



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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NEWS from ST. DUNSTAN'S SUNDAY 14 MARCH



LENT 4

SUNDAY SERVICES

10.15am SAID EUCHARIST with Fr Christopher Channer IN ST DUNSTAN'S - to be 'live-streamed' (see over)

READINGS:

Exodus 2: 1-10
John 19: 25b-27



COLLECT

God of compassion,
Whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,

Shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
And on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
Strengthen us in our daily living
That in joy and in sorrow
We may know the power of your presence
To bind together and to heal;
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

Loving God
As a mother feeds her children at the breast
You feed us in this sacrament
With the food and drink of eternal life:
Help us who have tasted your goodness
To grow in grace within the household of faith;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

Today is also called Laetare Sunday or Refreshment Sunday when the Lenten fast is lifted a bit (simnel cakes!).

Mothering Sunday used to be the day when people returned to the church where they were baptized and nurtured in the faith, or to their nearest cathedral. Later it became the day when servant girls were able to visit their mothers. It's not to be confused with "Mother's Day" which is a much later

secular invention from the U.S.A., celebrated on the second Sunday in May.

Nevertheless today we honour and thank those who have loved and nurtured us, noting from today's two readings, that "Parenting" takes many forms. Family life is made up of light and dark colours and Jesus is able to understand and comfort us in them all.

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A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

"As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you" Isaiah 66:13

Dear Lord God,
We give thanks for all who mother in whatever the actual relationship.
Lord give Your wisdom.
We pray for women who long to be mothers.
Lord give Your hope.
We pray for mothers who have lost a baby and for mothers whose children have died.
Lord give Your comfort.
We pray for mothers and children with difficult relationships and for mothers who struggle.
Lord give Your strength and guidance.
We pray for children whose mother has died, and those who never knew their mother.
For all who feel grief on Mothering Sunday.
Lord give Your peace. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Giving thanks: for Deacon Di, visiting clergy, our Churchwardens and PCC, Nicky in the Office, and all those working hard in so many different ways to keep things going during the vacancy; for the reopening of our church, praying that the congregation will keep safe
For the recruitment process for a new incumbent: as advertisements are placed, we pray for the discernment of God's will for our parish and for wisdom for those on the interviewing panel
For those who are anxious or fearful about the future particularly those whose jobs are at risk
For all who continue to miss gathering together socially; but giving thanks for the efficient roll out of the Covid vaccine
For all known to us who are sick in body, mind or spirit: Donald Cameron, Pam Mather, Alf Thompson
For the recently departed: Herb Hills
For those whose anniversaries fall this week: Amy Baker, Doris Trevillion, John Coulter, John Walters

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

- Sun 14th:** MOTHERING SUNDAY Said Eucharist in ST DUNSTAN'S with Fr Christopher Channer with live-streaming**
- Tues 16th:** Diocesan Lent Course Session 4 via Zoom**
- Wed 17th:** Said Eucharist with Fr David Milnes
- Fri 19th:** 12.30pm Lenten Lunch via Zoom—Hospice in the Weald
- Sun 21st:** 10.15am Said Eucharist—in ST DUNSTAN'S with BISHOP WILL. with live-streaming via Zoom**

For the next few weeks our Sunday Services will be 'live-streamed' using the Zoom link below.

(Those at home might like to download the Order of Service from the church website—select Church Life/Services/Lent Service Sheet)

PLEASE NOTE: NHS TRACK & TRACE—there is now a QR code by the entrance to the church for you to use should you have downloaded the relevant app onto your smart phone. Thank you.

**ZOOM LINK for SUNDAY SERVICES, 'COFFEE' and LENT COURSE

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82110568906?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82110568906?pwd=TDJ3MU85L2dmTmZaU28va2JYM3dMUT09)

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or enter the ID 82110568906, passcode: 506133

Or tel: 0203 4815240 Meeting Code 82110568906 followed by #;

Participant Code #; and Passcode 506133 followed by #

For further guidance please call : 01435 872665 (Philip James) or 07710 319348 (Mike Hand-Bowman)

During services please remember to place yourself on 'mute' to avoid distraction to others. Thank you.

