

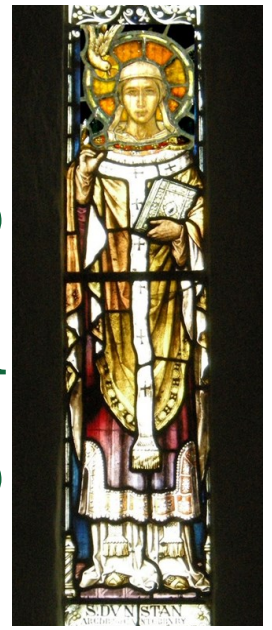


THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

# NEWS from

# ST. DUNSTAN'S SUNDAY 15 AUGUST



## Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST with Revd Dr Steven Underdown

READINGS:  
Isaiah 61: 10-11  
Psalm 45: 11-18  
Galatians 4: 4-7  
Luke 1: 46-55



COLLECT  
Almighty God,  
Who looked upon

the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
And chose her to be the mother of your only Son:  
Grant that we who are redeemed by his blood  
May share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;  
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 most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:  
We thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption  
You visit us with your Holy Spirit  
And overshadow us by your power;  
Strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience  
And so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**PAUSE FOR THOUGHT** (Luke 1:46-55)  
The Gospel of John places Mary at the foot of the cross beside 'the beloved disciple' and according to Luke, she was among the disciples gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem after Jesus' Ascension. She was in effect the

first and perfect pattern of discipleship; she is thus honoured among the saints. In the darkness of faith she offered her consent to the mysterious plan of God; and in the light of grace she responded with her extraordinary song of praise and thanksgiving. **Di**

### A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O God, the stars above shine with all your glory  
And the flowers below glow with colour.  
But why all the fighting,  
The wars, the anger?  
I just want to paint your joy ...  
To paint the shade of green on each blade of grass,  
Or the silkiness of hair on the cat's back.  
Please shine your light in my path. **Amen**

Gemma McKean (aged 12)

### PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Giving thanks** for Deacon Di and visiting clergy, Churchwardens and PCC, Nicky in the Office, and all those working hard to keep things going during the vacancy  
**For our schools, teachers, parents and children** at this holiday time; thinking particularly of students receiving and waiting exam results  
**For the courage** to make the most of every opportunity to share our faith with others through words and deeds  
**For wise decisions** as we come out of lockdown; **for healing** for those continuing to be affected by Covid. We pray for those whose jobs are at risk  
**For all known to us who are sick in body, mind or spirit:** Alf Thompson, Pam Mather  
**For the recently departed:** Robert Nichols; and **all who mourn the loss of loved ones**  
**For those whose anniversaries fall this at this time:** Spencer Humphrey, Ronald Adam, Ann Masson, David Smith

### 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 all victims of intolerance** and those oppressed by others  
**For parts of the world continuing to be adversely affected by Covid;** for all who lack proper healthcare, good nutrition and adequate supplies of clean water  
**For all who work to alleviate poverty, hunger and disease**  
**For an urgent and determined global response to the climate emergency**

## THIS WEEK'S DIARY

**Fri 13th:** Parish Office closed  
**Sat 14th:** 10-12noon Churchyard working party  
**Tues 17th:** 7.45pm Bell-ringing practice  
**Wed 18th:** 10am Said Eucharist with Fr David Milnes  
**Thurs 19th:** 2pm Funeral of Robert Nichols—St Dunstan's  
**Sun 22nd:** 10.15am Parish Eucharist with Fr David Milnes  
 12 noon Said Eucharist in The Cottage Hospice with Revd Sandi Wickens

PLEASE NOTE: the PARISH OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESS is now:

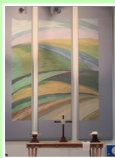
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Website: [www.stdunstansmayfield.org.uk](http://www.stdunstansmayfield.org.uk) PLEASE DO BE IN TOUCH IF YOU WOULD LIKE NAMES ADDED TO OUR PRAYER LIST.

A SAID EUCHARIST takes place at the CHAPEL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD at the COTTAGE HOSPICE in FIVE ASHES at 12 noon on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

NEXT SERVICE: 22nd August



THANK YOU to Margaret Neve for hosting Sunday morning Zoom Coffee Sessions in recent weeks. These have now been discontinued owing to increasing numbers attending church services.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA: Julia will be updating the rota and would welcome some new volunteers. Please email [julia.lawrence10@btinternet.com](mailto:julia.lawrence10@btinternet.com)

**Sunday Club**

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



FEAST OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
 GOSPEL READING: LUKE 1: 46-55

We are very fortunate to have a labyrinth in our churchyard—it is a place of peace and tranquillity. Herewith a suggestion on how to use it for your prayers: Lay down your burdens as you walk to the centre of the labyrinth. In the centre, pause to thank God for taking your burdens on himself (1 Peter 5:7). Then count your blessings and give thanks on the journey to the exit.



## VILLAGE CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

10am – 12 noon  
 Saturday 14 August  
 (Revised date)



All age groups welcome! Please bring your own tools. Coffee provided!



'BIG PICNIC' fun as approximately 60 youngsters together with their parents/carers dodged rain showers and attended the event at Court Meadow on Thursday 5th August. Thank you to Freya from MAYFACS and Karen from St Dunstan's for organising; and to all those who attended.

CHURCH OPENING HOURS: Daily 9am to 5pm



## ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY in aid of THE FRIENDS OF ST DUNSTAN'S PARISH CHURCH

Claytons Farmhouse, Newick Lane  
 - postponed last Sunday because of inclement weather!



REVISED DATE:  
 Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September

by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Richard Nabavi

## THE PRAYER OF THE TURTLE

O God, let me be free of this weighty shell upon my back.  
 When I'm swimming freely in the cool dark water



It is a great discomfort to be weighed down  
 By this, this piece of bone.

But if I didn't have a shell ... I wouldn't be a turtle!  
 Amen

(Lois Smith (aged 13 years))

## CASHLESS GIVING

A new temporary Card Reader can be found on the table adjacent to the main door of the church—please feel free to give it a go!

Alternatively, giving to St Dunstan's is made easy by using the QR code with your mobile, or the Donate Button (also on



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the Parish web site), or making a bank transfer to Mayfield PCC, 55-70-13, 08277540. Thank you.



DID YOU HEAR ST DUNSTAN'S BELLS mysteriously tolling last Monday afternoon?

The mystery is solved ..... new ropes were being installed. The works were paid for by

an anonymous donor. THANK YOU on behalf of us all.