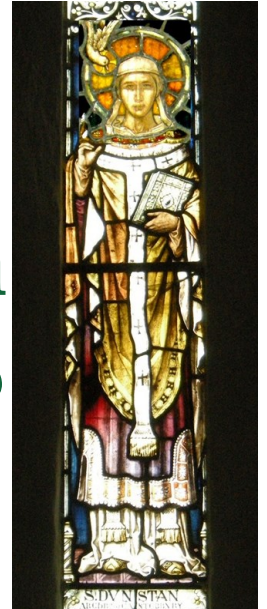




THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

NEWS from ST. DUNSTAN'S SUNDAY 24 JULY TRINITY 6



10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST

Setting: *Mass of St Osmund (Halls)*
Anthem: *Hear my prayer (Purcell)*

Sunday Club

12noon SAID EUCHARIST
at the Cottage Hospice

READINGS

Colossians 2: 6-15
Luke 11: 1-13



COLLECT

Provident Father, with the prayer your Son taught us always on our lips, we ask, we seek, we knock at your door. In our every need, grant us the first and best of all your gifts, the Spirit who makes us your children. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and

reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

CHURCH PRAYER DIARY

Friday 22nd: Traders and shopkeepers in Mayfield

Saturday 23rd: Holy Dusters

Sunday 24th: St Thomas' RC Church and congregation

Monday 25th: The vestry team preparing for services

Tuesday 26th: Doctors/staff at Woodhill Surgery and Mayfield dentists

Wednesday 27th: Our sidespeople

Thursday 28th: Skippers Hill Prep school

Friday 29th: St Dunstan's coffee-makers

PRAY ALSO ...

For the courage to make the most of every opportunity to share our faith with others through words and deeds
For Ukrainian peoples living in Mayfield & Five Ashes
For those struggling because of cost of living increases
For schools, teachers for restful holidays; and courage for those facing a new 'chapter' in September
For all known to us who are sick and **for all carers**
For the recently departed: Peter Collins, Philip White, son-in-law of Brenda Smith; and **all who mourn the loss of loved ones**
For those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Robert Nichols, William de Salis, Elizabeth Brooks, Arthur Nye

AND FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WIDER WORLD ...

For our Government and political situation; for the quest to appoint a new Prime Minister

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

For peace and reconciliation in all areas of conflict, particularly at this time for Ukraine

For all victims of intolerance, persecution and oppression

For safe refuge for the displaced and homeless

For the Queen and Royal Family in this Jubilee year

For all those continuing to be adversely affected by Covid; for equitable distribution of vaccine; for scientists

For all who lack proper healthcare, good nutrition and adequate supplies of clean water

For aid agencies and all who work, both in this country and abroad, to alleviate poverty, hunger and disease

For an urgent and determined global response to the climate emergency; for those adversely affected by the heatwave this week.

A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK ...

Consult not your fears,
but your hopes
and your dreams.

Think not
about your frustrations,
but about your
unfulfilled potential.

Concern not yourself
with what you tried
and failed in,
but what it is still possible to do.

Now is the time
to put aside
past and present
setbacks and failures
and look with confidence
to the new day
called tomorrow.

Pope John XXIII

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sat 23rd: 12.30pm Saturday Picnickers—London House
 Sun 24th: 10.15am Parish Eucharist
 12noon SAID EUCHARIST—Cottage Hospice
 Wed 27th: 10am Said Eucharist in the Lady Chapel
 Sun 31st: 10.15am Parish Eucharist
 followed by Leaving Party for Andrew Benians

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Please be in touch if you would like names added to our prayer list.

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CHURCH OPENING HOURS: daily 9am to 5pm

Loving congratulations to

Alex and Milly,
 married in St Dunstan's last Saturday,
 and wishing you much happiness
 now and in the years ahead.



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: 24th July. ALL WELCOME.

SATURDAY PICNICKERS—London House
 12.30pm 23rd July. ALL WELCOME
 Contact: Valerie 873253



For their latest Newsletter, and July Reflection by Bishop John Pritchard, please click here:



THANK YOU to all those who worked so hard in the searing heat clearing the churchyard last Saturday.



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

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name.
 Thy Kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 the power and the glory
 for ever and ever.
 Amen

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This week we explore the connection between prayer and action.

God, when we pray, you listen.
 Help us to listen too.
 When we pray, you act.
 Help us to act too.
 When we pray, you help.
 Help us to help too.
 Amen.

DONATE

.... Please click here to help with the running costs of St Dunstan's.

In addition, there are a variety of ways to contribute to the life of our church:

Monthly (gift aided where possible) through the Parish Giving scheme - forms available at the back of church, online <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/mayfield-tunbridge-wells/> or tel 0333 002 1271. Parish reference: 10-3020370

Direct bank transfers: A/c Mayfield PCC 55-70-13, 08277540 (gift aided if possible).

Sunday collection plate.

Our treasurer, Robin Holliday is happy to help with any queries: 01435 873822; email robincholliday@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE: the contactless card machine, adjacent to the door in St Dunstan's, is currently out of action.

St Dunstan's is looking to reform an OPEN THE BOOK TEAM to take Bible stories into assemblies in 2 or 3 local schools. The assembly consists of a Bible story (acted out), a reflection for the children, and a prayer. Each story is already scripted. We need volunteers who can act (even badly); you don't need to speak as most of the speaking is by a narrator. Its a very good way to build stronger links with the primary aged children in our parish. If you are interested or want to find out more, please speak with Fr Michael or e-mail him. (NB not all characters will be required to don garb such as this!)



WOOD CARVING OF ST DUNSTAN: If you would like to donate towards a carving to be placed on the wood screen in the Chancel in memory of Sheila Humphrey, please speak to Nina Sanderson or any member of the Flower Guild. Thank you.

Prayer for the end of the school year

At the end of this school year we give thanks to God: For all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our schools, both in and out of the classroom, Bless our families as we take our holidays, may our time together leave us with memories to cherish.

Pour out your love on us, Father God, that come September we may be renewed and refreshed to continue our journey together. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

It was wonderful to welcome pupils, teachers and parents to



St Dunstan's last Tuesday for the Leavers' Service. Fr Michael also attended the Five Ashes Leavers' Service in the Five Ashes Village Hall.



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 If space permits, they will be included. Thank you.