



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

# NEWS

from

# ST. DUNSTAN'S

## SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH

### MOTHERING SUNDAY

#### READINGS

Exodus 2.1-10  
Psalm 34.11-20  
2 Corinthians 1.3-7  
John 19.25b-27



#### COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

God of love,  
passionate and strong  
tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us  
all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

7pm LIGHT AS MANY CANDLES OF HOPE  
in your windows across our Parish as  
you can. We are not alone!

#### MOTHERING SUNDAY

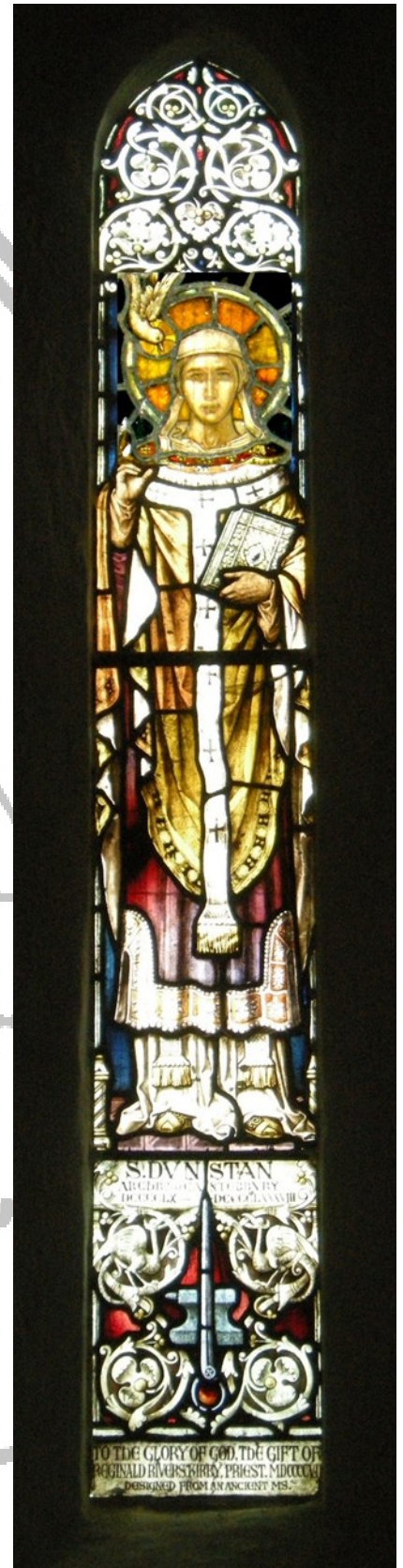
is associated with The Feast of the Annunciation which is celebrated on 25 March each year. It marks the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary, during which he told her that she would be the mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. More importantly, since it occurs 9 months before the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day, the Annunciation marks the actual incarnation of Jesus Christ - the moment that Jesus was conceived and that the Son of God became the son of the Virgin.

For further information on the history of Mothering Sunday, please see the link below:

[https://www.chichester.anglican.org/glitter\\_news/2020/03/03/history-mothering-sunday-and-resources-your-church/](https://www.chichester.anglican.org/glitter_news/2020/03/03/history-mothering-sunday-and-resources-your-church/)

### PLEASE NOTE:

- \* The Church is **open every** day from 9am to 5pm. Please sanitise your hands as you enter.
- \* You are welcome to **light a candle** and/or write a prayer on the nave altar noticeboard.
- \* There are **no** services on Sundays until further notice.
- \* Every **Wednesday at 10am** Fr Nigel will celebrate the Eucharist by himself and say prayers for all our Parish family and friends.
- \* Please check our **Church website** [www.stdunstansmayfield.org.uk](http://www.stdunstansmayfield.org.uk) for all the latest information or contact the Vicarage on 01435 873180.



For the Church of England link for daily morning, evening and night prayer please click here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

*It is hoped that, in due course, we will be able to give links to live streaming of services, sermons, etc.*

## DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

- MONDAY:** The **SCAFFOLDING** comes down from the south aisle. Hooray!  
4.30pm **BETSY DIXON** will be received into St Dunstan's.  
NB From 5pm – 9.30pm parishioners and friends can pop into Church anytime to say prayers or light a candle...
- TUESDAY:** 1pm **PRIVATE FUNERAL** for Betsy at T Wells (Memorial Service to be celebrated later in the year at St Dunstan's)
- WEDNESDAY:** 10am Fr Nigel will say a special 'ANNUNCIATION' MASS by himself.  
Please let us know any special prayers for people we know...
- FRIDAY:** 2pm **PRIVATE FUNERAL** for Brian Martin, followed by Interment (Memorial Service to be celebrated later in the year)

