



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

NEWS from

ST. DUNSTAN'S SUNDAY 10 JANUARY

BAPTISM OF CHRIST



SUNDAY SERVICES

10.15am Parish Eucharist—Fr Christopher Channer
12noon Said Eucharist at the Cottage Hospice

READINGS:
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1: 4-11



COLLECT

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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.

POST COMMUNION

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

“He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit” Mark 1: 8

There are many people who value Jesus’ ethical teaching and use his guidelines as ideals to strive for but haven’t taken on board that God’s life can live in them, changing them from

the inside out! How the spirit comes varies, but always there is a sense of inner peace and joy, a deepening of love for God and a deepening realisation that God is real, alive and active. It has been said the question must be about not how a church is governed but what kind of people it produces. **Di**

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O Lord, as the years change, may we find rest in Your eternal changelessness. Help us to meet this new year bravely, in the faith that, while life changes all around us, You are always the same, guiding us with Your wisdom and protecting us with Your love; through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

William Temple

AND FOR ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Giving thanks for: Deacon Di, our Churchwardens, Nicky in the Office, and all those working hard to keep things going during the vacancy.
For our PCC as they meet on Tuesday with important decisions to be made.
For those who are anxious or fearful about the future.
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: Meriel Packman and Margaret Collie.
For those whose anniversaries fall this week: Nigel Hoggins, Eileen Smee, Carolyn Freedman, George Valentine.

AND FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WIDER WORLD

For our Queen and for her ministers as they lead our nation particularly in this time of pandemic crisis.
For the NHS as they struggle to meet excessive demands.
For all national leaders, that they will be guided by a Godly wisdom rather than a selfish gain. For calm in the United States.
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

Tues 12th: 7.30pm PCC Meeting via Zoom
Wed 13th: 10am—SAID EUCHARIST with Fr David Milnes
Fri 15th: 11am – FUNERAL at the graveside for Margaret Collie
Sun 17th: 10.15am—PARISH EUCHARIST with Archdeacon Edward Dowler

THANK YOU

... to Deacon Di, our visiting clergy and our churchwardens for keeping our church open in these difficult times
... to all involved in ensuring our services are as 'safe' as they can be

YOU WOULD BE MOST WELCOME TO....

join our Tuesday morning House Group. Chatting together this week lifted the gloom of the pandemic lockdown and provided some much needed encouragement and hope for the future. We meet via Zoom at 10am each Tuesday and are starting a new study of 1 John, a letter written some time between AD 85-95 for circulation among a number of churches in Asia and which has so much to say to us so many centuries later. If you would like to give it a go, please contact julia.lawrence10@btinternet.com

PARISH OFFICE

During this new lockdown Nicky will be working in the Parish Office 9am to 11am Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For everyone's safety she would be grateful if you could ring or email if you have an enquiry rather than coming in to see her. Thank you.

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

GIVING TO ST DUNSTAN'S

Thank you to all those who give to the church through PGS (Parish Giving Scheme). For those who do not belong to the scheme, giving has become so much easier! You can either donate by clicking on the 'donate button' or through scanning in the QR code which will connect you directly with a secure website. The QR code allows you to gift aid your donation but in both cases, just follow the instructions. Covid-19 has had an impact on so many over the past year and St Dunstan's has not escaped a considerable reduction in incoming funds. If you feel you are able to, please give generously.



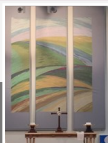
DONATE

FSW WINTER FUEL APPEAL

For those wishing to donate their £200 fuel 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.



Thank you to MAYFACS for doing sterling work in our community. If you need assistance with shopping, prescription collection, transport to medical appointments or a friendly phone call, please telephone the helpline number: 01435 873888.



CHURCH SERVICES via ZOOM

Under the current restrictions, if you feel unable to attend church but would like to join the services via Zoom, please contact

julia.lawrence10@btinternet.com

Sunday will be a trial run—certainly the quality is not as good as our YouTube live-streaming (which we are unable to offer at present) but some have found involvement in this way to be of benefit.

Please contact Julia by noon on Saturday if you would like a Zoom invitation. Thank you.

SUNDAY ONLINE OPTIONS

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>



Phoneline for those unable to access online church services:

Should you have snippets of local news/photos etc. that you would like included in the Enews, please do send them to: julia.lawrence10@btinternet.com and if there's space, they will be included. Thank you.



HELP NEEDED! ...
to cleanse down the church

after ALL services. Please do offer a hand if you see the anti-bacterial wipes coming out—your help would be very much appreciated.

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH DURING THE VACANCY

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



May the God of new beginnings give you courage to face each new challenge, joy in each new day, and friends to journey with you through this new week.

USEFUL CONTACTS:

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

COTTAGE HOSPICE—12noon Sunday 10th



PLEASE KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE!



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

