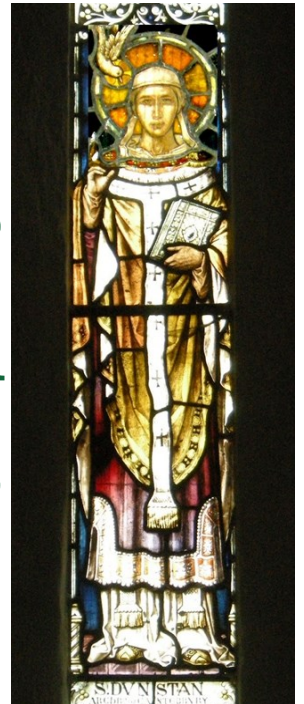




THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

NEWS from ST. DUNSTAN'S SUNDAY 2 MAY EASTER 5



SUNDAY SERVICES

10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST
with Fr David Milnes - to be 'live-streamed' (see over)**

READINGS:

Acts 8:26-40
John 15:1-8



COLLECT

Almighty God,
Who through your only begotten
Son Jesus Christ have overcome
death and opened to us the gate of
everlasting life:
Grant that, as by your grace going
before us, you put into our minds
good desires,
So by your continual help we may
bring them to good effect;
Through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,

Who is alive and reigns with you,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever.

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way,
the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for
ever.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

Outside St Dunstan's, against the wall to the right of the War Memorial, there appeared a large pot with a gnarled 'stick' in it. I heard many people question what it was. Slightly cross-shaped, was it something to do with Easter? But now we know, because it's started to sprout. It's the grapevine that drapes the front of 'Fine Wines', pruned and ready to flourish! Our Lord's image of the vine and its branches in

today's Gospel is a vivid and useful image. We can't expect to produce the spiritual fruit of **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control** (Galatians 5: 22,23) unless we are well attached with the life sap flowing through us. **We need to keep in touch with Jesus!**

Let us hope, like the budding of the vine outside, we will start to flourish and produce fruit in abundance, following our 'pruned Pandemic Experience.'

Di

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Loving God,
You are the vine, we are the
branches.
When we are tempted to go our
own way, forgive us, and draw us
back to the vine of Your peace and
joy.
When we are tempted to ignore the
suffering of others, forgive us and
draw us back to the vine of Your
kindness.
When we are tempted to stop
praying for the needs of the world,
forgive us, and draw us back to the
vine of Your faithfulness.
Cultivate Your Spirit in us so that we
may bear the fruits of love. 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 recruitment process for a new incumbent

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

Giving thanks for the gradual 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 **for all those who mourn the loss of loved ones**

For those whose anniversaries fall this week: Mary Tremaine, Roy Taylor, Gwyneth Gregson-Ellis, Rosemary Owen, Richard Parris, Sonia Kersley, Jane Fauvel

AND FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WIDER WORLD

For our Queen and the Royal Family as they mourn the loss of Prince Philip

For our Government and all national leaders that they be guided by a Godly wisdom; for **peace and reconciliation** in areas of conflict

For areas continuing to be affected by Covid—particularly at this time for the situation in India; for equitable distribution of Covid 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 3rd: Bank Holiday - office closed
Wed 5th: 10.00am – Said Eucharist with Fr David Milnes
Thurs 6th: 8.30am Organ Tuners
Sun 9th: 10.15am Parish Eucharist with Fr Christopher Channer**
12noon Said Eucharist at the Cottage Hospice with Canon Nigel Mason



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?](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 #

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. (This session will be independent of the church service.)



APPLICATION TO JOIN THE ELECTORAL ROLL

If you would like to apply to join the 2021 Electoral Roll, could you please contact our Electoral Roll Officer, Mrs Sue Marshall – tel 01825 830820; email sue.s.marshall@btinternet.com – and she will be able to help you. **All applications need to be received by 11th May 2021 latest.** Any amendments received after this date won't be included for this year. If you are already on the Electoral Roll there is no need to take any action. Thank you.

 **A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE HOLY DUSTERS** who helped spring clean the church last Friday. It is intended this be done every 6 weeks or so. Offers to help to emma@ryder-richardson.co.uk

Sunday Club

Please see the Church website for further details of the weekly

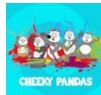
activities posted for our younger members.

Jesus, you are the vine and we are the branches. Help us this week to be connected by your love for us, and our love for each another. Amen.



Gospel reading:
John 15: 1 - 8

FOR CARTOON FUN, PLEASE CLICK HERE



This week: 'The Missing Pizza'

TWIN MY VACCINE

At a time when many of us have received our 2nd Covid jab – free through the NHS - 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](#)

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.



USEFUL CONTACTS:

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Website: www.stdunstansmayfield.org.uk Please be in touch if you would like names added to our prayer list.



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!