



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

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday 18th October 2026

World Mission Sunday



Discerning The Signs Of The Times Today

Do you know your Iranian history? No, me neither. Which is a shame, because a better understanding of one of the oldest civilisations in the world might have avoided the disastrous political and military decisions which led both to the rule of the Ayatollahs and the current closure of the Straits of Hormuz.

We meet perhaps the greatest ancient Persian in this Sunday's first reading (Isa 45.1, 4-6) – King Cyrus II. In the mid-sixth century BC, he overwhelmed Babylon and set about unifying his Empire, the largest the world had yet seen. Rather than simply oppressing the peoples he conquered, he set up provincial administrations using local leaders.

That led to the sending home of Jerusalem's exiles, the rebuilding of its Temple and the renewal of Jewish national life. 'Second Isaiah' (Isa 40-55) responded to that extraordinary moment. It seemed so miraculous. Small wonder that the prophet called Cyrus 'the Lord's Anointed' – or, in Hebrew, 'The Messiah'! He wasn't mistaking the general for Jesus. He didn't call him 'Son of God'. He just realised that God was using this foreign King to bring salvation to his people.

What does that have to say to us today? Well, it shows that deep in our tradition is a recognition that the boundary between good and evil, grace and sin, hope and despair does not lie at the door of the Church. God is always bigger than our understanding of things and the Spirit is always at work beyond our own current faith horizon.

63 years ago, in the wake of the Cuban Missile Crisis, a Doomsday moment as big as the dangers we face today, St John XXIII, who was himself dying of cancer, asked what were the 'Signs of the Times', the indications of the action of the Holy Spirit, in his day. His list might seem surprising. He didn't focus on 'religious' events but pointed to the improvement in the social and economic condition of the working classes, the enhanced status of women, the ending of colonialism and a growing attention to human rights. (Pacem In Terris, nn.39-45)

That was then. This is now. But we still believe that the Spirit – the Lord, the Giver of Life, the Paraclete who is both Comforter and Advocate – is at work, especially in times of crisis. We still believe that we all have a duty to "listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches." (Rev 2.7). Rooting our lives in prayer, we are still called to discern how we can cooperate with the Spirit to bring new hope, a just peace and some healing of our world. So where do you see the Spirit at work today? And how will you respond? *Fr Rob*

MASSES THIS WEEK

Please note that there will be no daily Mass at either church on Monday October 19th, because of the Ordination of Bishop Stephen, or Tuesday October 20th when there is a Deanery Meeting, starting with Mass at 10 am at Frimley.

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 17th October, St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>In thanksgiving for Thanya</i>
10.00am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>For several private intentions</i>
6.00 pm	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Chris Gradwell RIP</i>
6.00 pm	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Jim Moore RIP</i>
7.30 pm	St Dunstan	Mass in Portuguese	

Sunday 18th October, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Mission Sunday

9.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Una Gormley</i>
9.30 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Marie Camplin Intentions</i>
10.30 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Isabelle Le Marchant RIP</i>
12.00 noon	St Dunstan	Mass in Italian	
5.30 pm	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>All Parishioners</i>

Monday 19th October, St Philip Howard, Martyr, Patron of the Diocese, Solemnity

No Masses

10.30	St Dunstan	Rosary and Adoration until 2 pm	
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Tuesday 20th October, Weekday

No Masses

Wednesday 21st October, Weekday

5.45 pm	St Hugh	Holy Hour	
7.00 pm	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Lourdes Carale</i>

Thursday 22nd October, Weekday

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>For parents who have lost a child</i>
10.00 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Luiz Diniz RIP</i>

Friday 23rd October, Weekday

10.00 am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Frances Gahegan RIP</i>
11.30 am	St Dunstan	Requiem Mass for Gloria Rough RIP	

Saturday 24th October, Weekday

10.00 am	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Kevin & Adrian Cassidy RIP</i>
10.00am	St Hugh	Mass	<i>Domenico</i>
3.00 pm	St Dunstan	Ukrainian Liturgy	
6.00pm	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Mrs Teresa Curtin RIP</i>
6.00 pm	St Hugh	Mass	<i>The Intentions of Breda Hathway</i>
7.30 pm	St Dunstan	Mass in Portuguese	

Sunday 25th October, Thirtieth 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>Maria Hong Nguyen RIP</i>
12.00 noon	St Dunstan	Mass in Italian	
5.30 pm	St Dunstan	Mass	<i>Seamus McGovern 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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF
THE SOUL OF
Gloria Rough RIP

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
May she rest in peace.

