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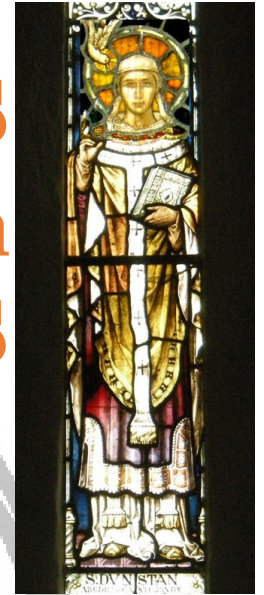
NEWS

from

ST. DUNSTAN'S

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

HOLY CROSS SUNDAY



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10.15am Said Eucharist—
with Fr Christopher Channer

12 noon Baptism—with Deacon Di

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the Cottage Hospice with
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READINGS:

Numbers 21: 4-9
Philippians 2: 6-11
John 3: 13-17



COLLECT:

Almighty God,
who in the passion of your blessed
Son made an instrument of painful
death to be for us the means of life
and peace:
grant us so to glory in the cross of
Christ that we may gladly suffer for
his sake;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Faithful God,
whose Son bore our sins in his body
on the tree
and gave us this sacrament to show
forth his death until he comes:
give us grace to glory in the cross of
our Lord Jesus Christ,
for he is our salvation, our life and
our hope,
who reigns as Lord, now and for
ever. Amen.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

No doubt you have all heard the one about Christmas holly crosses for sale with a sign over the top saying "Choose your own cross" which is exactly what you can't do in life of course.

The entire New Testament was written round the cross and for Paul especially the Gospel was the word of the cross (Philippians 2 v8). It was absolutely central. Its light was dazzling and overwhelming for on the road to Damascus he had seen the vision of God's redeeming love.

This sign, this Holy Cross, was chosen as our Christian symbol, our badge; for it is the centre of our faith and when suffering comes to us, as it will in some form or another, we know that "Immanuel" (God with us) is there alongside us in our pain and fear. Di

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

We think of students preparing to further their education at universities and colleges ...

Dear God,
we pray for our young people,
growing up in an unsteady and confusing world.
Show them that your ways give more life
than the ways of the world,
and that following You is better
than chasing after selfish goals.
Help them to take failure,
not as a measure of their worth,
but as a chance for a new start.
Give them strength to hold their faith in You,
and keep alive their joy in Your creation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal Church, USA

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Giving thanks for: visiting clergy, Deacon Di, our Churchwardens and PCC, Nicky in the Office, and all those working hard to keep things going during the vacancy

For all known to us who are sick in body, mind or spirit.

For the recently departed: Neil Kempson (Caretaker, Mayfield CEP School)

For those whose anniversaries fall at this time: John Owen, Fiona Howroyd, Donald Penty, Auriol Mawson

DIARY

Wednesday 16th: 10am Service of the Word with Deacon Di

Sunday 20th: 10.15am Said Eucharist in St Dunstan's—we welcome celebrant, Rev Canon Nigel Mason, Rector of the Benefice of Rotherfield and Mark Cross

ALL TOGETHER HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE 10.15am Sunday 27th September

We would like you to help us, please, with the organisation of our All Together Harvest Festival Service. The screen will be used to show Harvest pictures drawn and coloured by you - not just the children but adults as well. The pictures can show aspects of Harvest. eg. fruits, corn, wheat, farming, tractors, fields, fishermen harvesting the sea, etc. plus other ideas you may have. All will be most welcome.



The pictures should be on A4 paper and be colourful please. If possible can you then take a photo of them and send to stdunstansmayfield@gmail.com If you are unable to do this please take your pictures to The Parish Office or to The Old Granary, South Street. To be submitted by **Monday 21st September**.

Many thanks for your help and hope to see you at the Harvest Service on 27th September.

Pam Mather



How Can I help?

FSW IS OUR HARVEST CHARITY THIS YEAR

We would be most grateful for your donations of **tinned fruit/veg, tea, coffee, tinned tuna, tinned meat (eg curry, chilli con carne), cook-in sauces, deodorant, soap, cleaning products**. Please no pasta, rice or baked beans which are already in plentiful supply. Please bring donations to church on a Wednesday or Sunday and place in the boxes provided. The items will be distributed amongst families in Sussex. Alternatively, if you would wish to support a family by making a **monetary donation** to FSW, you can do so by:

- Placing a donation in the plate in church on September 27th or
- Sending a donation to FSW at Garton House, 22 Stanford Avenue, Brighton, BN1 6AA or
- Making a bank transfer to Chichester Diocesan Association for Family Support Work: Sort code 20-12-75 Account number 40257133 or
- Going to <https://www.familysupportwork.org/> and clicking on the Donate button
- Setting up a standing order by completing a form which will be available in church and sending it to FSW by mail or e mail.

Please gift aid donations if you can by completing a gift aid declaration, forms available in church or from the Parish Office

stdunstan@tiscali.co.uk

We are delighted to announce our return to holding services in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd in the Cottage Hospice in Five Ashes. We continue to pray for the Five Ashes community, the Hospice staff, volunteers and their patients and families.



Please come and join us for our next

VILLAGE WORKING PARTY

on

Saturday, 26th September

10am – 12 noon

All age groups welcome and please come well equipped.



CHURCHWARDENS' BULLETIN

From Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, C of E Recovery Group: "I welcome confirmation from the Prime Minister that places of worship can still hold more than six people in total, despite the new restrictions on gatherings, and the reassurance that public worship can continue. We will continue to work with the Government on specific areas relating to our churches and church-based activities."

Bats in the belfry? Thank you to those who helped with the bat emerging survey on Thursday evening and especially to the Bat Conservation Trust and their volunteer, Val. Not one bat emerged from the belfry!



The **disabled toilet** in London House is now open during Services.

We are still seeking someone to fill the all important role of **Health and Safety Officer**. The required documentation is in place and all that is needed is someone to ensure the necessary standards are maintained. **Please contact Jo for further information.**

THE ELECTORAL ROLL 2020

The revision of the Electoral Roll 2020, delayed from April, will now take place from **September 1st to September 17th**.

If you would like to be included in the Electoral Roll, please email the Parish Office at stdunstan@tiscali.co.uk giving your name, address, telephone number and email address, **no later than September 17th**.

If your details haven't changed this year and you are already on the Roll, no further action is necessary.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

This will take place on **Thursday 1st October at 7pm**. This year there are 2 vacancies for the PCC; and 4 for Rotherfield Deanery Synod – all of whom would also serve on our PCC. Please think and pray about this commitment to the local and wider Church. Nomination forms available at the back of church and on the Parish Website. **Further details will follow in due course.**

USEFUL CONTACTS:

Tel: 873484 or e-mail stdunstan@tiscali.co.uk for the Parish Office. **PLEASE BE IN TOUCH IF YOU WOULD LIKE NAMES ADDED TO OUR PRAYER LIST.**

www.stdunstansmayfield.org.uk for further information from the church.

MAYFACS Helpline: 01435 873888