



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

NEWS from ST. DUNSTAN'S

SUNDAY 9 JANUARY

BAPTISM OF JESUS



10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST

with Fr Christopher Channer
Setting: *Mass of the Quiet Hour*
(Oldroyd)
Anthem: *Listen sweet dove* (Ives)

12noon EXTENDED COMMUNION in the Cottage Hospice with Deacon Di

READINGS

Isaiah 43:1-7
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22



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.

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Lord,
we ask for your wisdom,
for your strength
and power to be constantly
present within us.
We pray you would make us
strong and courageous
for the road ahead.
Give us ability beyond what we
feel able,
let your gifts flow freely
through us,
so that you would be honoured
by our lives,
and others would be drawn
to you.
In Jesus Name,
Amen.

Jeremiah 29:11 - For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

For our Clergy, Fr Michael Asquith and Deacon Di, Churchwardens, PCC, Nicky, and all who work hard to ensure the smooth running of our church

For our village community: MAYFACS, our schools—both teachers and pupils as they return to school, the Cottage Hospice, local shops/services including pharmacy and doctors' surgery - particularly in the face of the omicron pandemic

For the courage to make the most of every opportunity to share our faith with others through words and deeds

For those continuing to be affected by Covid—both directly and indirectly

For all known to us who are sick : Pam Mather; and **for all carers**

For the recently departed: William Humphrey; and **for all who mourn the loss of loved ones**

For those whose anniversaries fall this at this time: Nigel Hoggins, Eileen Smeed, Carolyn Freedman and George Valentine

AND FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WIDER WORLD

For our Government and all national leaders that they be guided by a Godly wisdom in their decision-making

For peace and reconciliation in all areas of conflict; **for all victims of intolerance, persecution and oppression;** **for safe refuge** for the displaced and homeless

For all parts of the world continuing to be adversely affected by Covid and new variants; for equitable distribution of vaccine

For all who lack proper healthcare, good nutrition and adequate supplies of clean water; **for all aid agencies**

For an urgent and determined global response to the climate emergency



**THANK YOU
... AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL**

On behalf of Jo and myself please can I take this opportunity to thank everybody for your good wishes, cards and gifts you sent to us for Christmas. We may have only been here for a couple of months but we feel really blessed and privileged to be with you in Mayfield and Five Ashes.

I'm sure almost all of us will have looked forward to 2022 hoping that it would be a better year than 2021 and there will be the opportunity for life to return to 'normal' – I certainly did. Yet as the year progresses it

looks as if there is currently little chance of this happening. What's important is that we put our trust on God; in God who will not forsake us, who will not let us down. Here at St Dunstan's we will continue to follow government and Church of England guidance to ensure you can worship with us safely and enjoy many a concert safely.

This year will be a great year for us as we emerge further from the Coronavirus; with, as just one example, the Mayfield Festival in May. Do take every opportunity you can and lets together make 2022 a year blessed for us all by God.

Fr Michael

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Wed 12th: 10am Said Eucharist with Fr David Milnes
Sun 16th: 10.15am Parish Eucharist with Fr David Milnes

CONTACT DETAILS FOR FR MICHAEL ASQUITH:

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CHURCH OPENING HOURS: Daily 9am to 4pm

If you are unable to reach Fr Michael, please contact the Churchwardens—contact details on the church website

PARISH OFFICE EMAIL office.stdunstans@gmail.com
Office hours: 9am-1pm Mon, Wed, Fri. Tel: 873484.
Website: www.stdunstansmayfield.org.uk Please do be in touch if you would like names added to our prayer list.



Meet in London House from 10am and the children will join the Service in Church when the 'Peace' is being said.

This week we explore exchanging signs of greeting and blessing.

Gospel reading:
Luke 3: 15-17 & 21-22 The Baptism of Jesus



Gracious Father,
for those who don't know you,
for those who have forgotten about you,
and for those who need to know you more –
may they all know that you love them.
Amen.



HOLY DUSTERS: next session
9.30-12.30 Thursday 20 January

A reminder of the next church cleaning session for all the regulars plus anyone else who might like to come along.

Coffee provided! Further info: emma@ryder-richardson.co.uk

DONATIONS TO ST DUNSTAN'S:

A simple tap with a payment card of the card reader adjacent to the door in St Dunstan's gives £5 (or to change the amount, please follow the instructions.)

Alternative ways to give:

the QR code with your mobile; the Donate Button; or a bank transfer to Mayfield PCC, code 55-70-13, account 08277540. **Thank you.**

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MAYFACS HELPLINE: 01435 873888

A SAID EUCHARIST takes place at the CHAPEL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD at the COTTAGE HOSPICE in FIVE ASHES at 12 noon on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.
January Services: 9th & 23rd



THANK YOU to all involved in making for another memorable Christmastide.



Despite omicron difficulties, St Dunstan's provided that all-important beacon of light with services to inspire. Thank you.

STEPHEN AND STEVE
WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL
A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Monday Tots



ST DUNSTAN'S BABY AND TODDLER GROUP
9am London House

Toddlers have the chance to play whilst you enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat. Each time we have a bible story, related craft and singing. Do join us!

Further details karen@mackcapital.co.uk or 07985215344.

PLEASE NOTE: due to omicron, it has been decided to delay resuming Monday Tots until after half-term. Please watch this space for further details.

MICROPHONE A note to all readers and intercessors: for optimum effectiveness of the new super-sensitive microphone, please do not touch or make any adjustments. Thank you.

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Volunteers needed at Cottage Hospice! We want to recruit more patient-facing volunteers to help us care for families and those important to them. We simply can't manage to run Cottage Hospice without our volunteers who play such an important role and whom we value so much! Please check our website or contact julie.leigh@hospiceintheweald.org.uk; tel: 01435 512500