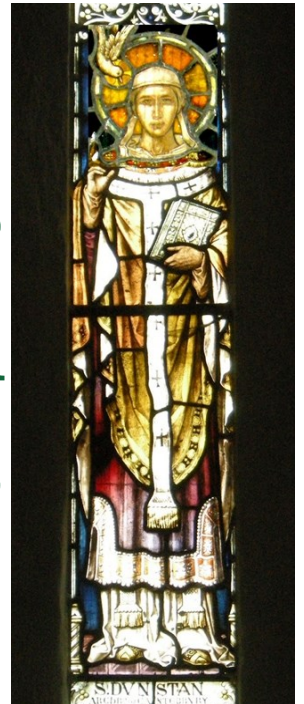




THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

NEWS from ST. DUNSTAN'S SUNDAY 9 MAY EASTER 6



SUNDAY SERVICES

10.15am 10.15am Parish Eucharist with Fr Christopher Channer (to be live-streamed)**

12noon Said Eucharist at the Cottage Hospice with Canon Nigel Mason

READINGS:

Acts 10:44-48
John 15:9-17



COLLECT

God our redeemer,
You have delivered us from the power of darkness
And brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
Grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
So by his continual presence in us he may raise us
To eternal joy;
Through Jesus Christ your Son our

Lord,
Who is alive and reigns with you,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

In our Gospel reading (John 15: 9-17), as Jesus continues in his farewell talk to his disciples, he wants us to understand that we are treated as his friends, not as servants. We don't earn his love by 'clocking up' points; we are freely loved and forgiven already. But it

also means that we are to love one another in the same way. Of course, it isn't easy sometimes, some may be a bit difficult to love, **perhaps we are ourselves!!** An even bigger thought: we are more like **friends and colleagues with the God of Creation**, which is a heady prospect and quite a responsibility. **Di**

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Ascended Christ,
we worship You;
Christ, be present with us now,
we ask for Your Spirit to make us brave in following Your way.
Reign as King in our hearts, and, in the foolishness of the divine love, make us wiser than the ambitions and power-games of the world.
Amen. *Angela Ashwin*

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Giving thanks: for Deacon Di, visiting clergy, our Churchwardens and PCC, Nicky in the Office, and all those working hard in so many different ways to keep things going during the vacancy
For the recruitment process for a new incumbent
For the forthcoming APCM and for nominees to be forthcoming for the important positions to be filled
For the courage to make the most of every opportunity to share our faith with others through words and deeds
Giving thanks for the gradual easing of lockdown restrictions, but mindful of those whose jobs are at risk, education disrupted
For all known to us who are sick in body, mind or spirit: Pam Mather, Alf Thompson; and Jennie Boxall. and **for all those who mourn the loss of loved ones.**
For those whose anniversaries fall this week: Kathleen Woodyatt, Timothy Maskell, Faith Cox

AND FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WIDER WORLD

For our Government and all national leaders that they be guided by a Godly wisdom
For peace and reconciliation in areas of conflict
For parts of the world continuing to be affected by Covid—particularly at this time for the situation in India; for equitable distribution of Covid vaccines
For all those leading the way in environmental issues
For all who work to alleviate poverty, hunger and disease



THIS WEEK'S DIARY

- Tues 11th:** Deadline for applications for Electoral Roll
Wed 12th: 10.00am – ASCENSION DAY Said Eucharist with Fr David Milnes
Sun 16th 10.15am ST DUNSTAN'S DAY—PARISH EUCHARIST with Bishop Nicholas Reade to be 'live-streamed' (see below)**

CHURCH OPENING HOURS

The church is now open for services and private prayer on **Wednesdays and Sundays until 6pm.** Please wear a mask, use the sanitizer provided, and follow social distancing regulations. Thank you.

**Link for Live-streaming of Services/Zoom Coffee

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82110568906?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82110568906?pwd=TDJ3MU85L2dmTmZaU28va2JYM3dMUT09)

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or enter the ID 82110568906, passcode: 506133

Or tel: 0203 4815240 Meeting Code 82110568906 followed by #; Participant Code #; and Passcode 506133 followed by #
During services please remember to place yourself on 'mute' to avoid distraction to others. Thank you.