'THE CHURCH IS CHANGING' the full announcement from Archbishops Justin Welby and John Sentamu can be found by clicking on the link below:


<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/news/archbishops-call-church-england-become-radically-different-public-worship>

Light a candle of hope  
at 7pm this Sunday:  
A national call to prayer

In the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic, Presidents of CTE are calling all churches to a National Day of Prayer & Action on Sunday 22nd March



[cte.org.uk/calltoprayer](http://cte.org.uk/calltoprayer)

**MONDAY TOTS**   
cancelled until further notice.

Please let us know if you are self-isolating so that we can pray for you and help you in any way we can. Do keep in touch by telephone or e-mail; or ring the Parish Office (873484) or e-mail [stdunstan@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:stdunstan@tiscali.co.uk)

Please call one another on the telephone, and stay in contact online, so that we can support and bring succour to each other. A member of the clergy will always be available in an emergency, please ring: 07787 355090 or 07484 764181. Fr Nigel & Deacon Di

Despite the cancellation of the **LENTEN LUNCHES**

at **LONDON HOUSE**

Collections will still take place for :

**Family Support Work**  
**Friends of the Holy Land**  
**MAYFACS**



To avoid the charities being deprived of much-needed funds a **Lenten Charity Fund has been set up** with the aim of sharing equally money raised between the three charities. If you wish to support them, please make a transfer to Mayfield PCC, Freewill Offering account number 082775402, sort code 55-70-13, under Reference "Lent Charities" or send a cheque to the Parish Office. If you can gift aid, please do so by completing a gift aid form (separate attachment) and returning it as requested. The PCC will make an additional equivalent donation to the charities of the tax relief recovered by the PCC.

**Please do help if you can. Thank you.**

**PARISH GIVING SCHEME (PGS)** Following the launch of Our Church, Our Challenge, Our Choice, Lionel Robinson, our Parish Giving Officer, has taken delivery of fresh batch of forms which are now available on the bookstall by the library at the back of church. Please do contact him should you wish to increase your giving or indeed, set up a new direct debit. Tel: 01435 872268 or email [lrobinson246@btinternet.com](mailto:lrobinson246@btinternet.com) **Thank you.**

**THE FLOWER GUILD** is going ahead in decorating St Dunstan's for all who come to say their prayers **over the Easter period**. Thank you to Sheila Humphreys and her team! The **EASTER LILIES** will cost **£3.50** this year. Please put **CHEQUE DONATIONS ONLY (payable to St Dunstan's Church Flower Guild)** through either The Vicarage Door or The Parish Office letterbox – together with the names of the person to be remembered – **by 1<sup>st</sup> April latest**. **THANK YOU.**



**MAYFACS HELPLINE: 01435 873888**

**MAYFIELD AND FIVE ASHES NEWSLETTER** can be accessed via [www.mayfieldfiveashes.org.uk](http://www.mayfieldfiveashes.org.uk) The next edition (April) will feature local shops and businesses who are offering home deliveries.

**THE COTTAGE HOSPICE** was closed at the end of last week until further notice. Patients and staff have transferred to their Pembury site.

Although our **LENTEN HOUSE GROUPS** (along with pastoral and communion visits to homes) are also suspended, please keep up your reading for this week of Chapter 4 'The Light' and if you have any thoughts or questions, please be in touch with your hosts.

**MOTHERING SUNDAY** There will be many who won't be celebrating in quite the way they anticipated but herewith **A PRAYER OF HOPE.....**



Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you;  
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.  
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;  
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.

Your warmth gives life to the dead,  
your touch makes sinners righteous.

Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;  
in your love and tenderness remake us.

In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness,  
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.

*Anselm (1109)*

## Prayer Corner

- ◆ For all our Mums and Grandmas and all who care for us in our homes; our families and children back from school.
- ◆ For 'Mother Church', especially our Cathedral and Parish, and for Mary, the mother of our Lord praying for each of us.
- ◆ For our village communities, especially our local shops and businesses worried about their loss of earnings.
- ◆ For all our local medical, social and caring agencies and any who are lonely or afraid. For any we know who are sick, especially Peter Davie.
- ◆ For the souls of the recently departed, especially Betsy Dixon and Brian Martin.
- ◆ For our faith and trust in the Lord of all Creation and our Lenten journey which will lead us to the promise of Easter.