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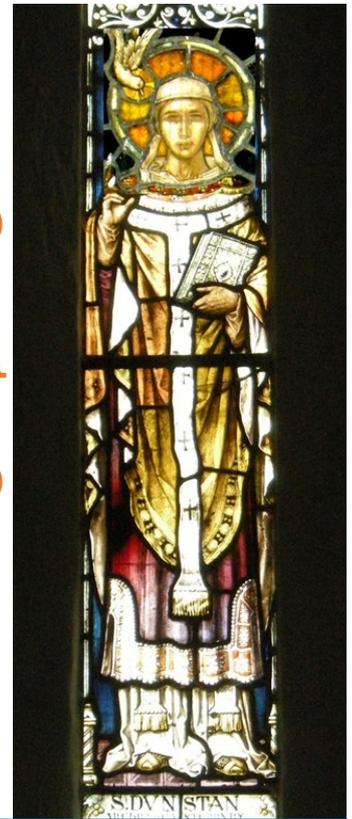
MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

NEWS from

ST. DUNSTAN'S

SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



8am and 10.15am services cancelled due to second lockdown restrictions - see over for online service links

READINGS:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

COLLECT:

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the king of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of

the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

Our Gospel story is the famous story of bridesmaids on the way to the wedding; five of whom skimped their preparations. In their tradition there was no set time for the bridegroom to arrive, it was often at night when they were to escort him to the bride. You know the rest, they dozed off and half of them hadn't even kept the oil level

topped up in their lamps.

Jesus is urging us to stay vigilant and prepared. It's all very well to be thinking of stocking up for another 'lockdown' or even (dare we hope) a traditional Christmas. We are being told to keep our stocks up in **Prayer, Listening and Loving**, so that we are ready whenever Our Lord needs us. **We need to be prepared**

The famous Professor Moule was quoted as saying: **"Where ought I to be to receive the next pass?"**

Di

A Prayer for Remembrance Sunday

Lord, as we remember with sadness the horror of war, help us to work for a better understanding between races and nations.

Open our eyes to see our own part in discord and aggression between people now; forgive us our pride and divisions, and renew in us the search for peace, so that trust may replace suspicion, friendship replace fear, and your spirit of reconciliation be known among us.

Amen

Angela Ashwin



Chichester Cathedral will be streaming a **Remembrance Sunday Service** which can be [watched here](#) (open link). Sadly the 10.15am Wednesday Service on 11th November, when the roles of honour were to be read, has had to be cancelled.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

Robert Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)

A PSALM AND A PRAYER FOR THESE COVID TIMES

A passage from Psalm 42:4-7

Now when I think on these things, I pour out my soul:
how I went with the multitude
and led the procession to the house of God,
With the voice of praise and thanksgiving,
among those who kept holy day.
Why are you so full of heaviness, O my Soul,
and why are you so disquieted within me?
O put your trust in God;
for I will yet give him thanks,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

A Prayer

Loving God,
Bless us all, particularly now.
Particularly when we are comforting others
Particularly when we are offering hope
Particularly when people are isolated
Particularly when we feel overwhelmed ourselves
Particularly when we are afraid.
Help us to remember that you are right here, now, in
the midst of us
Calling us by name.
Amen.

SHOPPING ONLINE

With the second lockdown upon us, it is likely that many more of us will resort to shopping on line. Thank you to those who already use Easyfunding or Amazon Smile when making internet purchases with 'The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of Mayfield' as their chosen charity. It all helps the PCC whose funds are significantly down because of the situation we face this year. Simply sign in and choose the charity if you would like to help at absolutely no cost to you.



EACH WEEK
Margaret Neve
posts activities
for our younger
members.

Please see the Church
website:

www.stdunstansmayfield.org.uk

CHRISTMAS WILL BE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR

but we're very much hoping that
the church will be open for:

6pm December 20: Carol Service 1
6pm December 22: Carol Service 2
10.30pm December 24: Midnight
Eucharist
10.15am December 25: Christmas Day
Eucharist

With the congregation limited to 75
(because of social distancing), we will be
ticketing the services so that you are
assured of a seat and to prevent queues.



Monday 2nd to Friday 13th November:

Advance Booking for church members
(especially those unable to use the
internet) by calling the office on 873484.

From Sunday 15th November: **General
Booking through www.Eventbrite.co.uk**
(search 'St. Dunstan's Mayfield'). The
tickets are free but you will be encouraged
to donate to help with the costs of running
our beautiful church. Hopefully, there will
be oodles of wonderful music, traditional
readings and liturgy to help us all share
together in the wonder of Christmas.
Despite strictly no singing out loud from
the congregation, the Choir will be in good
voice. Come and let your heart sing!

