



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

# NEWS from ST. DUNSTAN'S SUNDAY 23 MAY PENTECOST



**10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST**  
with Fr Christopher Channer—  
**please wear something red**—to be  
'live-streamed' \*\*  
**12noon SAID EUCHARIST** at  
the Cottage Hospice with  
Revd Sandi Wickens

### READINGS:

Ezekiel 37: 1-14  
Psalm 104: 25 – 35, 37  
Acts 2: 1-21  
John 15: 26-26, 16: 4b-15



### COLLECT

God, who as at this time  
Taught the hearts of your faithful  
people by sending to them the light  
of your Holy Spirit:  
Grant us by the same Spirit  
To have a right judgement in all  
things and evermore to rejoice in his  
holy comfort;  
Through the merits of Christ Jesus  
our Saviour,  
Who is alive and reigns with you,

In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and for ever.

### POST COMMUNION

Faithful God,  
Who fulfilled the promises of Easter  
By sending us your Holy Spirit  
And opening to every race and  
nation the way of life eternal:  
Open our lips by your Spirit,  
That every tongue may tell of your  
glory;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

**A little puzzle for you:** Another name for this Sunday is Whit (**white**) Sunday so why are the altar frontal and vestments red and why are we encouraged to wear red today? Well, it used to be called '**White Robe Sunday**' because it was a great day for baptisms, celebrating the very beginning of the Christian Church, **its birthday**, so there were a lot of white robes about! Of course, **red is the colour of fire**, the colour of the flames descending

on the apostles in our New Testament reading, heralding the coming of **The Holy Spirit**, mysterious, elemental, beyond human control and understanding; promised by Jesus, in our Gospel reading (**John15:26**). This '**Advocate**' is there to help us all; we share what comes from the '**Spirit of truth**' with the apostles and with all Christians who listen to His voice.  
**We are given guidance, purpose and courage so that we may follow Christ.** **Di**

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Breathe in me, Holy Spirit,  
that I may *think* what is holy.  
Move me, Holy Spirit,  
that I may *do* what is holy.  
Attract me, Holy Spirit,  
that I may *love* what is holy.  
Strengthen me, Holy Spirit,  
that I may *guard* what is holy.  
Guard me, Holy Spirit,  
that I may *keep* what is holy.

*St Augustine of Hippo (354-430)*

## 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 APCM on 25th**, for nominees 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

**For all those who mourn the loss of loved ones**

**For those whose anniversaries fall this week:** Sam Harvey, Mark Blackden, Lucy Hazle, Flora Pope, Doris Essam

## 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

**Tues 25th:** APCM via Zoom (see below)\*\*  
**Wed 26th:** 10.00am – Said Eucharist with Fr David Milnes  
**Thurs 20th:** 6.30-9.30 Mayfield Festival Choir Rehearsal  
**Sun 30th:** 10.15am Trinity Sunday Parish Eucharist with Fr David Milnes\*\*

### 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.

### \*\*Parish Zoom Link for APCM and Live-streaming of Services/Zoom Coffee

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82110568906?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82110568906?pwd=TDJ3MU85L2dmTmZaU28va2JYM3dMUT09)  
[pwd=TDJ3MU85L2dmTmZaU28va2JYM3dMUT09](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 SERVICES:** Orders of Service are available on the church website—select Church Life/Services/Service Sheet. Please remember to place yourself on 'mute' to avoid distraction to others. Thank you.

**ZOOM COFFEE—SUNDAYS after the service—**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.



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

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 and APCM Reports are available at the back of church and also 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

Click here for the latest Summer edition.

**Sunday Club**

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

**PENTECOST 'All of them were filled with the holy spirit...'**

Holy Spirit, open our lips and help us sing God's praise.

Let our song be alleluia.

**Alleluia. Amen.**



**FOR CARTOON FUN, PLEASE CLICK HERE**



This week: 'The Wrong Box'



A song for today  
(please click here)

### RETIREMENT GIFTS ...

... to mark the huge contribution made to parish life by Jo and Sheila as churchwardens, and to Chris as PCC secretary. If you wish to donate to a present, please drop a cheque or cash into the office (box) or make a transfer direct to Mayfield PCC, 55-70-13, 08277532, Ref: Retirement.

**Deadline: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May. THANK YOU.**

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 WELCOME.**



**DONATE**

**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—**for an opportunity donate the cost of our own vaccine (£4-£30) to UNICEF for their worldwide vaccination programme, please click on the logo.



**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](http://www.familysupportwork.org/warrenhouse)

**PLEASE DO COME!**

**BELLRINGERS – WELCOME BACK!** It will be wonderful to hear St Dunstan's Bells back in action: 8-8.45pm Tuesday evening practice and Sunday mornings before the 10.15am service.

### USEFUL CONTACTS:

**Parish Office Tel: 873484 ; e-mail [stdunstan@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:stdunstan@tiscali.co.uk) .**

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

**Website: [www.stdunstansmayfield.org.uk](http://www.stdunstansmayfield.org.uk) PLEASE DO BE IN TOUCH IF YOU WOULD LIKE NAMES ADDED TO OUR PRAYER LIST.**

**MAYFACS HELPLINE: 01435 873888.**