



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

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday 13th September 2026

Education Sunday

LEARNING TO LIVE WELL TOGETHER

Which of your teachers left the biggest impression on you? Whether you are 18 or 80, I would bet there is at least one person from your childhood now occupying your thoughts whose face you can see and whose voice you can still hear with absolute clarity, long after the finer details of the lessons they taught have faded from memory. This is the remarkable effect that teachers can have.

Jesus was regularly called 'Teacher' by those he encountered. In today's Gospel he teaches about forgiveness (Matthew 18:21-35).

This weekend marks Education Sunday, an opportunity to celebrate the substantial role the Catholic Church has played in education for over 1,000 years. It is also a chance to reflect on what we are ultimately trying to achieve through education, and to look to Christ as the model we seek to emulate.

The theme of this year's Education Sunday is 'Learning to Live Well Together'. Today's Gospel reminds us that forgiveness is vital for a healthy community. When Peter asks Jesus how many times he should forgive, Jesus responds, "not seven times, but seventy times seven". Peter's generous suggestion of seven times uses the number of perfection and wholeness. By multiplying it, Christ shows the inadequacy of human estimations (even generous ones!) in the context of God's unbounded mercy. He then goes on to illustrate this with a practical example of an employee who is forgiven an unimaginably large debt by his employer but is unable to extend the same mercy to his debtors.

For Jesus, 'paying it forward' is not simply a courteous thing to do but an essential component within the generous economy of God's kingdom. We are forgiven so that we might be people who forgive.

We are fortunate as a parish community to be supported by truly superb schools who take seriously the business of Learning to Live Well Together. At St Hugh of Lincoln Primary School this commitment has recently been recognised through their attainment of the Oscar Romero award, highlighting their dedication to social justice and human dignity. And at SJB, the opening of the new Aquinas Centre, a specialist SEND setting, marks an important step towards promoting greater equity and inclusion for young people whose ability to access an education in mainstream schooling may otherwise be severely compromised.

As we celebrate Education Sunday, we give thanks for all those who dedicate themselves to this work — teachers, school leaders, support staff, parents, governors, catechists and all who help to form the next generation. May we all, in our own different ways, continue to learn the lessons Christ teaches us: to love generously, to forgive freely and, above all, to live well together. *God bless, Teresa*

LOW SENSORY MASS

The next low sensory Masses will take place at 6pm **this Saturday 12th September at St Hugh's** and on **Saturday 19th September at St Dunstan's**. All are welcome. If you usually attend the 6pm Mass, please do come as normal.

UPCOMING FUNERALS

Requiem Mass for Onofrio Schifano RIP at St Dunstan's Church, Thu Oct 1st, 12 noon.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF
THE SOULS OF

Christine Gradwell RIP and
Onofrio Schifano 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

Supplementary Information Forms for SJB are now submitted electronically through a portal on the website using this link <https://sjb.applicaa.com/year72027>. Forms no longer require the signature of a priest. You will need a copy of your child's baptism certificate which you will upload through the portal. In addition to this and to a priority being given for children from feeder schools (see the school's admissions policy on the school website) 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 regularly and you would like to apply for a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) to include with your application, please fill out the following form <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/6p7GJ8Pfjq> or via the QR code.

In order to apply for a CCP you will need to know the date of your child's Baptism (or the date they were Received into the Catholic Church). 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.



If you are applying for another Catholic Secondary School which requires a Priest's Signature on a SIF, you are invited to bring these along to one of two signing sessions: **Friday 9th October from 3.30-5.30 pm** or **Friday 16th October from 6-8pm at St Dunstan's Church**. Please bring your completed SIF(s) along with a copy of the Baptism Certificate (or Certificate of Reception if appropriate).

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 following form <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/NZTURqd10Q> or via the QR code.



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 12th September, Weekday

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>In Thanksgiving, Wedding Anniversary</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	
6.00pm	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>For Vocations</i>
6.00 pm	St Hugh	Low Sensory Mass	<i>Jim Moore RIP</i>

Sunday 13th September, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>All Parishioners</i>
9.30 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
10.30 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Eamon Brophy RIP</i>
12.00 noon	St Dunstan	Mass in Italian	
5.30 pm	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Patrick Hawken RIP</i>

Monday 14th September, Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Feast

10.00am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Sherilynn & Patrick Farrell, Wedding Anniversary</i>
10.30 am	St Dunstan	Adoration until 2.00 pm	

Tuesday 15th September, Our Lady of Sorrows, Memorial

No Masses

Wednesday 16th September, Ss Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs, Memorial

5.45 pm	St Hugh	Holy Hour	
7.00 pm	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Mary Higgins RIP</i>

Thursday 17th September, Weekday

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Start of Term Mass	<i>Tony & Mary Box, 60th Wedding Anniversary</i>
10.00 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>James Doneux RIP</i>

Friday 18th September, Weekday

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Marie & Eric Brumwell RIP</i>
10.00 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Dr James Gunaratnam Samathar RIP</i>

