



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

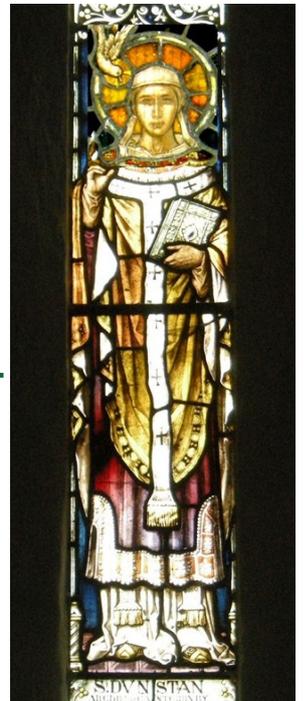
MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

NEWS from

ST. DUNSTAN'S

SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SUNDAY SERVICES

10.15am Parish Eucharist—Fr Christopher Channer

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

READINGS:

Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11
John 1: 6-8,19-28

COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to



prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

I'm a dreadful one for making lists, sometimes I even add things I've already done just to get the pleasure of being able to put a tick. (Own up, you know some of you do it too!) Before the birth of Jesus, the people of Israel had been waiting ages for the Messiah. The prophet Isaiah had made a "Messiah List" ready for ticking.....

*Tell the good news to the poor
Comfort the broken hearted*

*Announce God's merciful judgment
Give folk clothes to praise in, replacing sadness
Be fair to everyone
Make what is right grow strong.
From Isaiah 61*

No, they were told in today's gospel, it wasn't John the Baptist, he was just the messenger. The 'True Light' was coming.....**JESUS** ticking all the boxes!

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A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Loving God, we thank You for the JOY that the Good News of Salvation through the coming of Jesus into the world brings to us. May the message of HOPE that we have through the Messiah reach those who are lost and searching. May Your message of PEACE and Healing bring comfort to our anxious and hurting world and may this message of Great JOY pierce through all the noise and turmoil and enter into every heart.

Amen.



PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Giving thanks for: Deacon Di, our Churchwardens and PCC, Nicky in the Office, and all those working hard to keep things going during the vacancy.
For those who are anxious or fearful about the future.
For all known to us who are sick in body, mind or spirit.
For the recently departed: Lionel Robinson
For those whose anniversaries fall this week: Peter Catton, Jeremy Monk, Kathrine Monk, Bryony Monk, Matthew Inman, Victor Masson, Timothy Biron, Irene Akehurst, Dorothy Bridger, John Marsh.

AND FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WIDER WORLD

For our Queen and for her ministers as they lead our nation; particularly at this time, for the Brexit negotiations.
For all national leaders, that they will be guided by a Godly wisdom rather than a selfish gain.
For scientists giving thanks for the roll out of the coronavirus vaccine.
All who work to alleviate poverty, hunger and disease .

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Sat 12th: 10am-12noon – FESTIVE CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE
outside St Dunstan's

Sun 13th: 10.15am – 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT—Parish Eucharist
with Fr Christopher Channer

11.15am – DRAW of the FESTIVE RAFFLE

12noon – SAID EUCHARIST at the COTTAGE

HOSPICE with Canon Nigel Mason

Mon 14th: PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

8am – ORGAN TUNING in St Dunstan's

3pm—'ALL TOGETHER' MEETING via Zoom

Wed 16th: 10am—SAID EUCHARIST with Fr David Milnes

10.30am BIG CLEAN of the church

Sun 20th: *10.15am—PARISH EUCHARIST with + Nicholas Reade

*6pm—CAROL SERVICE 1

** SERVICES TO BE LIVE STREAMED—SEE YOUTUBE CHANNEL



ST DUNSTAN'S FESTIVE BAKE AND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER 10am to
12noon

(outside church and subject to lockdown
restrictions)

Christmas cakes, puddings, 'everyday' cakes,
preserves, chutneys etc. all very welcome.

ALL DONATIONS: a) to Nicky in the Parish
Office - please phone first;

b) leave them at the back
of Church after a Service when we reopen; or

c) any perishables can be
brought direct to the stall on the morning of the
sale.

Thank you to those who have already bought
Raffle Tickets.

The draw will take place on **Sunday 13th
December after the 10.15am Service.**

PRIZES: a Luxury Christmas Hamper, Christmas
Drinks Hamper and the traditional Harrods
Teddy - all well worth winning!

