



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

NEWS from ST. DUNSTAN'S



SUNDAY 25 JULY James the Apostle

10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST
with Fr Christopher Channer

12noon SAID
EUCHARIST in the
Cottage Hospice with
Revd Sandi Wickens

READINGS:
Jeremiah 45: 1-5
Psalm 126
2 Corinthians 4: 7-15
Matthew 20: 20-28



COLLECT
Merciful God, whose holy
apostle Saint James, leaving his
father and all that he had, was
obedient to the calling of your
Son Jesus Christ and followed
him even to death:
Help us, forsaking the false
attractions of the world,
to be ready at all times to
answer your call without delay;
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, the source of truth and
love, keep us faithful to the
apostles' teaching and
fellowship, united in prayer and
the breaking of bread, and one in
joy and simplicity of heart.
In Jesus Christ our Lord
in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

James the Apostle, known as James the Great. Jesus named James and his brother John 'Sons of Thunder'. They were rather head strong and hot-headed. (He is not to be confused with James the brother of Jesus.) A Holy Day for a holy man. That, of course, is where we get our word holiday—from the Old English *halig* (holy) & *daeg* (day). DI

SUNDAY 1 AUGUST Trinity 9

10.15am PARISH
EUCHARIST with Fr
David Milnes

READINGS:
Ephesians 4: 1-16
John 6: 24-35

COLLECT
Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit



to be the life and light of your
Church: open our hearts to the
riches of your grace, that we may
bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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
Holy Father, who gathered us
here around the table of your
Son to share this meal with the
whole household of God:
in that new world where you
reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and
language to share in the eternal
banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Gospel reading comes straight after the famous 'Feeding of the five thousand.' The people were clinging to every move Jesus made but for the wrong reasons; in this case for more bread and fish. But Our Lord isn't there for self indulgence, he is the Bread of Life. He supplies us with the 'food' we need in order to live out his risen life among the people we are led to serve. DI

SUNDAY 8 AUGUST Trinity 10

10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST
with Fr Christopher Channer

12noon SAID
EUCHARIST in the
Cottage Hospice with
Canon Nigel Mason

READINGS:
Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2
John 6: 35 & 41-51



COLLECT
Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
Be open to the prayers of your
humble servants; and that they
may obtain their petitions,
Make them to ask such things as
shall please you;
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
God of our pilgrimage,
You have willed that the gate of
mercy should stand open for
those who trust in you:
Look upon us with your favour
That we who follow the path of
your will may never wander from
the way of life;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Continuing the Bread of Life theme; do we take up Jesus' offer of feeding and relying on it for 'dear life' or do we tend to glance at it but commit ourselves to 'spiritual junk food', or 'spiritual starvation'? Those Jews in our Gospel reading hadn't listened or learned. If they had, they would have been like the godly Simeon and recognised Him as the visible expression of God's life and nourishment. (Luke 2:25-32) DI

DIARY—25th July to 15th August

- Wed 28th:** 10am Said Eucharist with Fr David Milnes
Sun 1st: 10.15pm Parish Eucharist with Fr David Milnes
Wed 4th: 10am Said Eucharist with Fr David Milnes
Thurs 5th: 12noon – 2pm **The BIG Picnic on Court Meadow** – jointly with **MAYFACS** – see poster P3
Sun 8th: 10.15pm Parish Eucharist with Fr Christopher Channer
12noon Said Eucharist at the **Cottage Hospice** with Canon Nigel Mason
12noon to 2pm – **Friends of St Dunstan's Garden Party at Claytons Farmhouse**—poster P3
Wed 11th: 10am Said Eucharist with Fr David Milnes
Fri 13th: Parish Office closed
Sun 15th: 10.15am Parish Eucharist with Rev'd Dr Steven Underdown

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: **JULY 25th; AUGUST 8th & 22nd**



Churchwardens Stephen Blurton and Steve Lawrence at All Saints Crowborough where they were admitted to office on Tuesday 21 July

THANK YOU to....Our Holy Dusters for last week's 'spring clean' Tony Woodliffe for getting the clock ticking again

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Giving thanks for Deacon Di and visiting clergy, 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 teachers, parents and children as the summer holidays begin