Saturday 19th September, Weekday

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Margaret Fuller & Olivia Fuller</i>
10.00 am	St Hugh	Mass	
3.00 pm	St Dunstan	Ukrainian Liturgy	
6.00 pm	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Steven Buckingham RIP</i>
6.00 pm	St Hugh	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
7.30 pm	St Dunstan	Mass in Portuguese	

Sunday 20th September, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>All Parishioners</i>
9.30 am	St Hugh	Mass	
10.30 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Benedict Wilson RIP</i>
12.00 noon	St Dunstan	Mass in Italian	
5.30 pm	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>John Glover</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 note: There will be no Mass at either church on Tuesday 15th September

BAPTISMS

Please pray for Noah, Jude, Florence, Freddie, Oscar, Sofia, Philippa, Phoebe, Ayla, Mia, Sheena, Mattana and Carsten who will be baptised this weekend. Please pray also for their parents and godparents.

RCIA

Our next RCIA Course (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) begins on 17th September. Adults who have not been baptised, or were baptised into a different Christian tradition or were baptised Catholic but have not been Confirmed may be interested in finding out more about what it means to live your life as a Catholic Christian, growing in faith and relationship with God. During the RCIA course we explore different aspects of faith, sharing with one another our experiences, understanding and questions about our journey of faith. If you would like to join the course and find out more then you are very welcome to come to the first meeting at 7.30pm in the Function Room at St Dunstan's Church on Thursday 17th September. In coming to the meeting, you will not be making any definite commitment to join – just come and see. If you have any questions before then, please contact Mary using rcia.woking@abdiocese.org.uk

CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATE MASS

We are delighted to welcome back our young people who were confirmed before the summer to the **5.30pm Mass at St Dunstan's on Sunday 20th September**, as we celebrate this important milestone with them.

The Mass will be especially special as we also celebrate the Confirmation of two young people who undertook the preparation journey with their peers but were unable to be confirmed at the time. We look forward to celebrating with them all and we pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide and strengthen them in faith.

CONFIRMATION 2026/27

If you are in Year 10 or above and would like to be Confirmed, the registration form is now open until Sunday 4th October, and can be found here: forms.cloud.microsoft/e/6x5SzbLFaY. Please note the application form must be completed by a parent or guardian. This registration form is for parishioners of both St Hugh's and St Dunstan's.

ST DUNSTAN'S FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026/27

If your child is in Year 3 or above and you would like them to make their First Reconciliation and First Communion, you can apply here: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/qZeEYRs6FK> or use the QR code. Please note the closing date for applications is Tuesday 22nd September.



ST HUGH'S FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2026/27

Families with children in year 3 or above are welcome to join our programme to prepare to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

The course runs from October to June, with monthly classes on Tuesday evenings and celebration of Mass together one Sunday per month. To register please follow the link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/iVSqRBvD9J> or scan the QR code. Any questions can be sent to Amy at sthugh.holycommunion@gmail.com



ST DUNSTAN'S BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We're back! If you have a young child do come along for toys, snacks, songs and the chance to chat over a cuppa, on **Thursdays 9.00 to 11.30am** in the Function Room.

ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH ALTAR SERVER 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.

THANK YOU

Muriel McCahy, her daughter Jane Popplewell and all the family wish to thank everyone at St Dunstan's for their kindness and support following the death of her husband Jim McCahy.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all in the parish for making our 50th wedding anniversary such a special celebration last Sunday. We are very blessed to be part of the Church family. *David and Lila.*

BABY LOSS AWARENESS

As October is Baby Loss Awareness Month, we will be holding a Baby Loss Service in the Function Room at St Dunstan's Church on **Wednesday 7th October at 7pm**. If you have been affected by miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss, at any time or in any way, we warmly invite you to join us. This gentle service will offer an opportunity to remember the little lives we have lost, and bring our grief and our hopes before God, supported by the prayer and company of others. All are welcome, whether your loss is recent or many years ago.

ALPHA COURSE

The Alpha Course is an opportunity to explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. The sessions include a short film, small group discussions and a free light meal. There is no pressure, no cost, and no question is off-limits. The next course starts on Monday 28th September 2026 and will take place on Monday evenings from 19.15 until 21.00 in the Function Room at St Dunstan's Church.



Please register using the QR Code. If you are unable to use the QR code, you can contact the Parish Office on woking@abdiocese.org.uk.

END OF SUMMER FAYRE SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER

12 noon-3.00pm at St Hugh's School, GU21

A chance to celebrate, in cooler weather, the end of a very hot summer! We will still have a BBQ for you to enjoy together with something from the bar, as well as the teddy tombola, face painting, the ever popular bottle tombola, hook-a-duck, ball maze game, basketball, and much more. Another great opportunity to come along and meet other members of our school and church communities. Disabled parking available, otherwise limited parking at the school. Please park locally, but please not in Wickes or The Surrey. We look forward to seeing you next Saturday in support of both our parish and parish school - the monies will be divided equally between both.

