



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

NEWS from

ST. DUNSTAN'S SUNDAY 7 FEBRUARY

2nd BEFORE LENT



SUNDAY SERVICES

10.15am SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE via Zoom with Fr David Milnes (please see over for details)



READINGS:

Proverbs 8:1,22-31
John 1:1-14

COLLECT

All God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to

discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

In our 1st reading we are being told, in a poetical way, what God's wisdom is like (**Proverbs 8:1**) a creative, sensitive woman, delighting in all the unfolding wonders, with a

childlike innocence. It acts as a balance to our usual serious-minded image of the God of power and responsibility.

In our Gospel reading the one who draws all this together is Christ, the image of the unseen God. (**John 1:14**) **Di**

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it. Psalm 24:1

God of energy and power, in the risk of creation You have entrusted to us a vast and dangerous knowledge of Your world. Give us wisdom and generosity of spirit, to use the skills of science and the resources of technology for the needs of the poor and forgotten, and for the enriching and healing of us all. Amen *Angela Ashwin*

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 who are missing their usual opportunities to gather together socially; but giving thanks for the roll out of the Covid vaccine
For parents and teachers struggling with the demands of home schooling.
For all known to us who are sick in body, mind or spirit: Pam Mather, Alf Thompson.
For the recently departed: Freda Hemsley
For those whose anniversaries fall this week: Michael Edwards, Stephen Webber, Keith Olney, Diana Grigson, Suzanne Staniforth

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Sun 7th: 10.15am SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE with Fr David Milnes via Zoom
Tues 9th: PCC Meeting via Zoom
Sun 14th: 10.15am SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE with Deacon Di via Zoom



'In response to reaching the terrible milestone of 100,000 deaths from COVID-19, the Archbishops invite all to call on God in Prayer. They invite us to set aside time every evening to pray, particularly at 6pm each day.

More than ever, this is a time when we need to love each other. Prayer is an expression of love.'

*O Blessed Jesus,
give me stillness of soul in you.
Let your mighty calmness reign in me.
Rule me, O King of Gentleness,
King of Peace.*

St. John of the Cross

USEFUL CONTACTS:

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



SNOWDROPS IN THE CHURCHYARD

*The snowdrop,
In purest white array,
First rears her head
On Candlemas Day.*

Snowdrops, once called Candlemas bells, are a welcome symbol of hope in these difficult times.

FAITH IN SUSSEX

The diocesan publication reaching church communities across Sussex

The latest issue of the diocesan magazine, FAITH IN SUSSEX, is now available [online](#). It includes many interesting articles not least one on the **Diocesan Lent Course**, 'CRACKED WIDE OPEN' which we hope to offer to interested parties here in our parish. Watch this space!

THANK YOU

Our Zoom Sunday Morning Service at 10.15 is growing in numbers. Our very special thanks to Mike Hand - Bowman and Philip James, our technical wizards. Please do join us—details below. Stay safe

Jo and Sheila

CHURCHWARDENS' BULLETIN

We are pleased that the process for finding a new incumbent has finally started. An agreed advert will be placed in the Church Times shortly with an interview date in the Spring. Please pray * that we will find the right priest first time round * for Robin Holliday and Karen Mack as they prepare to be our representatives on the interview panel....

*God our Father,
you have welcomed each one of us in Jesus
and called us to be his body in this place.
Send us your Holy Spirit at this time of
uncertainty and change to fill us
with vision, energy and faithfulness in prayer
that we may be true to our calling to bring new life
to our community;
and guide with your heavenly wisdom those who are
to choose a new priest for this parish,
so that the one whom we receive may be a wise and
gentle shepherd of your people:
ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith and
to lead us by example.
in loving obedience to your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

Amen.

** SUNDAY'S SERVICE via ZOOM **

As you will see, there is a service via Zoom again this Sunday at 10.15am. To join it you need either to have signed up to zoom on your browser and followed the instructions or to have downloaded the 'zoom cloud meetings' app on your phone or ipad. Having got your zoom facility, simply click on the link below:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82110568906?
pwd=TDJ3MU85L2dmTmZaU28va2JYM3dMUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82110568906?pwd=TDJ3MU85L2dmTmZaU28va2JYM3dMUT09)
or enter the ID **82110568906**, passcode: **506133**

These details remain the same every week.

If you DON'T have internet or don't wish to use it, simply call on your telephone **0203 4815240**. You will be asked for the meeting code which is **82110568906** followed by #; your participant code which is simply #; and the passcode **506133**

followed by # If you have any trouble doing this, or downloading the app, please call: **01435 872665 (Philip James)** or **07710 319348 (Mike Hand-Bowman)** who are only too happy to help.

Please, as soon as you join the service put yourself on mute and stay on mute until you are asked to unmute. Join the service early (from 0945) if in doubt where your mute button is and we can help you! If you join by phone *6 will mute you and to unmute tap *6 again. This helps avoid distractions to others.



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](https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000h05p/episodes/player)

C of E Services: [https://www.churchofengland.org/
more/media-centre/church-online](https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online)

From Chichester Diocese: [https://
www.chichester.anglican.org/
liveservices/](https://www.chichester.anglican.org/liveservices/)

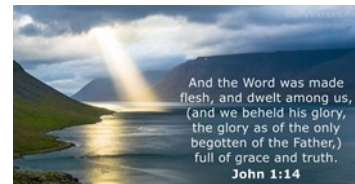
Phoneline for those unable to access online church services:



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

*Let us rejoice and praise God for ever.
God has created all things from the beginning.
Without God, nothing was made.
Let us rejoice and praise God for ever.
Amen.*

John 1: 1 – 14: John's song of creation makes it clear that the Christ has been with God since before the beginning of time. In the person of Jesus, the word became flesh and lived among us, bringing the light and life of God, full of glory, grace and truth.



PLEASE KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE!



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

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GIVING TO ST DUNSTAN'S ... has been made easy with a 'donate' button and a QR code. Both connect to a secure website—please just follow the instructions. The QR code allows you to gift aid your donation. Without the usual services in church, the PCC are without the customary plate collections. **Thank you for your generosity.**

