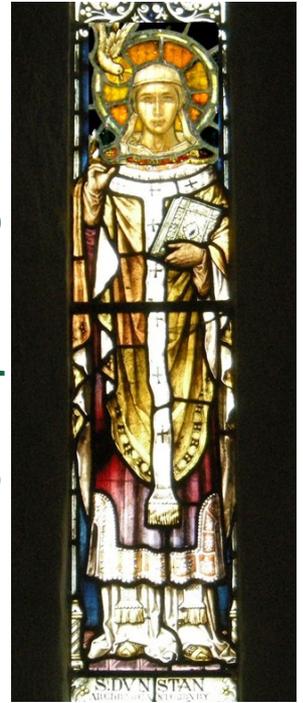




THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

NEWS from ST. DUNSTAN'S SUNDAY 31 JANUARY CANDLEMAS



SUNDAY SERVICES

10.15am SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE via Zoom—please see over for details.

READINGS:

Hebrews 2: 14-18
Luke 2: 22-40



COLLECT

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. Amen.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

You may have been following the correspondence in the press about keeping the decorations up until forty days after Christmas. A lot of churches do; waiting until **Candlemas, the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, or the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary** on 2nd February—three names for a beautiful festival. **Candlemas** because of Simeon's message

of "the light to lighten the gentiles" **The Presentation**, Mary and Joseph giving thanks for their newborn and **The Purification**, which until fairly recently, the Church of England had a similar service called The Churching of Women. I think it's beautiful too because, through Anna, it highlights the unsung ministry of older folk. **Luke 2 36-38**

Di

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

My Lord and my God,
Thank you for drawing me to Yourself.
Keep the burning of my desire for You clear and steady—a single, undivided focus of attention, a steady offering of the will.
Let my whole being be filled with Your Light so that others may be drawn to You.
Let my whole being be cleansed by the flame of Your love from all that is contrary to Your will for me.
Amen

From a prayer using a lighted candle (Margaret Dewey)

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

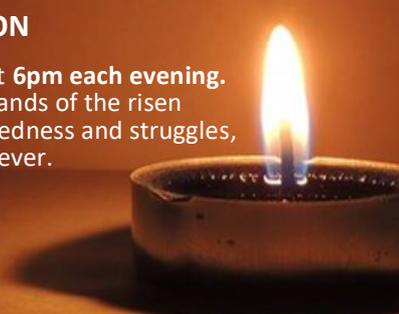
Giving thanks for: Deacon Di, our Churchwardens and PCC, Nicky in the Office, and all those working hard to keep things going during the vacancy.
For those who are anxious or fearful about the future.
For all who are missing their usual opportunities to gather together socially.
For parents and teachers 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: Colin Harvey and Freda Hemsley
For those whose anniversaries fall this week: Dorothy Swain, Cyril Barnard, Betty Foster, David Winter, James Chapman, James Fresson, Dot Mitchell

A CALL TO PRAY FOR THE NATION

We are asked to pray for our nation at **6pm each evening**. We know that we are in the faithful hands of the risen Christ who knows our weaknesses, tiredness and struggles, and whose steadfast love endures forever.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:5



We remember before God those who have died and we pray that God's love will surround all who mourn them, now and always
Gracious God, as we remember before you the thousands who have died, surround us, and all who mourn, with your strong compassion.
Be gentle with us in our grief, protect us from despair, and give us grace to persevere and face the future with hope
in Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

Amen

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Sun 31st: 10.15am 'CANDLEMAS' SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE with Deacon Di via Zoom
Tues 2nd : 11am – GRAVESIDE FUNERAL in the Churchyard
8.15pm – BELLRINGERS' AGM via Zoom
Sun 7th: 10.15am SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE with Fr David Milnes via Zoom

THANK YOU

To all those who worked so hard to get to grips with the technology for our Online Service via Zoom—as one person said: 'a real spirit-lifter'. Among many appreciative comments: 'it was so lovely to see you all unmasked and to see the smiley faces—a real tonic.' Please do join us—details below.

A PRAYER FOR 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. Amen

** SUNDAY'S SERVICE via ZOOM **

On Candlemas, this Sunday at 10.15am, we hold our second service by Zoom. Once more Deacon Di gives the homily and members of the congregation do readings and prayers and we have recorded hymns appropriate to the day. Those who joined much enjoyed last week's service, including the chance to see everyone and chat afterwards. To join the service 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. If you have any trouble doing this we are happy to give you a hand - call **01435 872665 (Philip James)** or **07710 319348 (Mike Hand-Bowman)**. Having got your zoom facility, simply click on the link below:

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

These details remain the same every week.

If you DONT 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 # At least one person successfully did this last week. Any problems on the day please call Philip or Mike.

The Zoom service will be open for people to join from 9.45am and if you are a zoom 'first timer' join us early so we can help you get settled.

Our Zoom Service is, of course, open for all who wish to attend but to keep the meeting safe, please ask anyone who is interested and who is not subscribed to Enews to contact the office for login details.

If you don't want to join live on Zoom, the service will be recorded and available for one week on YouTube, hopefully by Sunday afternoon. Just search 'St Dunstan's Mayfield' if you are not already subscribed to our channel.

Watch out in future weeks for appearances by visiting clergy - maybe even a bishop or two!

BIBLE READING NOTES

Please contact Nicky in the office, by 1st February, to order your BRF Booklets—details of New Daylight, New Daylight Deluxe, Guidelines, Day by Day, Upper Room, Bible Reflections for Older People on: <https://www.brfonline.org.uk/collections/subscriptions> Cost: £4.70 to £5.15 per copy dependant on booklet selected.



Sunday Club

Song of Simeon ~ Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.

For mine eyes have

seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people.

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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



Luke 2:22-40

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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.



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:



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SPACE

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

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