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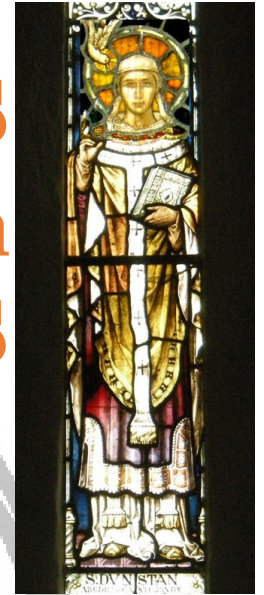
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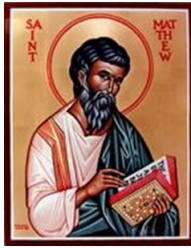
ST. DUNSTAN'S

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

ST MATTHEW



<p>SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 10.15am Said Eucharist— with Rev Canon Nigel Mason, Rector of the Benefice of Rotherfield and Mark Cross</p> <p>READINGS: Proverbs 3: 13-18 2 Corinthians 4: 1-6 Matthew 9: 9-13</p>	<p>COLLECT: O Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax-collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.</p>	<p>POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongue of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;</p>
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PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

Matthew worked for a sort of privatised Inland Revenue; it was generally assumed he had 'sold his soul.' He was held in contempt by 'decent people'. And here is Jesus sharing a meal with him! (Matt 9: 9-13) Meals feature large in Jesus' life, supremely of course is his 'Last Supper' which we 'remember or commemorate' when we regularly meet together.

Would we leave Matthew out of our gathering?

Jesus' mission, as all the gospels tell us, was to preach and practice a new way of being, thinking and acting, which he called the Kingdom. It wasn't based on rules of membership but a vision of a radically inclusive community.

"The point of the Kingdom is that we should reach out to each other in compassion; the rest of theology is packaging."

Revd. Dr. Colin Morris

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

As we remember the call of Saint Matthew, we think of all since those first disciples who have responded to Christ's call to be His followers.

We praise and thank you, Holy Spirit of God, for the men and women You have called to be saints; from your first fallible, frightened friends who followed You to Jerusalem, through the centuries of discovery and growth, people of every race, class and temperament down to the present day.

We praise you, Holy Spirit, for calling us to serve You now, for baptising us to represent You in this broken world.

Help us to be Christ's united body to heal and reconcile; help us to share Christ's life with everyone. Amen.

A New Zealand Prayer Book

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: Joy Sell, Christian Martin, Celia Fairbourn, Patricia Macdonald

DIARY

- Tuesday 22nd:** 7.30pm – PCC Meeting—St Dunstan's
- Wednesday 23rd:** 10am Service of the Word with Deacon Di
12noon – Interment of Ashes
- Saturday 26th:** 10am-12noon – Churchyard Working Party
- Sunday 27th:** 10.15am 'All Together' Harvest Festival in St Dunstan's—we welcome celebrant, Fr Christopher Channer
12noon - Said Eucharist at The Cottage Hospice with Fr Christopher Channer

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 all 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	cleaning products		soap

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.

Alternatively, if you would wish to support a Sussex 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

CHURCHWARDENS' BULLETIN

We were delighted to be able to worship in the Cottage Hospice for the first time since lockdown. Everyone managed to play their part to make sure it remains Covid-free.

Another first will be to hold our PCC meeting in the church on Tuesday 22nd at 7:30pm.

We keep all our children, families and teachers in our prayers as they resume 'normal' schooling.

We should also remember and pray for those in many parts of the country where they are finding things harder and where shielding is becoming more common again.

Sheila & Jo

Should you have snippets of news/photos etc. that you would like included in the Enews, please do send them to: julia.lawrence10@btinternet.com and if there's space, they will be included.

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.**



Please come and join us for our next **VILLAGE WORKING PARTY**



10am – 12 noon Saturday 26th September

All age groups welcome! Please come well equipped.



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