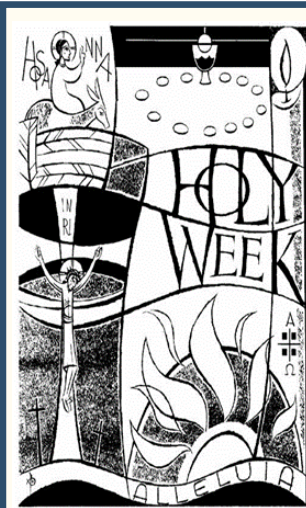




THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

# NEWS from ST. DUNSTAN'S HOLY WEEK/EASTER to SUNDAY 11 APRIL



### MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30pm 'Passover' Parish Eucharist and Watch of Prayer until 10pm  
with Bishop Nicholas Reade

### GOOD FRIDAY

3.00pm Our Parish Liturgy of the Day and Celebration of the Cross\*\*  
with Bishop Nicholas Reade

### EASTER EVE

7.30pm Easter Evening Vigil  
with Bishop Nicholas Reade

### EASTER DAY (pre-booked only)\*\*

10.15am Festival Parish Eucharist  
with Fr David Milnes

### WEDNESDAY 7 APRIL

10.00am Said Eucharist with Fr David Milnes

\*\* to be live-streamed (see over)

### EASTER SUNDAY

10.15am FESTIVAL EUCHARIST  
with Fr David Milnes - to be 'live-streamed' (see over)

### READINGS:

Acts 10: 34-43  
1 Corinthians 15: 1-11  
John 20: 1-18



### COLLECT

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen

### POST COMMUNION

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

**Easter Sunday—The Resurrection Morning—a morning of surprises**

But hadn't Jesus been doing and saying surprising things throughout his life and ministry? From his birth onwards the record of the Gospels is one of surprising events and actions. C.S. Lewis wrote "**Surprised by Joy**" and Gerard Hughes wrote "**God of Surprises**". The latter has a pertinent point for us after our sad and turbulent year. He points out how the people to whom Christ appears after his resurrection are all

in a negative mood...terrified, sad, distraught and disillusioned.

You might expect Easter, like Christmas, to be a difficult time for people who have suffered pain or loss. But Easter is somehow different; its story of passion, death and resurrection actually means more to people who have suffered. Hughes suggests that the answer is in the pain which reveals to us our spiritual poverty and need of God. If we can be still in our poverty, Christ will show himself to us in his glory.

**May the God of Surprises fill us all with true Joy.**

**Di**

**SUNDAY 11 APRIL (Easter 2)**  
**10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST**  
**with Fr Christopher Channer\*\***  
 - to be 'live-streamed' (see below)

**READINGS:**  
**Acts 4: 32-25**  
**John 20: 19-31**



**COLLECT**  
 Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**POST COMMUNION**  
 Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**PAUSE FOR THOUGHT—EASTER 2**

Eastertide is the period of fifty days from Easter Day until Pentecost Sunday. The Sunday after Easter Day, is commonly called “**Low Sunday**” in contrast to the “**High**” feast of the former. In church circles it’s often sadly named because of the expected low attendance numbers. In our reading from **Acts 4** we are shown how Our Lord’s

resurrection affected that first Christian community. We find them united in a common purpose, without in-house arguments, and free of possessiveness. They are still excited and amazed by the Resurrection and are conscious of the risen Jesus living among them in person. The Risen Jesus walks into any gathering, in any age, even those who have locked themselves in. **John 20 v19 Di**

**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 reopening of our church, praying that the congregation will keep safe

**For the recruitment process for a new incumbent:** as the interview date fast approaches, we pray for the discernment of God’s will for our parish and for wisdom for those on the interviewing panel

**For the courage** to make the most of every opportunity to share our faith with others through words and deeds—particularly at this Eastertide

**For those who are anxious or fearful** about the future particularly those whose jobs are at risk; for the safe re-opening of local businesses

**For a cautious return to mixing socially,** giving thanks for the efficient roll out of the Covid vaccine

**For all known to us who are sick in body, mind or spirit:** Pam Mather , Alf Thompson

**For the recently departed:** Donald Cameron, and all who grieve

**For those whose anniversaries fall this week:** Peter Davie, Richard Tite, John Dixon, Margaret Hand Bowman, Michael Allum, Stawell Heard

**A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

O Christ, Your cross speaks both to us and to our world.  
 In Your dying for us You accepted the pain and hurt of the whole of creation. The arms of Your cross stretch out across the broken world in reconciliation.  
 You have made peace with us.  
 Help us to make peace with You by sharing in Your reconciling work.  
 Amen. *Ali Newell*



**\*\*ZOOM COFFEE—SUNDAYS 11.15am**  
 Please click on the Church Zoom link—to run independently of the church service.



**\*\*Link for Live-streaming of Services**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82110568906?pwd=TDJ3MU85L2dmTmZaU28va2JYM3dMUT09>  
 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

**DIARY**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup>: 2.30pm – Private Service of Thanksgiving for Donald Cameron**  
**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>: 7.30pm – PCC Meeting via Zoom**  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>: 10.00am – Morning Prayer with Deacon Di Blackden**

**ADVANCE NOTICE:**  
**APCM—Tuesday 25th May via Zoom**

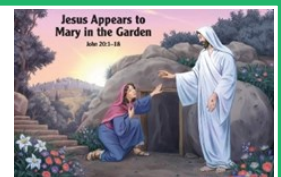
**APPLICATION TO JOIN THE ELECTORAL ROLL**

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](mailto:sue.s.marshall@btinternet.com) – and she will be able to help you. All applications need to be received by **11<sup>th</sup> 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.



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

*The Lord is Risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia Alleluia*



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST DUNSTAN'S



**PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL MONDAY 12 APRIL. NEW OFFICE HOURS will be MON, WED, FRI from 9am—12noon (emails/phone calls only).**

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**PLEASE BE IN TOUCH IF YOU WOULD LIKE NAMES ADDED TO OUR PRAYER LIST.**