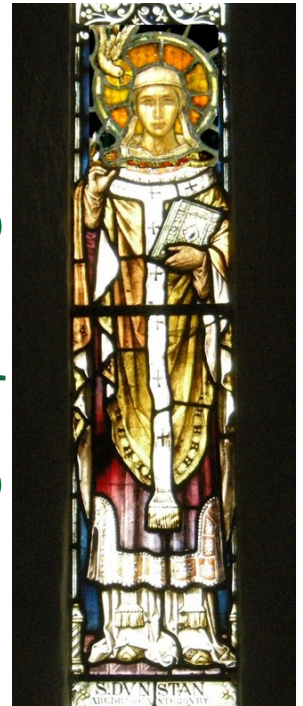




THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

NEWS from ST. DUNSTAN'S SUNDAY 25 APRIL EASTER 4



SUNDAY SERVICES

10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST
with Bishop Martin Warner - to
be 'live-streamed' (see over)**
12noon SAID EUCHARIST with
Revd Sandi Wickens—
Cottage Hospice

READINGS:

Acts 4: 5-12
John 10: 11-18



COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the
resurrection and the life;
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life
of righteousness,
that we may seek those things
which are above,
where he reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to
be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down
his life and rise again:
keep us always under his
protection,
and give us grace to following in
his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

In today's Gospel (**vv 14&15**) Jesus tells that we are known and cared for personally. It's as if God calls us by name, saying "**Tom, Dick or Harry, it's good to be with you.**" We come to realize that our God isn't remote and awe-inspiring as much as intimate and homely. Like Mary

Magdalene in the Easter Garden, we are identified by name and know that we are loved, needed and affirmed. Jesus fulfils the prophets and the psalms as the real, authentic leader of God's people, in contrast to those who are only out for themselves (**v 13**).

We proclaim Jesus as Lord but what kind of Lord? Di

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

St George's Day (23rd April)

Heavenly Father,
Give us the bravery of St George to
stand up for what we believe.
Give us the strength to overcome
the dragons in our lives and in the
world. And where we see people in
distress, give us the compassion to
help them. Amen *John Richardson*



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 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

For the recently departed: Rachael Ward and Marilyn Jordan; and all those who mourn the loss of loved ones

For those whose anniversaries fall this week: Margaret Higgins, Robert Naylor, Jessie Rich, Veronica Doe, Esme Walters, Suzanne Sturdee, Emily Ashdown

AND FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WIDER WORLD

For our Queen and the Royal Family as they mourn the loss of Prince Philip

For our Government and all national leaders that they be guided by a Godly wisdom; for **peace and reconciliation** in areas of conflict

For scientists particularly those working on 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

- Mon 26th:** Office closed
3.30pm—Interment of Ashes in the Churchyard
- Wed 28th:** 10.00am – Said Eucharist with Fr David Milnes
3.00pm—Interment in the Churchyard
- Sun 2nd:** 10.15am Parish Eucharist with Fr David Milnes**

ADVANCE NOTICE:
APCM—6pm Tuesday 25th May via Zoom

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. (This session will be independent of the church service.)



My beloved spoke, and said to me:

“Rise up, my love, my fair one,
And come away.
For lo, the winter is past,
The rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth;
The time of singing has come,
And the voice of the turtledove
Is heard in our land.
The fig tree puts forth her green figs,
And the vines with the tender grapes
Give a good smell.
Rise up, my love, my fair one,
And come away!”

Song of Solomon 2:10-13



*Springtime
in the Churchyard*

We are very pleased to announce that services have resumed at the **CHAPEL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD** in **FIVE ASHES**. These will be held at **12 noon on the 2nd and 4th Sundays** of each month.



LAST SATURDAY our tenor bell was tolled 99 times prior to the funeral of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, as part of the tribute by church bell towers across the country. The bell was half-muffled, meaning that the sound was sonorous on alternative strikes. Our thanks to Graham, and indeed to Tony W, for helping to temporarily replace the rope, which along with the others has been removed whilst the structural work in the Tower continues.

APPLICATION TO JOIN THE ELECTORAL ROLL

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 – and she will be able to help you. **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.



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!

Sunday Club

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

for our younger members.

Lord Jesus, Sometimes life can be exciting. Sometimes life can be boring or lonely. Lord, whatever is in store for us this week, keep us close to you and ready to help others, whenever we can. Amen.



FOR CARTOON FUN, PLEASE CLICK HERE
This week: 'The Silent Disco'



LEWES PRIORY: Our Great Medieval Monastery—looking back 900 years—new insights All are welcome to four evening symposia – 7.30- 9pm Online on Zoom (free of charge)
April registration.

- Tues 4 May** WHAT DID THE CLUNIACS EVER DO FOR US?
Fri 7 May THE DESTRUCTION AND REDISCOVERY OF THE PRIORY
Tues 11 May CARING FOR A HERITAGE SITE INTO THE FUTURE
Fri 14 May WHAT THE LATEST RESEARCH IS TELLING US
- Full programme: enquiries@lewespriory.org.uk

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