



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

NEWS from

ST. DUNSTAN'S SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY

LENT 2



SUNDAY SERVICES

10.15am SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE with Deacon Di via Zoom

READINGS:

Genesis 17: 1-7 & 15-16
Mark 8: 31-38



COLLECT

Almighty God,
You show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
That they may return to the way of righteousness:
Grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion,

That they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession,
And follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who is alive and reigns with you,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

In today's Gospel, Jesus' followers are receiving honest, unwelcome news. He isn't the Messiah they've been expecting....victorious over their enemies, triumphant and all-powerful; he won't pander to their misguided longings. Gently but firmly he outlines the Messiah's role, clearly

explained in the scriptures (e.g. Isaiah 53) but overwritten by popular dreams of defeating Roman oppression. Peter tries to shut it out; he can't bear to hear it. Maybe sometimes Jesus nudges us to change some wrong thinking in our lives and we don't want to hear it.

Di

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Let us embrace the way of the Crucified Jesus:

fountain of life,
source of hope,
deliverer from slavery,
maker of peace,
obedient to death,
pioneer of the narrow way,
burning flame of love,
source of all faithfulness,
sanctuary of justice,
elder brother,
Lamb slain from before the foundation of the world,
bodily presence of the fullness of God,
our life, our death, our resurrection.
Amen



Jim Cotter

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 the recruitment process for a new incumbent: as ads appear in the Church Times may God's call be heard; may the recruitment panel exercise wisdom and be of one mind
For those who are anxious or fearful about the future particularly those whose jobs are at risk
For parents and teachers as the children prepare to return to school next week
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: John Terrell, Emily Podger, Ethel Bowler, Victor Briggs, Hilda Robins

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



*We beseech thee, Master, to be our helper and protector.
Save the afflicted among us; have mercy on the lowly;
raise up the fallen; appear to the needy; heal the ungodly;
restore the wanderers of thy people;
feed the hungry; ransom our prisoners;
raise up the sick; comfort the faint-hearted.*

#PrayerForTheNation

Clement of Rome, 1st Century

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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 28th: 10.15am SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE with Deacon Di via Zoom**
- Mon 1st: 11am Funeral in the Churchyard
- Tues 2nd: Diocesan Lent Course Session 2 via Zoom**
- Thurs 4th: 11am Funeral in the Churchyard
- Fri 5th: 12 noon Funeral in the Churchyard
12.30pm Lenten Lunch via Zoom—FSW
2pm World Day of Prayer via Zoom
- Sun 7th: 10.15am Parish Eucharist—IN ST DUNSTAN'S

****SERVICES WILL RESUME IN CHURCH on SUNDAY 7th MARCH****

DATE FOR THE DIARY: APCM 6pm Tuesday 25 May

**ZOOM LINK for SUNDAY SERVICES and LENT COURSE

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82110568906?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82110568906?pwd=TDJ3MU85L2dmTmZaU28va2JYM3dMUT09)

[pwd=TDJ3MU85L2dmTmZaU28va2JYM3dMUT09](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.

BELLS Or rather, 'the bell'. The funeral of the inspirational Captain Sir Tom Moore takes place tomorrow (Saturday) and bell towers are being encouraged to join nationwide thanks for his life by tolling a single bell 100 times at 12pm. One of our ringers will be doing just that.

DIOCESAN LENT COURSE—'CRACKED WIDE OPEN'
10am Tuesday mornings via Zoom
Last week we focussed on, and very much enjoyed, a conversation between Bishop Ruth and Bishop Will who were amazingly honest and candid about their individual journeys of faith. The talks are readily available on <https://www.chichester.anglican.org/len-2021/>; but if you'd like to join a group discussion, just click on the church Zoom link at 10am on a Tuesday (details above). **ALL WELCOME.**

CELEBRATE DONATE VACCINATE We give thanks for the speedy and efficient roll out of the Covid vaccines. If you would like to help ensure equitable distribution of vaccines across the world, Arm in Arm is working in conjunction with the WHO Covid-19 Solidarity Response Fund. Please click here to donate: <https://www.arminarm.net/>



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



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

2pm Friday 5th March
BUILD ON A STRONG FOUNDATION
A short film and service put together by the women of the Republic of Vanuatu in the South Pacific



Mayfield and Five Ashes 'Churches Together' will be taking part in this worldwide wave of prayer with a service via Zoom. The theme '**Build on a strong foundation**' is intended to inspire us all to live in unity, love and peace. **All are most welcome.** If you would like a Service Booklet, please contact julia.lawrence10@btinternet.com

The Zoom link for the Service is:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83581126975?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83581126975?pwd=ZWVvaU1QaVpVVOGZBWTMrN3EwK2FrQT09)

[pwd=ZWVvaU1QaVpVVOGZBWTMrN3EwK2FrQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83581126975?pwd=ZWVvaU1QaVpVVOGZBWTMrN3EwK2FrQT09)

Meeting ID: 835 8112 6975 Passcode: 639



FRIDAY LENTEN LUNCHES

12.30-1.30pm by ZOOM!

Fri 5th March: supporting FSW



A 10-minute talk on FSW will be followed by the opportunity to chat and enjoy being together over a bowl of soup—cooked by you in your own home!

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

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89825676505?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89825676505?pwd=UVZpMFgyNGFYMitkZHVQVi9hRjJxdz09)

[pwd=UVZpMFgyNGFYMitkZHVQVi9hRjJxdz09](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 #

Donations to FSW: details on how to donate online or in person will be given on the day.

Jesus is telling his disciples a difficult truth about what will happen to him in his death and resurrection, but Peter finds it hard to take, and argues with Jesus. Jesus sets out that God's ways are different from human nature: we must forget about our earthly desires and follow Jesus.



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

Sunday Club

Lord Jesus, we bring to you those who have been rejected for their faith, for being different, for telling the truth, for standing up for those who are vulnerable. Give them, and us, the courage to do the right thing. Amen.

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:



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers