



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

# NEWS from

# ST. DUNSTAN'S SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY

## LENT I



### SUNDAY SERVICES

10.15am SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE with Bishop Nicholas Reade via Zoom

### READINGS:

Genesis 9: 8-17  
Mark 1: 9-15



### COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, And was tempted as we are, yet without sin: Give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit:

And, as you know our weakness, So may we know your power to save; 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.

### PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

Jesus' ministry, instigated at his baptism, began with painful soul searching and cost counting. Committing ourselves to God's service is indeed a costly business. It has been said "Wouldn't we prefer it to be 'Our will and kingdom, with God's blessing' rather than 'Thy will be done; thy

kingdom come?' We all need our version of the wilderness, i.e. LENT with its bare, uncompromising landscape of honesty. Jesus' example shows our conflicts and doubts as a valid part of the process. (Mark 1: 12&13) We will emerge with the rainbow above us! (Gen. 9: 16)

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### A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Most loving Lord, give me a steadfast heart, which no unworthy thought can drag downwards; an unconquered heart, which no hardship can wear out; an upright heart, which no worthless purpose can ensnare. Give me also, O Lord my God, understanding to know You, diligence to seek You, and a faithfulness that will finally embrace You; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen

St Thomas Aquinas

### PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Giving thanks for:** Deacon Di, our Churchwardens and PCC, Nicky in the Office, our online services team and all those working hard to keep things going during the vacancy  
**For those who are anxious or fearful** about the future particularly those whose jobs are at risk  
**For all who are missing their usual opportunities** to gather together socially; but giving thanks for the efficient roll out of the Covid vaccine  
**For parents and teachers** with the demands of home schooling; for wise decisions concerning reopening schools  
**For all known to us who are sick in body, mind or spirit:** Pam Mather, Alf Thompson  
**For the recently departed:** Freda Hemsley, Norma Butters and Wendy Hicks  
**For those whose anniversaries fall this week:** Harold Beoney, Joan Sturgeon, Patricia Wilkins, Joan Welbourne, Betty Towell



The Archbishops of Canterbury and York invite us all to set aside time to pray in these difficult times particularly at 6pm each day.

*Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ.  
Rest your weary ones.  
Bless your dying ones.  
Soothe your suffering ones.  
Pity your afflicted ones.  
Shield your joyous ones,  
and all for your love's sake. Amen.*

(Attributed to St. Augustine)



#PrayerForTheNation

### USEFUL CONTACTS:

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**PLEASE BE IN TOUCH IF YOU WOULD LIKE NAMES ADDED TO OUR PRAYER LIST.**  
**MAYFACS HELPLINE: 01435 873888.**

## THIS WEEK'S DIARY

- Sun 21st:** 10.15am SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE with Bishop Nicholas Reade via Zoom\*\*
- Mon 22nd:** Private Funeral of Freda Hemsley
- Tues 23rd:** Diocesan Lent Course Session 1 via Zoom\*\*
- Tues 23rd:** 7.30pm PCC Meeting via Zoom
- Sun 28th:** 10.15am SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE with Deacon Di via Zoom\*\*

### \*\*ZOOM LINK for SUNDAY SERVICES and LENT COURSE

<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 #

For further guidance please call : 01435 872665 (Philip James) or 07710 319348 (Mike Hand-Bowman)

During services please remember to place yourself on 'mute' to avoid distraction to others. Thank you.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – 2pm on Friday 5th March

Mayfield and Five Ashes will be taking part in this worldwide wave of prayer through a 'Churches Together' service via Zoom. We will be showing a short film and then following a service put together by the women of the **Republic of Vanuatu** located in the South Pacific Ocean. They have given a theme of **'Build on a strong foundation'** and inspire us all to live in unity, love and peace. If you would like the Zoom link, do please contact [julia.lawrence10@btinternet.com](mailto:julia.lawrence10@btinternet.com) A service booklet will also be provided. We look forward to seeing you.



## LENTEN LUNCHES

12.30-1.30pm BY ZOOM! and supporting.. 

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March: Family Support Work**  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March: Friends of the Holy Land**  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March: Hospice in the Weald**  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March: MAYFACS**

Since we are unable to meet for our usual Lent lunches, we are offering the opportunity to meet up via Zoom. Of course, you will have to provide your own soup but we can supply simple recipes! Each session will comprise a prayer, a ten-minute talk about the chosen charity and links to enable donations online (and instructions on how to give cash donations). The rest of the hour is simply to chat and enjoy being together.

To join the zoom session you simply download the 'zoom cloud meetings' app to your phone, tablet or computer and click on this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89825676505?pwd=UVZpMFgyNGFYMitkZHVQVi9hRjJxdz09>

But if you like, you can simply join by phone: dial 0203 481 5240 and when requested enter: Meeting ID: 898 2567 6505 followed by #, participant number: #, passcode 837238 followed by #

Many of you are enjoying the chance to chat after our Sunday morning zoom services. This will be just as enjoyable and will raise funds for charities very much in need of our support in these challenging times.



## DIOCESAN LENT COURSE 'CRACKED WIDE OPEN' via ZOOM 10am Tuesday mornings commencing 23rd February

During each of the 5 sessions, we will be watching video conversations (based on our Sunday Gospel readings) between Bishop Ruth and Bishop Will and chatting afterwards. To join, please click into the church Zoom link – details above. Bible Notes for each week are available online:

<https://www.chichester.anglican.org/lent-2021/>

**ALL ARE MOST WELCOME.**

## #LIVELENT REFLECTIONS

for daily reflections direct to your phone or email inbox, please check out:  
<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/lent-holy-week-and-easter/livlent-gods-story-our-story-our-lent>



THANK YOU to Fr David, Deacon Di and Mike Hand-Bowman for the Ash Wednesday Service which is still available on YouTube.

## SUPPORTING THE CHURCH FINANCIALLY

THANK YOU to everyone who continues to support the Church's work through

- membership of the Planned Giving Scheme
- making transfers directly to the Mayfield PCC bank account (sort code 55-70-13, account number 08277540)
- using the DONATE button or QR code

The Church's income has been hit by the pandemic so your support is so vital and much appreciated.

**DONATE**



Lord Jesus, all around the world people are facing difficult times. Please protect them from harm and help them build their faith in you. Amen.

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

**Sunday Club**



Mark 1: 9 – 15  
Jesus goes into the wilderness

## ADDITIONAL ONLINE OPTIONS for SUNDAY

For BBC Radio 4 Sunday Services (and lots more): <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qnds>

For BBC 1 Services: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000h05p/episodes/player>

C of E Services: <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>

From Chichester Diocese: <https://www.chichester.anglican.org/liveservices/>  
Phoneline for those unable to access online church services:

0800 804 8044  
**DailyHOPE**  
A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

UK Government

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PLEASE KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE!



HANDS



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