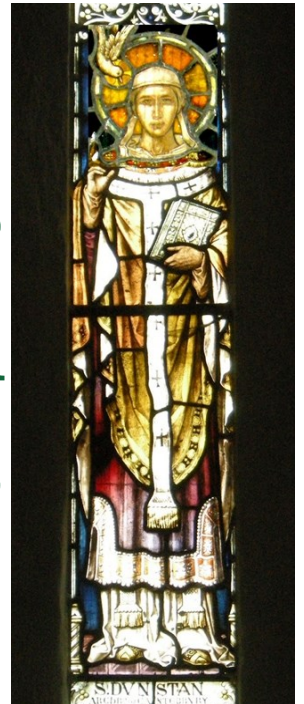




THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

NEWS from ST. DUNSTAN'S SUNDAY 16 MAY ST DUNSTAN'S DAY



SUNDAY SERVICES

10.15am ST DUNSTAN'S DAY—
PARISH EUCHARIST with Bishop
Nicholas Reade to be 'live-
streamed' (see below)**

READINGS:

Deuteronomy 6:3-9
Philippians 4:4-9
John 13:12-17



COLLECT

Almighty God, who raised up
Dunstan to be a true shepherd of
the flock, a restorer of monastic life
and a faithful counsellor to those in
authority; give to all pastors the
same gifts of your Holy Spirit that
they may be true servants of Christ
and of all his people; 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, Shepherd of your people,
whose servant Dunstan revealed the
loving service of Christ in his
ministry as a pastor of your people;
by this Eucharist in which we share,
awaken within us the love of Christ
and keep us faithful to our Christian
calling; through him who laid down
his life for us, but is alive and reigns
with you, now and for ever.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

Coming out of Lockdown restrictions and hopefully getting nearer to normal life is a bit of a worrying business. Have we got it right? Why do we feel so uncomfortable? Why do we keep forgetting words and names? (Join the club!) If anyone had cause to worry it was St. Paul, writing from Rome, chained to a guard, awaiting his sentence; he might be acquitted or he might be beheaded! Plus he was

burdened with the problems of the church he founded.... persecutions, disunity and false teachers. But he sends them and us that lovely list (**Philippians 4:8,9**) from today's New Testament reading, to set everyone on the right path. His epistle is a sort of 'psychology book' based on Christian doctrine, not a 'self help' but a 'God help.'

I guess our St Dunstan, with his multitude of tasks and responsibilities, must have often read it, so should we!

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

*Eternal God,
You have always taken
men and women of
every nation, age and
colour
and made them saints;
like them, transformed,
like them, baptised in
Jesus' name,
take us to share Your
glory.*

Amen

A New Zealand Prayer Book

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 to keep things going during the vacancy

For the recruitment process for a new Parish Priest

For the forthcoming APCM and for nominees to be forthcoming for the important positions to be filled

For the courage to make the most of every opportunity to share our faith with others through words and deeds

Giving thanks for the easing of lockdown restrictions, but mindful of those whose jobs are at risk, education disrupted

For all known to us who are sick in body, mind or spirit: Pam Mather, Alf Thompson; and Jennie Boxall. and **for all those who mourn the loss of loved ones.**

For those whose anniversaries fall this week: Peter Fox, Canon Martin Onions

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, particularly at this time, the Middle East

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

Mon 17th: Testing of the Fire Alarm—London House
Wed 19th: 10.00am – Said Eucharist with Fr David Milnes
Thurs 20th: Mayfield Festival Choir Rehearsal—St Dunstan's
Sun 23rd: 10.15am **PENTECOST PARISH EUCHARIST** with Fr Christopher Channer—**please wear something red**—to be 'live-streamed' (see below)**
12noon Said Eucharist at the Cottage Hospice with Revd Sandi Wickens

CHURCH OPENING HOURS

The church is now open for services and private prayer on **Wednesdays and Sundays until 6pm.** Please wear a mask, use the sanitizer provided, and follow social distancing regulations. Thank you.

**Link for Live-streaming of Services/Zoom Coffee

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

Those at home might like to download the **Orders of Service** from the church website—select Church Life/Services/Service Sheet

****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. (To run independently of the church service.)**



APCM—6pm TUESDAY 25th MAY via Zoom (or phone link)

Please put this date in your diaries. Important elections will take place and we would ask that you be praying for the right people to come forward to take up the following positions:

Churchwarden—2 vacancies
PCC ordinary members—3 vacancies
(including PCC Secretary)

Nomination forms available at the back of church and on the church website (under 'Resources')
Further information:

[Documents - Being a Churchwarden - Diocese of Chichester \(anglican.org\)](#)

[Documents - Being a PCC Secretary - Diocese of Chichester \(anglican.org\)](#)

Lists of those standing for election are also at the back of church.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Churchwardens Jo and Sheila, and PCC Secretary Chris, for their invaluable service to our church community over a great many years. Sheila will be in post to support newly elected wardens and until they are 'doffed' (sworn in) by the Diocesan Registrar. Thank you too for the valuable contributions of retiring PCC Members David Robson and Carl Walters.

FAITH IN SUSSEX

The diocesan publication reaching church communities across Sussex

Please click here for the latest Summer edition.

CARETAKERS required by Mayfield & Five Ashes Primary Schools. Mon-Fri 7-9am. If you're interested, or know anyone who might be, please contact Alison Morgan: office@thewealdfederation.org

Sunday Club

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

ST DUNSTAN'S DAY is 19th May and we will be celebrating in church on Sunday 16th May.

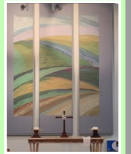


FOR CARTOON FUN, PLEASE CLICK HERE



This week: 'The Spider Madness'

Services have resumed at the **CHAPEL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD** at the **COTTAGE HOSPICE** in **FIVE ASHES** and are held at **12 noon** on the **2nd** and **4th Sundays** of each month. **ALL ARE MOST WELCOME.**



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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.



TWIN MY VACCINE
At a time when many of us have received our 2nd Covid jab – here is an opportunity of donating the cost

(£4-£30) to UNICEF who aim to vaccinate 2 BILLION people by the end of this year. To find out more about a Somerset vicar and his wife who have set up their own initiative: [BBC News Twin My Vaccine story](#) and a direct link for donations: [Twin My Vaccine Just Giving](#)



FSW OPEN GARDEN
1.30-5.30pm **SUNDAY 30 MAY**
WARREN HOUSE,
ERIDGE GREEN TN3 9JR

This is arranged by the churches in Rotherfield Deanery - that includes us! COVID secure with pre booking of timed entry required:

www.familysupportwork.org/warrenhouse

PLEASE DO COME!

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