



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

NEWS from

ST. DUNSTAN'S

SUNDAY 4 JULY

5th after TRINITY



10.15am PARISH
EUCHARIST with Fr
David Milnes

READINGS:
2 Corinthians 12: 2-10
Mark 6: 1-13

COLLECT
Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body



of the Church is governed
and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer
for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and
ministry they may serve you in
holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ, who is alive and
reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION
Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may
be so peaceably ordered
by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully
serve you
in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

In our Gospel reading we have Jesus putting himself to a very severe test. He comes to his hometown as a Rabbi, preaching to those who knew him when he was growing up. They knew his background. He is greeted with hostility and resentment. What right had he to teach them! It's far easier to cope with holiness in strangers

(maybe it doesn't feel quite so much like personal criticism). To quote William Barclay "There can be no preaching in the wrong atmosphere neither can there be peace making if folk come together to see no other point of view but their own, they will see no other." He ends: "**We can open the door wide to Jesus Christ, or we can slam it in his face.**" **Di**

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH & interviews on 6th

*God our Father,
you have welcomed each one of us in Jesus
and called us to be his body in this place.
Send us your Holy Spirit at this time of
uncertainty and change to fill us
with vision, energy and faithfulness in
prayer that we may be true to our calling
to bring new life to our community;
and guide with your heavenly wisdom
those who are to choose a new priest for
this parish, so that the one whom we
receive may be a wise and gentle shepherd
of your people:
ready to serve us with joy,
to build us up in faith
and to lead us by example,
in loving obedience to your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. 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 wisdom as interviews take place for a new Parish priest
For the courage to make the most of every opportunity to share our faith with others through words and deeds
For patience as we continue to face the frustration of Covid restrictions; **for healing** for those succumbing to the disease and to long Covid. We pray for those whose jobs are at risk and for those separated from loved ones
For all known to us who are sick in body, mind or spirit: Pam Mather, Alf Thompson
For the recently departed: Pauline Templeton; and all who mourn the loss of loved ones
For those whose anniversaries fall this at this time: Peggy Wicker, Elaine Siggery, Donald Ticehurst, Brenda Cope, Patricia Prindl, Janice Anstey
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 and for equitable distribution of vaccines
For all those leading the way in environmental issues
For all who work to alleviate poverty, hunger and disease

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Tues 6th: Interviews for a new incumbent
Wed 7th: 10am – Said Eucharist with Fr David Milnes
Thurs 8th: 6.30-9.30pm Mayfield Festival Choir Rehearsal
Sun 11th: 10.15am Parish Eucharist with Bishop Nicholas Reade
12 noon Said Eucharist in The Cottage Hospice with Canon Nigel Mason

PLEASE NOTE: Parish Office will be closed week of 12th July

CHURCH OPENING HOURS—Wednesdays and Sundays until 6pm. Please wear a mask, use the sanitizer provided, and follow social distancing regulations. Thank you.

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.



CHURCHWARDENS' ADMISSION TO OFFICE

Revised date: 7pm Wednesday 21 July

7pm at All Saints Crowborough

Stephen and Steve would welcome your support.
Please click [here](#) to prebook.

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 SERVICES: 11th & 25th

Rev'd Sandi Wickens at last week's service



'I believe in the sun, even when it is not shining. I believe in God, even when he is silent.'
Anon.

Sunday Club

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

This week we explore being prepared to be vulnerable

Lord Jesus, help us to trust you and always know you are with us. **Amen.**

GOSPEL READING: MARK 6: 1 - 13



From Deacon Di
Thank you for all your cards and good wishes for my move.
I'm in!



We are very fortunate to have a labyrinth in our churchyard—it is a place of peace and tranquility. 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.



HOSPICE RUN 2021 – SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

To find out more, please visit [https://](https://www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk/events/hospice-run-2021/)

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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



Box Office now open for

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 Faure'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

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.



MAYFIELD SHED

10.30am-3pm Saturday 3 July
Merrieweathers Farm

Grand Opening of The MAYFACS

Shed – a project for our whole community

ACCOMMODATION WANTED for a newly appointed Classics and Religious Studies teacher at Mayfield School. Ideally a family home to rent but, in extremis, a room or flat for sole occupancy until suitable family accommodation can be found. Please contact steveo_oliver@hotmail.com direct. Any help we can give would be greatly appreciated.



"FRIENDS OF" FIVE ASHES C E PRIMARY SCHOOL VIRTUAL SILENT AUCTION

6pm Friday 18– 9pm Sunday 4 July

Check out and bid on an amazing selection of exciting lots <https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/fiveashesprimaryschool>

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Office hours: 9am-1pm Mon, Wed, Fri—emails/phone calls

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

MAYFACS HELPLINE: 01435 873888.