3rd September, St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor, Feast

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Juanito Cosimero RIP</i>
12.00 noon	St Dunstan	Requiem Mass for James McCahy RIP	
10.00 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Deceased relations of the Earley family</i>

Friday 4th September, Weekday

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Julie and Ken Haigh RIP</i>
10.00 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Nayla Larkham RIP</i>

Saturday 5th September, Weekday

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Maria McDonough RIP</i>
10.00am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Pawel Jarzabek RIP</i>
3.00 pm	St Dunstan	Ukrainian Liturgy	
6.00 pm	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>All Parishioners</i>
6.00 pm	St Hugh	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>

Sunday 6th September, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Stephen Linney RIP</i>
9.30 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Mrs Ursula Brierley RIP</i>
10.30 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Christina Cahill RIP</i>
12.00 noon	St Dunstan	Mass in Italian	
5.30 pm	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>David and Lila Fletcher, Golden Wedding Anniversary</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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gardening at St Hugh's

THIS Saturday 29th August 9.30am-12 noon. Please bring along your own gardening equipment. All welcome.

Craft Club

The Craft Club will meet on Wednesday 2nd September from 1.30 - 4.00 pm in the function room at St Dunstan's.

Cafod Cake Sale

The next Cafod cakes sale will take place on Sunday 6th September after the 9am Mass.

Grandparents' Coffee (DATE CHANGE)

The next Grandparents' Coffee will now be on Monday 7th September after the 10am Mass at St Dunstan's. All welcome.

End of Summer Fayre at St Hugh's School

Saturday 12th September from 12 noon-3.00pm. All welcome to come and join us and enjoy fun and games for all the family.

Parish Walk from St Dunstan's to St Hugh's

Sunday 13th September starting at 12 noon. See full details further in the newsletter.

Community Garden Open Day

Saturday 19 September from 10.30am-12.30pm. Established by Pope Francis, Tuesday 1st September is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and the beginning of the Season of Creation. Come along and have a look at what the LiveSimply team have created in the garden by the Priest's House at St Dunstan's. Refreshments available.

BAPTISM

Please pray for Avery who will be baptised this weekend. Please pray also for his 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.

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

CHILDREN'S CLUBS

We are pleased to be able to offer places in our fun, faith-filled after-school clubs for the new academic year. Both clubs meet on Fridays during term time, finishing at 5pm, and take place in the Function and Liturgy rooms at St Dunstan's. Children attending St Dunstan's school will be walked over from the school to the church by our volunteer team. If your child(ren) would like to be part of the adventure, please register your interest using the relevant link below. *Please note that places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Children of volunteer helpers will be given priority.*

Wonder Club Storytelling, crafts and activities that help children discover God's love. For children beginning **Reception, Year One** and **Year Two**. Register your interest here: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/4RtpwcMdp9>

Rising Lights Faith, games and discussion to help children grow as disciples of Jesus. For children beginning **Year Four, Year Five** and **Year Six**. Register your interest here: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/wxqQLv0v2M>

FOOD BANK

There will be a Food Bank collection next weekend (5th/6th Sept) 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 long life fruit juice, children's chocolate bars, packets and jars of baby food, tinned custard, fruit squash and small cartons of laundry detergent. Thank you for your ongoing support.

ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH ALTAR SERVER'S TRAINING

If you have made your First Holy Communion and would like to become an Altar Server at St Dunstan's Church there will be two opportunities to attend a training session, either on Saturday 12th September, or Saturday 3rd October at 11am. No need to sign up, meet in the Narthex for a prompt start.

PARISH WALK FROM ST DUNSTAN'S TO ST HUGH'S

When: Sunday 13 September after 10.30am Mass (Leaving approx. 12 noon approx)

Where: From St Dunstan's Church to St Hugh's Church via the Basingstoke Canal.

Return Journey: You may choose to walk back again under your own steam, use public transport (there are buses from Knaphill to Woking approx. every 30 mins), arrange your own transport or request a lift in St Hugh's mini-bus (limited numbers).

How long: The walk takes approx. 2 hours one way at a moderate pace (approx. 4.2 miles).

Finish: St Hugh's Parish Hall for refreshments.

Sign up: Sheets in the narthex in both churches. First Aiders and Marshals needed!

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.

DBS AND SAFEGUARDING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Many thanks to the volunteers that have already contacted us about this. The diocese now require this to be in place for the following roles: Mass Co-Ordinator, Adult Altar Server, Children's Liturgy, Catechist/Leader for Children (where parents are not present), Minister of Communion for people at home, Sacristan. If you are volunteering in this capacity and do not yet have this in place, please contact the parish office as soon as possible and we will help you through the process.

PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING

Tuesday 6th October 7pm for 7.30pm Start

The brutal heat and drought have brought home to many of us that we, in the UK, can no longer assume that our temperate climate will protect us from the worst impact of the climate crisis. In November last year, leading experts addressed over 1,200 MPs, peers, and other leaders in Westminster about the latest climate change evidence and its implications for the UK - covering issues such as extreme weather, food insecurity, increased health problems, increased cost of living, and civil and international unrest. The "People's Emergency Briefing" brings that evidence together into a 50 minute film, featuring commentary from Chris Packham and reactions from Deborah Meaden and a range of voices from across the UK. The LiveSimply team is hosting one of many nationwide screenings of this important film and we invite you to take this opportunity to understand what we are facing. There will be a structured post film discussion about how best to respond to the crisis. We are expecting Anne-Marie Barker - leader of Woking BC and the Environment Portfolio lead for the new West Surrey & Middlesex Council - to attend. Places are limited and we are already receiving enquiries from the general public. Therefore, invite your friends and neighbours and secure your free tickets using the link below.

Where: St Dunstan's Church

Date: Tuesday 6th October

Time: 7pm refreshments for 7.30pm start

Tickets are free from buytickets.at/livesimplywoking/2344440 or scan the QR code below (or speak to the church office, if you are not online)



CAFOD CAMPAIGN CANCEL DEBT CHOOSE HOPE

Last chance to sign at St Hugh's.....Tackle the global debt crisis now - Low-income countries are being pushed into a deepening debt crisis, forced to pay ever higher interest rates to wealthy lenders. Money that should be spent on healthcare and education is flowing out of countries that can least afford it. Governments across the global south have an impossible choice between serving their people or paying their creditors. Every day this continues, millions are suffering the effects. Often, countries have already paid their debts once, but due to extortionate interest rates, they have to pay the original debt many times over. In 2027, the UK will host the G20 - a crucial gathering of the world's 20 most powerful economies. These leaders have the power to fix the global debt system. The UK must act now to help end this crisis. Please sign our petition today after Mass and strengthen our call for greater ambition and action, not just words, from the UK government. Alternatively, sign online at cafod.org.uk/cancelthedebt

PARKING AT ST HUGH'S

Please be considerate to our neighbours and avoid parking on the pavement and blocking drives. Do think about walking or parking in the village car park. Inconsiderate parking prevents the emergency services getting through to someone in need.

FROM THE BISHOPS' CONFERENCE

Ahead of the Second Reading and vote in the House of Commons for the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life Bill) on Friday 11 September, the Communications Directorate of the Bishops' Conference has produced a poster (up in the Narthex) to encourage Catholics to write to their MPs. The poster has a scannable QR code, that is linked to the Oppose Assisted Suicide section on the Bishops' Conference website. That page can also be found at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>. On the page, there are various resources, copies of statements and guidance on writing to your MP. Diocesan Communications Officers are welcome to contact communications@cbcew.org.uk should they require support or assistance.

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

Mental Health Awareness training – Saturday 17 October 10-3pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley – cost £40 (usual price £120)

Thanks to the support of Mental Health England, we are able to offer this "Mental Health Awareness" training. If you have any questions about this training do not hesitate to contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Adviser simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk. To book your place go to the Events page of the Diocesan website [W:www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events](http://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>

The Abbot Stephen Ortiger Memorial Concert is being held on 22 November at 7.15pm at Worth Abbey. Cost £16.50 per person. Net proceeds from this event will be split 50:50 between the Fr Stephen Ortiger Bursary Fund and the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Lourdes Pilgrimage. Composed by Julian Gairdner, an alumnus of Worth School, Abbatial Requiem will be performed by London-based choir Vox Cordis alongside Worthian singers. As Abbot Stephen was so dedicated to supporting the youth of the Diocese through the pilgrimage and his love of Our Lady, aptly, the work unusually incorporates 'Salve Regina'. To book tickets visit tinyurl.com/abbatial-requiem.

LADIES' INTERFAITH COFFEE AT THE LIGHTBOX

Woking People of Faith, warmly invites women of all faiths and none to a friendly and welcoming morning of coffee, conversation, and connection. Join us at **10am on Wednesday 23th September 2026 at The Lightbox, Woking**. There will also be an optional gallery visit from 10.30am. The gallery entry donation will be covered by Woking People of Faith, and guests may purchase their own refreshments. Please register as soon as possible so that we have a clear idea of how many people to expect. To reserve your place, RSVP to hj.addison@virginmedia.com by **Wednesday 9th September 2026**. We look forward to welcoming you!

LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

Services from St Dunstan's Church are streamed by [ChurchServicesTV](#)
Services from St Hugh of Lincoln are streamed on [YouTube](#)

SUNDAY READINGS

Jeremiah 20:7-9, Psalm 63:2-6,8-9, Romans 12:1-2, Matthew 16:21-27

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for the St Dunstan's collection for 22nd/23rd August of £4,546.65.

Thank you for the collection at St Hugh's for 22nd/23rd August of £1,065.90.

Please consider setting up a monthly standing order and sign up for GiftAid which adds a further 25% 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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