



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

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday 6th September 2026

Doing Love In Truth

In his Letter to the Ephesians, St Paul instructed the community to “speak the truth in love” in order to “grow up in every way ... into Christ.” (Eph 4.15) Pope Benedict XVI, in his brilliant reflection on the 2008 global economic crisis, flipped the word-order in order to make sure we don’t short-change that command: “Only in truth does charity shine forth, only in truth can charity be authentically lived.” (*Caritas In Veritate* n.3) St Paul’s message in this Sunday’s Second Reading (Ro 13.8-10) can’t be reduced to a cheery chorus of “All you need is love.” Authentic love is truth-telling and challenging.

We have just entered the ‘*Season of Creation*’, which runs from September 1 until October 4 (the feast of St Francis). Love of neighbour and of the natural world demands that we tell it how it is. And things are not good when it comes both to the health of the planet and the consequences for the poor, who are always those worst affected by climate change. The many weeks of drought here at home and the recent catastrophic glacier collapse in Nepal are signs of a climate approaching a tipping-point beyond which feedback loops (warming oceans, changing currents, loss of ice-caps, more frequent extreme weather events ...) may have a multiplier effect.

One lesson the global climate emergency is teaching us is that all things connect – and Pope Leo’s message for the *World Day of Prayer for Creation* underlines the interconnection between war-making and environmental degradation: “a vicious cycle, which destroys ecosystems, contaminates essential resources, such as air and water, and undermines food security.”

In this Sunday’s first reading, the prophet Ezekiel understands his calling to be “a watchman for the house of Israel.” (Ezek 33.7-9) People of faith need to take on a similar role today, not just for the house of Israel but for all of life on earth. The German Lutheran theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, murdered by the Nazis in 1945, spoke of “learning to do theology in a world come of age.” We have discovered that we have agency, a capacity to alter the ecosystem for good or ill. If we do not do love in truth, living in a sustainable manner, we can be as kind as we like but shall still destroy our future.

If that sounds scary, then we also need to remember that the future belongs to those who have hope. We need to rediscover delight in Creation and its beauty. That could begin with something as simple as a walk in the country – or next Sunday’s walk along the canal from St Dunstan’s to St Hugh’s, praising God for the beauty all around us and pledging ourselves to cherish it – truly, in love. *Fr. Rob*

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

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 5th September, Weekday**

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Maria McDonough RIP</i>
10.00 am	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>

Monday 7th September, Weekday

10.00am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Jonathan Craig Waller</i>
10.30 am	St Dunstan	Adoration until 2.00 pm	

Tuesday 8th September, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Thomas Harte RIP</i>
10.00 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Farrell (Special Intention)</i>

Wednesday 9th September, Weekday

5.45 pm	St Hugh	Holy Hour	
7.00 pm	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Elizabeth "Bunny" Morgan RIP</i>

Thursday 10th September, Weekday

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Special Intention</i>
10.00 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Paoli Family Intentions</i>

Friday 11th September, Weekday

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Abraham Selvadurai RIP</i>
10.00 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>For those who are chronically ill in our parish</i>
7.30 pm	St Dunstan	Mass in Portuguese	

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	
6.00 pm	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>

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**

Father Rob Writes: Opposing Assisted Suicide A revised private member's Assisted Suicide Bill receives its 'second reading' next Friday (September 11) – at which a first vote will be taken on whether to let the bill proceed for further debate. Concerns relate to parliamentary procedure (Could it be railroaded through using the Parliament Act without approval in the House of Lords?), the consequences for health care (changing the relationship between GPs and their patients, potential pressure on the vulnerable 'not to be a burden') and principle (our firm belief as Catholic Christians in the dignity and worth of human life from conception to natural death). You will find below details of how to contact our MP, Will Forster, if you have not already done so, respectfully setting out your own views. Please use these coming days to reflect on the great gift of life, to pray for our MPs who have to vote on this contentious issue and to show your support for proper provision of palliative care and pain relief for those facing their final illness. (Shockingly, hospices only receive a third of their funding from government.) Woking & Sam Beare Hospice is a jewel in the crown of our town. We should be among its greatest supporters. Visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/> for various resources, copies of statements and guidance on writing to your MP.

UPCOMING FUNERALS

Funeral Service for **Paul Gower RIP**, Tue 8th September, 1pm at Woking Crematorium.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Golden Wedding Celebration David and Lila would like to invite all parishioners for coffee and cake in the function room at St Dunstan's after the 5.30 pm Mass this Sunday 6th September to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Cafod Cake Sale The Cafod cake sale at St Dunstan's on Sunday the 6th of September has been postponed until the following Sunday the 13th of September. Apologies for the short notice.