EASTER SERVICES: It was wonderful to be able to welcome so many back into church last Sunday. The Churchwardens are busy planning for Easter. For the services on Palm Sunday and Easter Day, in order to ensure everyone's safety, please contact Nicky in the office to reserve your place—Tel: 873484 ; e-mail stdunstan@tiscali.co.uk . Deadline for Palm Sunday: Wed. 24th March; deadline for Easter Day: Wed. 31st March.

Thank you.

DEANERY SYNOD—7.30pm TUESDAY 23 MARCH

OPEN MEETING via Zoom with Bishop Will speaking on the Church of England's Environmental Agenda with additional input from Penny Evans from Ticehurst and Flimwell, recipients of an Eco Church Silver Award. ALL WELCOME.



Link details next week.

SUPPORTING THE CHURCH FINANCIALLY

THANK YOU to everyone who continues to support the Church's work through

- membership of the Planned Giving Scheme
- making transfers directly to the Mayfield PCC bank account (sort code 55-70-13, account number 08277540)
- using the DONATE button or QR code

The Church's income has been hit by the pandemic so your support is so vital and much appreciated.



FRIDAY LENTEN LUNCHES

12.30-1.30pm by ZOOM!



TODAY (12th): FHL



FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND
GIVING HOPE TO VULNERABLE CHRISTIANS

NEXT FRIDAY (19th):

supporting Hospice in the Weald



A 10-minute talk will be followed by the opportunity to chat and enjoy being together over a bowl of soup—cooked by you in your own home!

To Join the zoom session, simply download the 'zoom cloud meetings' app to your phone, tablet or computer and click on this link

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89825676505?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89825676505?pwd=UVZpMFgyNGFYMitkZHVQvi9hRjRjxdz09)
[pwd=UVZpMFgyNGFYMitkZHVQvi9hRjRjxdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89825676505?pwd=UVZpMFgyNGFYMitkZHVQvi9hRjRjxdz09)

But if you like, you can simply join by phone: dial 0203 481 5240 and when requested enter: Meeting ID: 898 2567 6505 followed by #, participant number: #, passcode 837238 followed by #

Details on how make donations online or in person have been circulated and will be given on the day.

**ZOOM COFFEE—SUNDAYS at 11.15am

Whether you are at church or watching at home, there will still be an opportunity to meet for coffee afterwards! Just click on the church Zoom link. (This session will be independent of the church service.)



DIOCESAN LENT COURSE— 'CRACKED WIDE OPEN'

10am Tuesday mornings via Zoom

Focussing on video conversations between Bishop Will and Bishop Ruth. The talks are readily available on <https://www.chichester.anglican.org/lent-2021/>; but if you'd like to join a group discussion, just click on the church Zoom link at 10am on a Tuesday (details above). ALL WELCOME.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING BISHOP WILL to ST DUNSTAN'S on SUNDAY 21st MARCH.

Centuries ago it was considered important for people to return to their home or 'mother' church once a year. So each year in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their 'mother' church - the main church or cathedral of the area. A Simnel cake is a fruit cake with two layers of almond paste, one on top and one in the middle. 11 balls of marzipan on the top represent the 11 disciples. (Judas is not included.) WHY SIMNEL? The name Simnel probably comes from the Latin word *simila*, a fine wheat flour usually used for baking a cake. There's a legend that a man called Simon and his wife Nell argued over whether the cake for Mothering Sunday should be baked or boiled. In the end they did both, so the cake was named after both of them: SIM-NELL.



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

USEFUL CONTACTS:

Parish Office Tel: 873484 ; e-mail stdunstan@tiscali.co.uk .

PLEASE NOTE: Office hours: 9-1pm Mon, Wed, Fri—emails/ phone calls only.

Website: www.stdunstansmayfield.org.uk

PLEASE BE IN TOUCH IF YOU WOULD LIKE NAMES ADDED TO OUR PRAYER LIST.