CHURCHWARDENS' BULLETIN

• **The office** will continue to work as normal during this next lockdown. To keep everybody safe, visitors will not be admitted. Please phone with any enquiries: 01435 873484.

• **Services will be suspended** until 6 December (sadly that includes the Advent Carol service).

• **The church will be open** for private silent prayer each **Sunday and Wednesday from 10-12noon**.

For your safety, please only one person at a time.

• Should you know of anyone who would like a **friendly chat**, or indeed if you yourself would like a phone call, please contact Maggie Holliday on 01435873822, Denise Packham on 01892523704 or Karen Mac on 01435872607.

• Please look at the **Enews** for any updates.

• **Please note there are 3 pages of Enews this week!**

Jo & Sheila

A COMMENT ON THE TIMES ...

What world do we live in now? Thanks to my grand parents and parents a free world. Able to speak out against oppression, travel freely, but all change on the latter with this pandemic. I am a post war baby (just). I have lived through three coups and being held up at gun point but nothing like now. But what I do have is family and faith. So even now I hope we can all look forward to the wonderful festival to come of the birth of the Christ.

Jo

SUNDAY OPTIONS for those choosing to stay at home:

For BBC Radio 4 Sunday Services (and lots more):
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qnds>

For BBC 1 Services: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000h05p/episodes/player>

C of E Services: <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>

For those unable to access online
church services:



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

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

For all who are missing their usual opportunities to gather together socially.

For those who are suffering financial hardship because of Covid-19.

For those who are anxious or fearful about the future.

For all those who grieve the loss of loved ones.

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

For those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Dorothy Beeney and Joan King

AND FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WIDER WORLD

For our Queen and for her ministers as they lead our nation.

For all national leaders, that they will be guided by a Godly wisdom rather than a selfish gain.

For scientists as they seek a coronavirus vaccine.

For the peoples of the United States as they ponder the results of the presidential election.

All who work to alleviate poverty, hunger and disease .



ST DUNSTAN'S FESTIVE BAKE AND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

As we cannot hold our Annual Christmas Market this year, and we still need to raise some funds for the upkeep of the Church, the Social Committee has decided to hold a Festive Bake and Christmas Raffle (and our thanks to those of you who have already bought some tickets).

This will be held on **Saturday 12th December from 10am until 12noon** (subject, obviously, to the raising of this next lockdown) and will be outside the Church so that all the social distancing and Covid regulations can be adhered to.

If you are able to make any Christmas cakes, puddings, 'everyday' cakes, preserves, chutneys etc etc then the Committee would be extremely grateful to receive them. Please give Nicky in the Parish Office a ring if you would like to drop your donations in to her (as the office is closed to all visitors but items can be handed over at a very safe distance) or leave them at the back of Church after a Service when we reopen. They will then be collected by a member of the Social Committee. Please bring any perishables to the stall on the morning of the sale.

The draw for the Raffle will take place on **Sunday 13th December after the 10.15am Service**. The prizes are a Luxury Christmas Hamper, Christmas Drinks Hamper and the traditional Harrods Teddy - so well worth winning!

Thank you, as always, for your support.



THANK YOU to those who have offered help with cleaning. **THE BIG CLEAN** of the church in readiness for Christmas scheduled for 18th November is postponed and will now hopefully take place on **Wednesday 9th December at 10.30am**. Are you able to help? Socially distanced and all the usual Covid precautions. Please contact **Emma Ryder- Richardson** on 01892 783423 or emma@ryder-richardson.co.uk Updates to follow.

DIARY

Sunday 15th at 10.15am:
ST DUNSTAN'S ONLINE SERVICE
with Bishop Nicholas Reade
via Youtube



#PrayerfortheNation

Across the world, Covid-19 has brought much sadness to many.

'On the brink of this second lockdown we might understandably feel helpless, anxious and vulnerable.' says the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, '... we do what we can to halt the spread of this virus – but we can still feel powerless. Is there anything else we can do? Really do?

Yes. Yes there is. We can pray. Prayer is my first response when I feel out of my depth, when I need help, when I am worried, when I am concerned for those I love... Prayer changes things.'

Every day for the next 4 weeks, there is a nationwide initiative to pause and pray at 6pm for those impacted by the pandemic. You can set an alarm, light a candle or use a light on your mobile phone as a prompt to pray. For further information:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches/call-prayer-nation>

