



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

NEWS from

ST. DUNSTAN'S SUNDAY 18 JULY

7th Sunday after Trinity



10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST

with Fr David Milnes

READINGS:

Ephesians 2: 11-22

Mark 6: 30-34 & 53-56

COLLECT

Lord of all power and
might,
the author and giver
of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of



your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us
in the same;
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 God, whose Son is the true

vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the
world may live:
may we receive within
ourselves
the power of his death and
passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be
made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now
and for ever.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

Like a good shepherd, Jesus sees the needs of his flock and responds; he notices how tired the disciples are and suggests some rest. But he also notes how needy those following him are and is concerned for their

welfare too (Mark 6:30-34). Even as they crowded him he never turned any away (53-56) Folk will flock to where they see evidence of the love of Jesus; all barriers are broken down where it truly is. (Ephesians 2:14)

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God of our hopes and dreams,
we are empty, and long to be
filled;
we are hungry, and long to be fed;
we are lost, and long to be found.
Gather us into your love,
and pick up the pieces of our lives,
just as Jesus gathered up the
fragments of the five loaves and
two fish that remained
after feeding the five thousand.
Call us anew to eat our fill
and to find our true nourishment
in Jesus, the bread of heaven.

Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Giving thanks for Deacon Di and visiting clergy, new Churchwardens and PCC, Nicky in the Office, and all those working hard to keep things going during the vacancy

For the ongoing process of finding a new Parish Priest

For our schools, teachers, parents and children as the end of term approaches

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

For wise decisions as we come out of lockdown; **for healing** for those affected by Covid. We continue to pray for those whose jobs are at risk

For all known to us who are sick in body, mind or spirit: John Neve, Pam Mather, Alf Thompson

For all who mourn the loss of loved ones

For those whose anniversaries fall this at this time: Iris Bruce, Mavis Morris, Thomas Coppard, David Gibbens, Ellen Richardson

AND FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WIDER WORLD

For our Government and all national leaders that they be guided by a Godly wisdom; **for peace and reconciliation** in areas of conflict

For all victims of intolerance and those oppressed by others

For parts of the world continuing to be adversely affected by Covid; for all who lack proper healthcare, good nutrition and adequate supplies of clean water

For all who work to alleviate poverty, hunger and disease

For an urgent and determined global response to the climate emergency

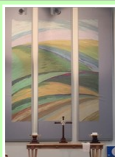
THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Fri 16th-Sun 18th: Midsummer Music Weekend
Tues 20th: 2pm Five Ashes Primary School Leavers' Service in St Dunstan's
7.30pm PCC Meeting in St Dunstan's
Wed 21st: 10am Said Eucharist with Fr David Milnes
7pm Churchwardens' Admission to Office
Thurs 22nd 9.30am Mayfield Primary School Leavers' Service in St Dunstan's
Sun 25th: 10.15am Parish Eucharist with Fr Christopher Channer
12 noon Said Eucharist in The Cottage Hospice with Revd Sandi Wickens

Margaret Neve has very kindly offered to host a **ZOOM COFFEE** session at **11.15am on Sundays**. Please phone her in advance (01825 830625) to ensure you receive your Zoom invite. Thank you.



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.
NEXT SERVICE: 25th JULY



LIFTING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS

It is hoped that some form of normality will return post-19th July. The PCC will be discussing what this will look like for St Dunstan's at their Meeting on 20th July. Watch this space!

Sunday Club

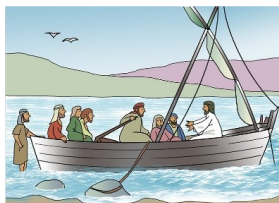
Please see the Church website for further details of the weekly activities posted for our younger members.


GOSPEL READING: MARK 6.30-34, 53-56

This week we explore the importance of balance in how we use our time.

Dear Lord, we pray for those who are bored: help them to find interesting ways to occupy themselves.

For those whose lives are so busy: help them to find time for rest and refreshment. **Amen.**



 We are very fortunate to have a **labyrinth** in our churchyard—it is a place of peace and tranquillity. Herewith a suggestion on how to use it for your prayers:
Lay down your burdens as you walk to the centre of the labyrinth. In the centre, pause to thank God for taking your burdens on himself (1 Peter 5:7). Then count your blessings and give thanks on the journey to the exit.

DONATE

Cashless Giving—Our Card Reader

Sadly our card reader is broken and may take some time to replace. Meanwhile, please use the QR code with your mobile, the Donate Button (also on the Parish web site) or make a bank transfer to Mayfield PCC, 55-70-13, 08277540. **Thank you.**



MUSIC AT ST DUNSTAN'S MID-SUMMER MUSIC WEEKEND

Friday 16 to Sunday 18 July
All concerts to be live-streamed

Friday 16th: Beethoven's 5th Piano Concerto, Schubert Octet

Saturday 17th: Choral Programme including Handel's Requiem

Sunday 18th: Programme to include Mozart Mass with the Festival Choir

Tickets online: www.ticketsource.co.uk/mayfieldfestival; and from Lambert & Foster, Mayfield and Wadhurst. Limited in-person ticket availability because of covid restrictions, so please book early. Further information: www.mayfieldfestival.co.uk

THIS WEEKEND!

PLEASE NOTE:

Because of holidays we're planning a **bumper Enews** next week to cover 3 weeks: 25 July, 1 & 8 August. Any information on events happening between 25th July and 13th August should be sent to Julia by **Tuesday 20th July:** julia.lawrence10@btinternet.com Thank you.

VERGER required for weddings and funerals.

For full details of this paid part-time position, please contact the Churchwardens. 'Job-sharing' a possibility. Thank you.

COFFEE ROTA How wonderful that it looks as though from Sunday 25th July we may be back to serving coffee after our services! Julia will be putting together a new rota and would welcome some new volunteers. Please email julia.lawrence10@btinternet.com



CHURCHWARDENS' ADMISSION TO OFFICE
7pm Wednesday 21 July All Saints Crowborough
Stephen and Steve would welcome your support. Please click [here](#) to prebook.

THANK YOU Both ex-Churchwardens have been 'stunned' by the generosity of their leaving presents and have expressed their sincerest thanks to all who contributed. Jo will update us on her picture when it arrives, and will also be buying a dressmaking dummy and plants. Sheila will be marking her time in post with a specially designed bracelet.

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