CAFOD CAKE SALE

There will be a Cafod cake sale at St Dunstan's on Sunday the 13th of September.

THIS SUNDAY: 13 SEPTEMBER

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

This Sunday 13 September after the 10.30am Mass - leaving St Dunstan's approx 12 noon - come and join with other members of our church communities for a gentle, healthy 4 mile walk along the scenic Basingstoke Canal. On arrival at St Hugh's you will be rewarded with a friendly welcome and a slice of cake! Donations on the day are welcome and will be used to support the Overseas Project in Ikutha.

You may choose to walk back again under your own steam, use public transport (there are buses from Knaphill to Woking approx. every 20/30 minutes), arrange your own transport or request a lift in St Hugh's mini-bus (limited numbers). The walk takes approximately 2 hours one way at a moderate pace (approx. 4.2 miles). Just make yourself known to Marion, Mark or John before the start of the walk. Have available your mobile number, email address and details of your ICE (In Case of Emergency) i.e. name and mobile number. Please note: Wear appropriate footwear and clothing and don't forget suncream and hat. You may wish to bring a sandwich/snack to eat after the 10.30am Mass before leaving on the walk at 12 noon. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Buses from Knaphill to Woking run every 20/30 mins on a Sunday (no 91). Marshals will be present to ensure safe guidance along the route. In case of severe weather, we may have to cancel - you will be notified the day before if this is the case

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 5.30 PM MASS

There will be refreshments after the 5.30 pm Mass on Sunday 20th September.

COMMUNITY GARDEN OPEN DAY

All are very welcome to come along to the Open Day next Saturday 19th September from 10.30am-12.30pm. The garden is by the Priest's House at St Dunstan's - have a look at what the LiveSimply team have created in the garden over the last year. Refreshments will be available and team members will be on hand to show you around and answer questions. We look forward to welcoming you!

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. 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. There will be a structured post film discussion about how best to respond to the crisis.

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 (or speak to the church office, if you are not online)



ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR

Appeal for Volunteers for the St Dunstan's Christmas Fair:

We are pleased to announce that our 30th Christmas Fair will be on Saturday 28th November 2026.

As always, we need volunteers to help make it a fun and successful event to help raise money for our charities. So how about volunteering to help: sell raffle tickets before and after Mass from 17th October (30 minutes before and 10 minutes after any weekend mass), sort items donated for the fair (an hour or two mainly on Mondays), set up before the fair on Friday 27th November (an hour between 11am-2pm), help run a stall on 28th November, clear up after the fair on Saturday and/or Sunday evening



To Volunteer please scan QR code below, complete the form <https://bit.ly/StDunstansChristmas2026> or contact Lara: 07466 763 735 laraspereira23@gmail.com

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

The September draw will be held after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday 20 Sept 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 livesimply@st-dunstans.org
For more tips, blogs, resources, and links to local events, visit the livesimplywoking.org or contact our team through the website or at livesimply@st-dunstans.org

CHURCHES FOR KNAPHILL (C4K)

C4K consist of the four main Christian churches in Knaphill (Woodhill CoE Church, Knaphill Baptist Church, Knaphill Methodist Church and St Hugh's), we meet once a term to share ideas and discuss how we can as a united church be God's witness in our community of Knaphill. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 29th September starting at 7.30pm at the Baptist Church where we will discuss, amongst other things Armistice Day Service of Remembrance, Advent and Christmas. We now need someone who will represent St Hugh's at this and future meetings. If you are interested in ecumenical events why not come and join us. Speak to Roger (07501056679, rogandmad.furnell@btinternet.com) for more information.

ABRAHAM: A COURSE FOR SENIORS

"Abraham" is a course for women and men close to or aged 70 or above, which gives the opportunity to think about and plan next steps in later life. Running once a fortnight for 5 sessions, it is for Catholics and other Christians of all denominations. Starts 24 September. For more information, and to book go to <https://www.chemin-neuf.org.uk/abraham/>. For transport to get there call Mark 07981 374117.

DRAMATIZE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Harvest Festival Service on Wednesday 30th September 2026 2pm at Dramatize Community Centre, The Vyne, Broadway, Knaphill GU21 2SP. Everyone welcome.

DIOCESAN EVENTS AND NOTICES

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) is inspecting safeguarding in Arundel & Brighton and would like to hear people's experiences of safeguarding in our Diocese; any information shared with the CSSA will be treated confidentially by one of their expert and experienced team members. To find out more and share your views please visit: abdiocese.org.uk/news/safeguarding-in-the-diocese.

LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

Services from St Dunstan's Church are streamed by ChurchServicesTV

Services from St Hugh of Lincoln are streamed on YouTube

SUNDAY READINGS

Sirach 27:30-28:7; Ps 103:1-4,9-12; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

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 5th/6th September of £4943.20. Thank you for the collection at St Hugh's for 5th/6th September of £1,022.75. 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.

There will be a retiring collection this weekend 12th/13th September for Education Sunday.

There will be a retiring collection next weekend 19th/20th September for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday.

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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