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

‘One in Christ, united in mission’ Pope Leo XIV

Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope’s charity for world mission – we stand united as God’s global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. The Holy Father has chosen the theme ‘One in Christ, united in mission’ to celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday and encourages us to unite with missionaries as they strive to reach out with God’s love to communities in need. Please pray for the work of mission and give what you can to this vital collection. To donate, use the Missio envelope, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

Many parishioners support MISSIO through having a Red Box in their home. If you have one, please bring it to the church for emptying and leave it with the Parish Office or a Welcomer at Mass. If you would like one, please collect one from the narthex at St Hugh's Church, or ask at the St Dunstan's parish office. Thank you.

ORDINATION OF BISHOP STEPHEN

Fr Stephen Wang will be ordained Bishop on Monday 19th October at Arundel Cathedral so there will be no Mass on Monday morning at either church. There will be Adoration as usual. The Ordination will be streamed at <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/livestream>.

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP-ELECT STEPHEN

Fr Stephen has recorded a short message reflecting on the last few weeks, sharing his experience of a new bishop’s course in Rome, a recent retreat with sisters in the Verbum Dei community on the Isle of Wight, and the significance of the chasuble he will wear on Monday.



You can watch the video using Vimeo at <https://vimeo.com/1235744831/5f46c5a181> (you don’t need the Vimeo App or account) or on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/1YhcB7KL0Y4> or by using the QR code below.

UPCOMING FUNERALS

Requiem Mass for Mrs Maria Gloria Rough RIP at St Dunstan's Church on Friday 23rd October at 11.30 am.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE ST DUNSTAN'S SUNDAY 5.30 pm MASS

There will be refreshments after the Sunday 5.30 pm Mass this weekend, Sunday October 18th.

FILM CLUB

The next SVP Film Club at 2pm on 27th October is *Housewife 49*, released in 2006 and stars Victoria Wood.

ST HUGH'S PARISH OFFICE Change to opening times

There will be a change to the St Hugh's Parish office opening times. The office will now be open on Tuesdays 9.30 -11.30 and on Fridays 9-11. You can also contact the office using either knaphill@abdiocese.org.uk or woking@abdiocese.org.uk or by calling 01483 760652.

KREUPASANAM 1000 BEAD ROSARY

The Parish Marian Group cordially invites everyone to participate in the Kreupasanam 1000 Bead Rosary on Saturday, October 31, 2026. This powerful day of devotion will take place from 11:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. at St Dunstan's Catholic Church, bringing our community together to pray for world peace, harmony within families, and your own personal intentions. To ensure your intentions are included in this spiritual gathering, a petition box has been placed in the church. Parishioners are encouraged to submit their prayer requests ahead of time, as all written intentions will be reverently placed upon the altar on the day of the rosary. Please join us for this rosary event to seek the intercession and grace of Kreupasanam Mama Mary.

#easyfundraising AT ST HUGH'S

Did you know that St Hugh's Church - Knaphill are registered on #easyfundraising? This means you can raise free donations for us when you shop online! Over 8,000 retailers will make a donation on your behalf when you shop. All the big names like Sainsbury's, M&S, Argos and Just Eat are ready to donate at no extra cost to you. Join before midnight 18th October and we could win a £250 donation. Go to easyfundraising.org.uk/ and search for 'St Hugh's Church - Knaphill' under the 'Find a Cause' tab.

