



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

NEWS from ST. DUNSTAN'S SUNDAY 31 JULY TRINITY 7



10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST

followed by leaving drinks for Andrew Benians

Setting: Messe Solonelle (Vierne)
Anthems: Ubi Caritas (Durufle)
Tantum Ergo (Widor)

Sunday Club

READINGS

Colossians 3: 1-11
Luke 12: 13-21



COLLECT

O God, the giver of every gift that endures, only by your grace can we rightly understand the wonder of life and why it is given. By the word of your Son challenge our foolishness, confront our greed, and shape our lives to the wisdom of the gospel. 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

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so 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.

CHURCH PRAYER DIARY

- Friday 29th: St Dunstan's coffee-makers
- Saturday 30th: Our Social Committee and events
- Sunday 31st: Mayfield Baptist church/congregation
- Monday 1st: Our vicar, Fr Michael, and Jo
- Tuesday 2nd: Mayfield Primary School
- Wednesday 3rd: Deacon Di
- Thursday 4th: Five Ashes Primary School
- Friday 5th: Stephen and Steve, Churchwardens

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 for 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: Patrick Fitzgerald, Hugh Brilliant, Rosemary Tierney, Mark Husey, Christiane Barstow, Dorothy Fairbrother and Kenneth Streeter

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

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.*



DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sat 30th: 12.30pm Saturday Picnickers—London House
 Sun 31st: 10.15am Parish Eucharist
 followed by Leaving Drinks for Andrew Benians
 Wed 3rd: 10am Said Eucharist in the Lady Chapel
 11am Prayer Together—Stone House
 Fri 5th: 10am-11.30am Coffee and Chat in London House
 4pm Wedding Rehearsal
 Sat 6th: 3pm Wedding of Alexander Simon and Isabella Enock
 Sun 7th: 10.15am Parish Eucharist

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

CONTACT DETAILS FOR FR MICHAEL ASQUITH:

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CHURCH OPENING HOURS: daily 9am to 5pm

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!)



Sunday Club

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

Colossians 3 verses 1 – 11
Luke 12 verses 13 - 21

This week we explore our attitude to abundance

Jesus, you teach us the way to find true treasure.

Give us eyes to look beyond the superficial, ears to hear the needs of others and hands to reach out in selfless care. 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.



We wish **Andrew Benians**, and his wife, Dee, all the best as they move on to pastures new after 18 years at St Dunstan's.

There will be **Leaving Drinks** after the 10.15am Eucharist on Sunday 31st.



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



SATURDAY PICNICKERS
 London House
 12.30pm 30th July. ALL WELCOME
 Contact: Valerie 873253

Do you have knowledge of Health and Safety legislation and practices? Are you willing to use your knowledge to benefit your church? St Dunstan's is looking to appoint an honorary **Health and Safety Officer** to review our current arrangements and ensure we stay ahead of legislation. If you can help please contact Nicky in the parish office office.stdunstans@gmail.com

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: 14th August. ALL WELCOME.



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 TOGETHER' in Stone House (by kind permission of Sister Jean and Sister Maria) at 11am on Wednesday 3rd August. The entrance is through the white gateway and across the courtyard. We look forward to welcoming you.



COFFEE & CHAT
 10-11.30
 FRIDAY 5th AUG
 LONDON HOUSE

If you have a working knowledge of 'Publisher' and would like to help out with ENEWS, please contact julia.lawrence10@btinternet.com (01435 872389). Thank you.

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O God, the stars above shine with all your glory
 And the flowers below glow with colour.
 But why all the fighting,
 The wars, the anger?
 I just want to paint your joy-
 To paint the shade of green on each blade of grass,
 Or the silkiness of hair on the cat's back.
 Please shine your light in my path.
 Amen

Gemma McKean (aged 12)

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.