Thank you, as always, for your support.

THANK YOU

... to all who gave so generously at our Toy Service last week—a
magnificent response! FSW are once again running their winter
fuel appeal for those wishing to donate their £200 allowance
towards the running costs of FSW. Please drop a cheque into
the office payable to FSW or leave it in the plate, thank you.

... to Mike Hand-Bowman and Philip James for taking on the
complexities of online streaming of services

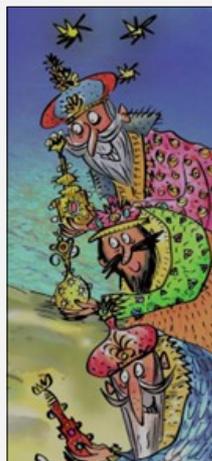


**A message from the Archbishops of Canterbury and
York:** Christmas this year will feel different. The
family gatherings may well be smaller. Some of us
may be joining in the familiar carols online rather
than in church. But it will still be – as always – a time
to care for one another and to be together. It will be

a time to look back on a year when so much has changed. To
remember those who have died, to support those who have lost
jobs, to be thankful for all who have cared for the sick and the
vulnerable. What has not changed is the story and the meaning of
Jesus' birth. God is with us. With us in the mess as in the good, in
the disappointment and the difficulty, in sorrow and in
celebration. **The CoFE has issued a series of weekly reflections
for Advent and also daily reflections for the period 25th Dec—
2nd Jan** based on the traditional nine lessons and carols giving an
opportunity to hear again the story and reflect on its meaning in
this time of challenge. We pray that as you journey through the
Christmas season, you will know that Jesus journeys with you.

**May you know God's COMFORT and, in whatever your
circumstances, be surprised by God's JOY.**

**You can sign up to receive the reflections via email: [Comfort and
Joy: our Advent and Christmas reflections | The Church of England](mailto:Comfort and Joy: our Advent and Christmas reflections | The Church of England)**



The Bible Society
has produced a
'Nativity Rhyme
for Christmas'
[https://youtu.be/
D06k9vulAVQ](https://youtu.be/D06k9vulAVQ)

Felicity, Amelia, Victoria and Charlie
would like to say a big thank you to
everyone who helped to organise
Lionel's funeral on Wednesday. They
were so moved by all of the support
and effort that everyone went to to
make it such a special service.

If you, or anyone you know, would
like a friendly chat over the phone,
please do contact :

Maggie Holliday on 01435873822
Denise Packham on 01892523704
or Karen Mack on 01435872607



THE CHURCH
BIG CLEAN will
now take place

on **Wednesday 16th December at
10.30am.** Please note change of
date. Are you able to help? Please
contact **Emma Ryder-
Richardson** on 01892 783423
or emma@ryder-richardson.co.uk

CHURCH SERVICES— LIVE STREAMING

Thanks to Mike Hand-
Bowman and Philip
James, we can now
live-stream our services for
those who wish to remain at
home during the current Covid
crisis. For those attending
church, we would like to make
you aware that you may be
included in the filming! This
could be the back of your head,
entering or exiting church, and
so on. If this is a concern and
you do not wish to be 'in shot'
please inform a steward and you
will be allocated a place behind
the camera at the back of
church. Thank you for your
cooperation.

Live streaming is planned for
Sunday 20th at 10.15 and also
both Carol Services.



CHRISTMAS WILL BE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR

but we aim to bring **Comfort and
Joy** though our services:

6pm December 20: Carol Service 1

6pm December 22: Carol Service 2

10.30pm December 24: Midnight
Eucharist

10.15am December 25: Christmas Day
Eucharist

With the congregation limited to 75
(because of social distancing), we will be



ticketing the services. To secure your seat,
general booking is now available on
Eventbrite and through Nicky in the office.

The tickets are free but you will be
encouraged to donate to help with the
costs of running our beautiful church.

Hopefully, there will be oodles of
wonderful music, traditional readings and
liturgy to help us all share together in the
wonder of Christmas. Despite strictly no
singing out loud from the congregation, the
Choir will be in good voice. Come and let
your heart sing! Churchwardens



EACH WEEK
Margaret Neve
posts activities
for our younger
members. Please
see the Church website.

USEFUL CONTACTS:

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