ST HUGH'S JACKPOT CLUB

Congratulations to Mary Gilbert and Rob Blud on winning £38.50/£19.00 respectively in the September draw. We currently have 125 members, but would welcome more! After we keep back £10 for our £100 prize on the feast of St Hugh, the remaining sum is divided equally between the parish and monthly prizes. The amount retained for the parish goes towards the general upkeep of our three buildings i.e. church, hall and presbytery. It also covers our utility bills, catechetical courses, candles, altar wine and bread, paper and ink used for the printing of newsletters and much, much more. If you would like to join the Club, please pick up a standing order form found in the narthex or contact pfc.knaphill@abdiocese.org.uk. The more members we have, the more you could win and, of course, you have to be in it to win it!

CAFOD - A BETTER WORLD NEEDS ALL OF US

This Harvest, write your Will online for free with Octopus Legacy.

Making a Will is one of the most important things you can do for the people and causes you care about. With CAFOD's free Will-writing service through Octopus Legacy, you can write your Will online for free, from the comfort of your own home at cafod.org.uk/give/leave-a-gift-in-your-will/free-will-service. By leaving a gift in your Will to CAFOD, you can put your faith into action and help our neighbours around the world overcome poverty and injustice for generations to come. The simple step-by-step process makes it easy to put your wishes in place, helping you provide for your family and friends and also share your blessings with our global family.

ADVERTISE IN THE PARISH MAGAZINE

Did you know that Parish Magazine reaches approximately 1,500 to 2,000 readers with each edition? There is now space available for you to promote your business to our community. It's a wonderful opportunity to reach the Woking Catholic Community, starting from as little as £18! Plus, your advertisement helps the Parish and is tax-deductible! For more information, please email the editor at wokingcatholicmagazine@gmail.com

PARISH MAGAZINE - CHRISTMAS WISHES

We are reviving the tradition of giving parishioners a free chance to share their Christmas wishes in the Advent and Christmas edition of the parish magazine. To participate, please send your Christmas greeting to the magazine's editor via email at wokingcatholicmagazine@gmail.com. The deadline for submissions is Tuesday, 27 October.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH FOR THOSE SPENDING CHRISTMAS ALONE

If you are likely to be on your own this Christmas, you are warmly invited to join us for a relaxed and friendly Christmas Day lunch with others from across the parish and deanery. This gathering is especially for anyone who may be spending the day alone and would appreciate company, conversation, and a shared festive meal.



Date: 25 December 2026



Time: Arrival from 12.30pm for a 1.15pm start



Venue: St Dunstan's Catholic Primary School, Woking, GU22 7AX

Places are limited, so if you would like to come, please let us know by completing the sign-up form which will be available in the Narthex at St Dunstan's and at St Hugh's from the weekend of 17th October 2026. We would be delighted to welcome you.

SHINE BRIGHT! JOIN OUR 'ALL SAINTS' LIGHT PARTY

Looking for a fun, faith-filled alternative to Halloween?

Families are warmly invited to our parish Light Party on Saturday 31st October from 3.30pm to 5.30pm in the function room at St Dunstan's. We will celebrate Jesus as the Light of the World and honour the Saints with an evening of glow-in-the-dark games, stained-glass crafts, and a "Saintly" feast!

- Dress code: Come dressed as your favourite Saint, an angel, or simply wear your brightest clothes! (No scary costumes, please)
- Who: Open to all children aged 4 to 10 and their families. Please note, children must be supervised by an adult at all times.
- RSVP: To help us cater for food, glow sticks and activities it would be helpful if you could register your intention to attend by completing this form: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/9G6qNjtN67>.
- Cost: a donation of £2 per child will help us to cover the cost of resources. This can be given in cash on the door.

ST HUGH'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR SATURDAY 21st NOVEMBER - 11.00am-2.00pm

Thank you to the parishioner who kindly covered the cost of the 1st prize in the Grand Draw and the printing of the Grand Draw tickets - we are very grateful to you and thank you for your generosity. As we start our preparations for the Bazaar, can you help with any of the following?