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: Pam Mather, Alf Thompson

For the recently deceased: Michael Sechiari; and **all who mourn the loss of loved ones**

For those whose anniversaries fall this at this time: William de Salis, Elizabeth Brooks, Arthur Nye, Patrick Fitzgerald, Hugh Brilliant, Rosemary Tierney, Mark Husey, Christiane Barstow, Dorothy Fairbrother, Kenneth Streeter, Sonia Lambrinudi, Robin Goodhew, Thelma Finch, Marjorie Dodd

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 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, disease

For an urgent and determined global response to the climate emergency

POST 19 JULY ARRANGEMENTS

In line with updated guidelines from both HM Government and the Church of England, the PCC has agreed new arrangements for services which will take immediate effect. Our objective is to provide a safe and secure environment for all whilst recognising we all have different appetites for risk.

- Face masks will not be required although we recognise many will still prefer to wear them at their personal discretion.
- It will no longer be necessary to register your attendance for track and trace purposes.
- Seating will continue to be spaced in line with our practice over the last twelve months.
- Both choir and congregational singing will be permitted in church with unrestricted numbers.
- Hymn books and service booklets will be in use.
- Communion will remain as bread only, as agreed with our visiting clergy.
- Sharing of Peace will remain as a nod and a wave.
- Refreshments – coffee will be served from the back of church/ outside the West door in the usual manner.
- Bell ringers will no longer be subject to social distancing protocols.
- It is hoped Sunday School and Messy church will be able to resume from the start of the Autumn term in September
- The Church will be open daily from Monday, 3 August 2021

Our church is large well-ventilated space with ample room for people to spread as they chose and according to their personal appetite to risk. Hand sanitiser will continue to be provided and the doors will be left open during services to allow good ventilation.

Churchwardens

PRAYER FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD

Let's put ourselves into the hands of the Lord, and pray that God will bless us and our families during these wonderful months of summer.

May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.

May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others to enjoy the blessings that summertime brings.

Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts. Grant us refreshment of mind and body.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Margaret Neve has very kindly offered to continue 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.



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.**



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Website: www.stdunstansmayfield.org.uk PLEASE DO BE IN TOUCH IF YOU WOULD LIKE NAMES ADDED TO OUR PRAYER LIST.

MAYFACS HELPLINE: 01435 873888.



SUNDAY JULY 25 THE FEAST OF ST JAMES THE APOSTLE

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 20.20-28

As your Apostle James was with you on the Mount of Transfiguration, grant, O Lord, that we may come into your presence with the great joy of simply being with you. Amen

SUNDAY AUGUST 1ST - This week we explore the question: what must we do to perform the works of God?

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 6: 24-35

Dear God, you are always with us. Help us to believe in you and go out to do your work. Amen



SUNDAY AUGUST 8TH - This week we explore the assumptions we carry with us. Jesus said 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven'... John 6:51

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 6: 35, 41-51

Lord Jesus, we believe in you and have chosen to follow your way. Give us the Bread of Life to fill us with love and keep our faith growing stronger. Amen

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

Sunday Club

THE BIG PICNIC

COURT MEADOW
THURSDAY
5TH AUGUST 2021
12-2PM

COME AND JOIN US!
BRING A PICNIC AND THERE WILL BE FUN
ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHILDREN



WITH MAYFACS AND ST
DUNSTAN'S CHURCH



Raising funds for the preservation and maintenance of the church building

ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY IN AID OF THE FRIENDS OF ST DUNSTAN'S PARISH CHURCH



**Claytons Farmhouse, Newick Lane
12 noon to 2pm Sunday 8th August**
by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Richard Nabavi

Entry is by ticket only (£10) payable at the gate to include a glass of wine, light refreshments and the opportunity to walk around this lovely country garden. Ample parking provided.

Clayton's Farmhouse is situated about 1 mile down Newick Lane on the right. The farmhouse dates from about 1420 and is surrounded by garden, orchard, woodland and farmland. It even has its own railway tunnel!

Everyone welcome—let's make this a garden party to remember!



St Dunstan's Labyrinth—a place of peace and tranquillity

Lay down your burdens as you walk to the centre; once there, 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.