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

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

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

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 to a priority being given for children from feeder schools (see the school's admissions policy on the SJB 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 and you would like to apply for a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) to include with your application, please fill out the form 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 form using the QR code.



LOW SENSORY MASS

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

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** at St Dunstan's Church 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 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 scan the QR code . 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. Our 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.*

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>

The Wonder Club, for children in Reception, Year One and Year Two is currently full. If you would like a place on the waiting list you can register your interest here: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/4RtpwcMdp9>

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.

COULD YOU BE A CONFIRMATION CATECHIST?

As a parish we are fortunate to have an experienced team of volunteers committed to supporting our dynamic and engaging Confirmation programme. We would love to welcome a couple of additional people to the team to increase our ability to engage with the candidates (we typically have over ninety). You would be able to choose whether you wish to help with either the Sunday or Tuesday evening sessions and would receive all the dates in advance. No previous experience is necessary, just a passion for the faith and a willingness to journey alongside young people! If you think you could help, please contact Teresa: pastoral.woking@abdiocese.org.uk

Confirmation volunteers are required to complete a Volunteer Registration Form, a DBS check through the parish and a safeguarding course, which takes around 60 to 90 minutes and is accessed online.

MARY'S MEALS

The deadline to donate any foreign or UK currency (legal and non-legal both accepted) is this weekend. Take an envelope from the box in the narthex, fill it with currency and return the envelope to the box in the narthex at St Hugh's or the Parish Office at St Dunstan's. Thank you!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AND TODDLER PRAYERS

The teams at both churches look forward to welcoming you back to Children's Liturgy and Toddler Prayers this weekend!

FOOD BANK

There will be a Food Bank collection this weekend (5th/6th Sept) at both Churches. The deadline for donations at St Hugh's is after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 6th. 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.

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP! PARISH WALK FROM ST DUNSTAN'S TO ST HUGH'S

Come and join with other members of our church communities for a gentle, healthy 4 mile walk along the scenic Basingstoke Canal and enjoy some exercise and fresh air in our local environment. Meet other parishioners from both churches along the way, a chance to make new friends and come together as a community. 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, Kenya to reflect our LiveSimply action of Living in Solidarity with the poor.

When: Sun13 Sept after the 10.30am Mass - leaving St Dunstan's approx 12 noon.

Where: From St Dunstan's Church to St Hugh of Lincoln 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 20/30 minutes), arrange your own transport or request a lift in St Hugh's mini-bus (limited numbers).

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

To register: PLEASE sign up THIS WEEKEND 5th/6th September at all Masses. Members of the LiveSimply group will be available after all Masses on this weekend to answer any questions. However, we will not turn you away on the day! 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

LiveSimply Website: www.livesimplywoking.org for tips, blogs, resources and local event links

END OF SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday 12th September from 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.

ST HUGH'S SCHOOL

St Hugh's are delighted to share that they have achieved the Oscar Romero award for the school at 'Participator' Level for putting faith into action. Receiving this award demonstrates that the school promotes social justice through charitable work as well having regard to human dignity and justice in its policies, curriculum and practice This builds on their LiveSimply award and celebrates the pupils work on Catholic Social Teaching.

COMMUNITY GARDEN OPEN DAY

All are very welcome to come along to the Open Day on 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

St Dunstan's Church 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 among others. 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 buytickets.at/livesimplywoking/2344440 or scan the QR code (or speak to the church office, if you are not online)



ENGLISH LANGUAGE CONVERSATION CLASS

Woodhill Church, Chobham Road, Knaphill are offering informal English Language Conversation Classes restarting on Mon 14th Sept, 9.30am to 10.30am. It's for any level of English, and topics are tailored to the individual usually working in ones or twos with a volunteer. Learners can join at any time during the term. See poster in narthex at St Hugh's.

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 at **10am on Wednesday 23rd 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 so that we have a clear idea of how many people to expect by RSVP to hj.addison@virginmedia.com by **Wednesday 9th September 2026**. We look forward to welcoming you!

WOKING IRISH ASSOCIATION

Join us for a dance on Friday 11th September 8 pm at New Haw Social Club, 48 Woodham Lane, Addlestone KT15 3NA. Music by Pat Jordan Band. All welcome. Cash (at the door). Contact Kathy for more info 07835 258559.

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.

LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

Services from St Dunstan's Church are streamed by [ChurchServicesTV](https://www.ChurchServicesTV.com)

Services from St Hugh of Lincoln are streamed on [YouTube](https://www.YouTube.com)

SUNDAY READINGS

Ezekiel 33:7-9, Psalm 95:1-2,6-9, Romans 13:8-10, Matthew 18:15-20

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for the St Dunstan's collection for 29th/30th August of £4,538.60. Thank you for the collection at St Hugh's for 29th/30th August of £1,146.00. 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 next weekend 12th/13th September for Education 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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