We would love to hear from employees who work for major employers in the UK who offer match funding schemes where they match money raised by employees to registered charities (you just have to be part of a team running a stall!). Contact your HR department and ask if they operate Matched Giving or check your company's internal intranet/CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) portal. If you can help, please contact woking@abdiocese.org.uk asap.

A box will be in the narthex from Saturday 24 October to receive donations of bottles for the tombola, unwanted Christmas/birthday gifts, unused toiletries, fancy goods, jewellery, new/very good nearly new children's toys, wrapped sweets, party packs of Haribo. Please NO foodstuffs, household, electrical equipment, clothing. Cakes will be very welcome on the day. We would particularly welcome Lindt Lindor chocolates for a particular game.

Grand Draw tickets will be on sale from 24 October at £5 a book. If you can help run a stall or are available the night before from 7.00pm to help set up, please contact pfc.knaphill@abdiocese.org.uk. As always, we are very grateful for your support.

A Message from Alice Boyles: As last year I plan to make chutney for the cake stall. I would be grateful for donations of small jars. Please place them in the tray provided in St Hugh's narthex. Thank you.

ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sat 28 November 2026, 12pm - 2.30pm

Including a GRAND DRAW with 1st Prize £500, 2nd Prize £200, 3rd Prize £75

Tickets on sale this week

We need helpers to sell tickets. Please help at the Mass you regularly attend!

Stalls: We will need lots of gifts to fill our stalls, so please get sorting. We need Bottles, Books, Gifts, Nearly New Toys, Computer Games, unwanted Christmas and birthday gifts, and also on the day lots of homemade jams and chutneys, Cakes for our very popular CAKE Stall. Please use the boxes in the Narthex for your donations! But PLEASE... NO USED kitchen or household items, clothes or food. Please contact: Lara: 07466763735 / laraspereira23@gmail.com. Thank you.

LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

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

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

SUNDAY READINGS

Isaiah 45:1,-6; Ps 96:1-5,6-10; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21.



Seed, Plant and Produce Swap this Weekend

The next seed, plant, and produce swap is taking place THIS weekend at all Masses at both St Dunstan's and St Hugh's churches and will be the last one until early next year!

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 LiveSimply 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 again in February and thank you for your support over the last nine months.

Overseas Project Jackpot Club - Ikutha, Kenya

The October draw will be held after the 6:00pm Mass on Saturday 17th October

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 at livesimply@st-dunstans.org

Suite 109 Costumes

Dressing up costumes can generate a large amount of waste, particularly through the purchase of cheaply made, often plastic or single wear, outfits that quickly fall apart. Halloween is notorious for this and we would encourage you to attend Christian celebrations instead, such as our All Saints Light party on Saturday 31 October from 3.30pm-5.30pm in the function room at St Dunstan's (see separate item in the newsletter). Whatever the style of costume you seek, repurposing what you already own or can source in charity shops can be a satisfying and cheaper alternative to purchasing a ready-made costume. However, if that does not appeal, consider "Suite 109 Costumes" in Byfleet About - Suite 109. This shop sells new and second hand fancy dress outfits and accessories, as well as dance costumes, theatre, and vintage wear. 100% of the funds raised by the shop goes to Peterson's Fund For Children. This local charity supports young people with severe disabilities by funding therapy, equipment, and respite care not provided by the NHS. The shop is a great option for costumes for shows and theatre productions, as well as fancy dress parties.

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.org

WINTERSHALL NATIVITY - 15th - 20th DECEMBER

Attendees can discover the true meaning of Christmas with an unforgettable immersive event for all the family. They stand with the shepherds, walk with Mary, Joseph and the donkey, journey with Roman soldiers and enter the stable to watch the miracle unfold. Book tickets at <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/event/the-nativity-journey/>

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for the St Dunstan's collection last week of £4,774.10. Thank you for the collection at St Hugh's last week of £1037.35. Thank you for £1,221.55 for CAFOD from St Dunstan's and for £381.50 from St Hugh's. Thank you also for donations of £462.05 for PACT at St Dunstan's and £103.13 at St Hugh's. There will be retiring collection this weekend for Missio and envelopes are available in both churches.

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's 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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