

NEWS from STANS

ST. DUNSTAN'S

SUNDAY 7 MARCH





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

READINGS:

Exodus 20: 1-17 John 2: 13-22



COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not
up to joy
but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory
before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking
in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the
way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son
our Lord,

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, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil.

and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

Today's Gospel reading shows us another side of Jesus; he's not gentle, "meek and mild" today. He saw the Temple (his Father's House) was more interested in changing money than changing lives. Having money changers there probably started as a sensible convenience for its necessary sacrificial worship, but it had become a racket. It was an appalling

example of greed and self interest.

We should be on our guard against his disapproval of anything that selfishly hinders the message of his Gospel that is for everyone.

Remember that the sacrifice Jesus was to make, to save the world, was done outside the Temple and the city.

Di

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord Jesus, I pray that You are as zealous in purifying me as You were in cleansing the temple.

Rid all negativity from my life,

knock over my tables of pride and self-centredness, cleanse me fully of my guilt and fears.

Release my heart from all that burdens me so that I may live more fully

in the light of Your glory.

Create in me a purified temple so that the Holy Spirit may live in me.

Amen

Adapted from a prayer by Amy Connelly

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Giving thanks for: Deacon Di, 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 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 parents and teachers as the children return to school next week **For all known to us who are sick in body, mind or spirit:** Donald Cameron, Pam Mather, Alf Thompson

For the recently departed: Norma Butters, Wendy Hicks, Herb Hills For those whose anniversaries fall this week: Betsy Dixon, Ken Lambley, Phyllis Gardner, Brian Martin,

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Fri 5th: 2pm World Day of Prayer via Zoom

Sun 7th: 10.15am Said Eucharist—in ST DUNSTAN'S with

Fr David Milnes. To be live-streamed via Zoom**

Tues 9th: Diocesan Lent Course Session 3 via Zoom** Wed 10th: Said Eucharist with Fr David Milnes

Fri 12th: 12.30pm Lenten Lunch via Zoom—FSW Sun 14th: **MOTHERING SUNDAY Said Eucharist with** Fr Christopher Channer with live-streaming**

SERVICES WILL RESUME IN CHURCH on SUNDAY 7th MARCH

and 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? pwd=TDJ3MU85L2dmTmZaU28va2JYM3dMUT09

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.



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 give thanks for the speedy and CELEBRATE efficient roll out of the Covid vaccines. If **DONATE** you would like to help ensure equitable VACCINATE distribution of vaccines across the world,

Arm in Arm is working in conjunction with the WHO Covid-19 Solidarity Response Fund. Please click here to donate: https://

www.arminarm.net/



THE CHAPEL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD—FIVE ASHES Sadly we will not be open for services at the Cottage Hospice until April. All are welcome to join in Easter celebrations in St. Dunstans church.

Jesus overturning the tables in the Temple is a shocking act but seems nothing compared to what he says next. The Temple was believed to be a space where heaven touched earth, but Jesus speaks of destroying it and rebuilding it in three days.

However, Jesus isn't speaking about the physical Temple, but his body. Jesus signals that his death and resurrection makes the whole world into the Temple of God.

Sunday

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



John 2: 13 - 32

Holy Spirit, help us all to learn how to be your church in this place.

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.







WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

2pm Friday 5th March

BUILD ON A STRONG FOUNDATION

A short film and service put together by the women of the Republic of Vanuatu in the **South Pacific.** The Zoom link for the Service is:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83581126975? pwd=ZWlvaU1QaVpVOGZBWTMrN3EwK2FrQT09

Meeting ID: 835 8112 6975 Passcode: 639

ALL WELCOME!



FRIDAY LENTEN LUNCHES

12.30-1.30pm by ZOOM!

TODAY (5th): FSW

NEXT FRIDAY (12th): supporting FHL



Support

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? pwd=UVZpMFgyNGFYMitkZHVQVi9hRjJxdz09

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.)



USEFUL CONTACTS:

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PLEASE NOTE: Office hours as of 8th March: 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.**