Those at home might like to download the Orders of Service from the church website—select Church Life/Services/Service Sheet

****ZOOM COFFEE—SUNDAYS at 11.15am—whether you are at church or watching at home, there will still be an opportunity to meet for coffee afterwards! Just click on the church Zoom link. (To run independently of the church service.)**



If you would like to apply to join the 2021 ELECTORAL ROLL, could you please contact our Electoral Roll Officer, Mrs Sue Marshall – tel 01825 830820; email sue.s.marshall@btinternet.com
All applications need to be received by 11th May 2021 latest. Any amendments received after this date won't be included for this year. If you are already on the Electoral Roll there is no need to take any action. Thank you.

CARETAKERS required by Mayfield & Five Ashes Primary Schools. Mon-Fri 7-9am. If you're interested, or know anyone who might be, please contact Alison Morgan on office@thewealdfederation.org

Sunday Club

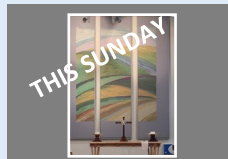
Please see the Church website for further details of the weekly activities posted for our younger

Jesus encourages the disciples to keep his commandments and, above all, to love one another as he loved them. He says that those who do this are his friends and he emphasises that this is his choice rather than theirs but what does 'loving one another after the example of Jesus' mean in practice?

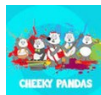
Gospel reading: John 15: 9-17

My Commandment, that you Love ONE ANOTHER as I have Loved You.

Jesus, our friend, you have shown us how to love others. May we live in ways that are loving: to family, to friends and to those who we meet. Amen.



FOR CARTOON FUN, PLEASE CLICK HERE



This week: 'The Birthday Gift'

The APCM will be upon us very soon: 6pm Tuesday 25th May via zoom.

You do not need to join by zoom it can be done by telephone. More details on this nearer the time.

Both Sheila and I are not seeking re-election as **Churchwardens** so we will be looking for 2 people to replace us.

Have you ever thought that this is something you might like to do? If you have, then please have a word with either myself or Sheila. There are two things that you must have: one is be on the electoral roll and two be a communicant. Election forms will be available at the back of church soon or go to our church web site and you will find the downloadable forms under 'resources'. The completed form for election of churchwarden has to be given to Sheila before the start of the meeting. More details on churchwarden can be found [Documents - Being a Churchwarden - Diocese of Chichester \(anglican.org\)](#)

Also stepping down from the PCC is Chris, our **Secretary**, along with David Robson. That will leave two places for ordinary members to be filled. The PCC meets about 6 times a year. The secretary takes the minutes of the PCC meetings and is the point of contact for the Diocese. Talk to either Chris or Jo if you would like to fine out more or go to [Documents - Being a PCC Secretary - Diocese of Chichester \(anglican.org\)](#)

It would be good to have all these places filled before we have our new priest—the next round of interviews are due to take place in July.



TWIN MY VACCINE

At a time when many of us have received our 2nd Covid jab – free through the NHS - here is an opportunity of donating

the cost (£4-£30) to UNICEF who aim to vaccinate 2 BILLION people by the end of this year. To find out more about a Somerset vicar and his wife who have set up their own initiative: [BBC News Twin My Vaccine story](#) and a direct link for donations: [Twin My Vaccine Just Giving](#)



FSW OPEN GARDEN
1.30-5.30pm SUNDAY 30 MAY
WARREN HOUSE,
ERIDGE GREEN TN3 9JR

This is arranged by the churches in Rotherfield Deanery - that includes us! COVID secure with pre booking of timed entry required:

www.familysupportwork.org/warrenhouse

PLEASE DO COME!

DONATE

Cashless Giving—Our Card Reader

Sadly our card reader is broken and may take some time to replace.

Meanwhile, please use the QR code with your mobile, the Donate Button (also on the Parish web site) or make a bank transfer to Mayfield PCC, 55-70-13, 08277540. Thank you.



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Website: www.stdunstansmayfield.org.uk Please be in touch if you would like names added to our prayer list.