



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

NEWS from ST. DUNSTAN'S

SUNDAY 20 AUGUST

TRINITY II



10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST

Setting: *Mass of St Thomas*

Sunday Club

READINGS:

Romans 11: 1-2, 29-32

Matthew 15: 21-28

COLLECT

God of the nations, to your table all are invited



and in your family no one is a stranger. Satisfy the hunger of those gathered in this house of prayer, and mercifully extend to all the peoples on earth the joy of salvation and faith. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

POST COMMUNION

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CHURCH PRAYER DIARY

- Friday 18th:** Mayfield School for girls
- Saturday 19th:** Vanessa and our bell ringers
- Sunday 20th:** All who own businesses within the parish, including our famers
- Monday 21st:** Nina Sanderson and the Flower Guild
- Tuesday 22nd:** Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish Councillors
- Wednesday 23rd:** Holy Dusters
- Thursday 24th:** St Thomas' RC Church and congregation
- Friday 25th:** Our work with children and young people, especially Sunday Club



PRAY ALSO ...

- For the courage** to make the most of every opportunity to share our faith with others through words and deeds
- For church growth** in numbers, spiritual commitment and in service to our community
- For Ukrainian peoples** living in Mayfield & Five Ashes
- For those struggling** because of cost of living increases
- For our local schools, teachers and pupils; for those receiving examination results.**
- For all known to us who are sick; for those awaiting hospital appointments/surgery; for the NHS/all carers**
- For the recently departed** Darren Izzard, Juliana Pollington, and all who mourn the loss of loved ones
- For those whose anniversaries fall at this time:** Tony Humphrey

OUR PRAYERS FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD

- For our Government, Prime Minister and national institutions** in the many challenges facing us
- For our King and Queen** and all members of the Royal family
- For all national leaders** that they be guided by a Godly wisdom in their decision-making
- For peace and reconciliation** in all areas of conflict—particularly at this time for Ukraine, Yemen, Niger
- For safe refuge** for the displaced and homeless
- For all victims of intolerance,** persecution and oppression
- For compassion and wisdom** in dealing with migrants
- For healthcare services both in this country and throughout the world; for aid agencies** and all who work, both here and abroad, to alleviate poverty, hunger and disease. For adequate supplies of clean water for all
- For those affected by excessive heat and wildfires** in Europe and USA; **for an urgent and determined global response to climate change, pollution and loss of biodiversity**

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER FOR SUNDAY ...

We are asked to pray for The Church of England and General Synod representatives—we pray for the unity of God's people

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace; Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly, union and concord: that as there is but one Body and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Fri 18th: 5pm **CHOIR** sing **EVENSONG** Westminster Abbey
Sat 19th: 3pm **WEDDING** of Carl Davenport and Carolina Mandich
Sun 20th: 10.15am **PARISH EUCHARIST**
Tues 22nd: 5.30pm **PCC BBQ**—Vicarage
Wed 23rd: 10am **SAID EUCHARIST** in the Lady Chapel
Thurs 24th: 2pm or 7pm **AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR READERS and THOSE LEADING OUR PRAYERS** to become more acquainted with our new **PA SYSTEM** to enable clearer presentation
Fri 25th: 2.30pm **FUNERAL** of Darren Izzard
Sun 27th: 10.15am **PARISH EUCHARIST**
 12noon **SAID EUCHARIST** – Cottage Hospice

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Meet in London House from 10am and the children will join the Service in Church as the 'Peace' is being shared.

THIS WEEK WE EXPLORE THE VOICES OF THE MARGINALISED OR EXCLUDED.

Sorry God, for the time when we don't include people.
 Help us to see people as you do. Amen.



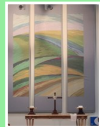
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ACCOMMODATION NEEDED 1st-5th May 2024

Do you have a spare room and would you be willing to offer hospitality to a competitor (or two) at next year's Tunbridge Wells Music Competition? This can be a wonderful experience offering insight into the world of young musicians starting their careers. Please contact Nicky Moreton hosts@twimc.org.uk

SAID EUCHARIST COTTAGE HOSPICE FIVE ASHES:

12noon on 27 August and 10&24 September



SATURDAY PICNICKERS
 12.30-2.30
 each week in London House
 Tel Valerie 873253



MUSIC IN ST DUNSTAN'S 7.30pm Saturday 30 September

CONCERT with DAME EMMA KIRKBY singing works by Handel, Dowland and Bach -reuniting with Jack Gonzalez-Harding and other period instrumentalists

Watch this space for further details.

Our **CARD READER** by the church door has been a great success. Its use has risen over time both on special occasions and at the end of our services. The amount given can be manually inserted before making a payment, but most payments are for the amount which is preset - currently £5. After almost 4 years it seems we must think of increasing the preset amount to encourage giving more in line with increasing church costs. I hope therefore you will understand why that very soon the preset will be £7 (this amount can still be changed). **Thank you** for your support - to all who use the card reader and indeed, to all those who give so generously in other ways. *Robin Holliday, Treasurer*



LOOKING FORWARD TO THE AUTUMN...

There will be a **CONFIRMATION SERVICE** for Deanery candidates in St Dunstan's – with Bishop Martin presiding - **at 7.30pm on Friday 20 October**. Fr Michael will be running Confirmation classes starting soon for any member of our churches who wishes to be confirmed. If you have been confirmed but would like to join the classes to refresh your learning in our faith then please, in either case, have a word with him.



On **Wednesdays 4th, 11th and 18th October** we will be running **HOPE EXPLORED** evenings. These informal and relaxed sessions, starting with a hot meal at 6.30pm, are for anyone who wants to find hope, peace and purpose in life. (Sandwiches will be available for those unable to make 6.30pm.) Please start to think about whether you would like to attend. Sign-up lists will appear in church in September. Watch this space for further details.

HOPE|EXPLORED



"GOING FOR GOLD"!

St. Dunstan's has signed up to be an **ECO-CHURCH**, along with many churches in this area. It's an initiative and award scheme run by A Rocha UK, aiding and equipping churches to care for God's creation through their:

WORSHIP & TEACHING
MANAGEMENT of their **BUILDINGS**
MANAGEMENT of their **LAND**
ENGAGEMENT with **COMMUNITY**
LIFESTYLE

There is an online survey whereby churches are considered for an award at Bronze, Silver, or Gold level. There are already 1155 Bronze, 401 Silver and 23 Gold awards in the Church of England plus two cathedrals.

Watch and listen for things happening here (they've already started!) and ask your team. Help and suggestions are welcome.

Tessa Younger, Stephen Blurton, Anne Clayton, Lindy James, Mike Hand-Bowman & Deacon Di

WEDNESDAY COFFEE in St Dunstan's
 10.30-11.30am (after the 10am Said Eucharist)
ALL WELCOME for a cuppa and a chat!



A beautiful evensong sung by our choir at Westminster Abbey on Thursday. It was good to see so many familiar faces there amongst the 200 or so assembled for World Humanitarian Day.