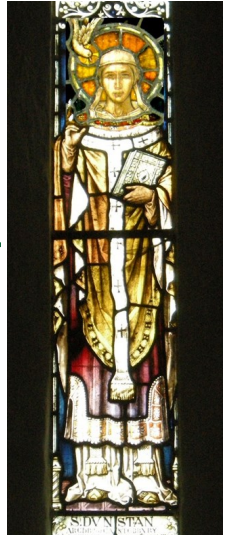




THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES

NEWS from ST. DUNSTAN'S SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER HARVEST FESTIVAL



10.15am HARVEST PARISH

EUCCHARIST with Fr Christopher Channer; **Sunday Club**

Setting: Communion Service in F major (Darke)
Anthem: Thou visitest the earth (Greene)

(No service at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd this Sunday)

READINGS:

1 Timothy 6: 6-10
Matthew 6: 25-33



COLLECT

Eternal God,
You crown the year with your Goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
Grant that we may use them to your glory,
For the relief of those in need
And for our own well-being;
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

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving
For your love in creation
And have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:
By your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
And make us generous and wise stewards
Of the good things we enjoy;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

In this country an early **Harvest Festival** used to be celebrated at the beginning of the harvest season, on August 1st. It was called **Lammas**, meaning 'Loaf Mass'. Farmers made loaves of bread from the fresh wheat crop and these were given to the local church as the

communion bread during a special Service of Thanksgiving. Our modern tradition of celebrating, thanks to the **Revd. Robert Hawker**, is usually held on the nearest Sunday to the 'Harvest Moon,' i.e. the full moon that occurs closest to the autumn equinox on 22nd or 23rd September. **Di**

A PRAYER FOR OUR FARMING COMMUNITY

Almighty God,
you have called us to share in the work of your creation,
by employing our time and energies,
our wisdom and gifts,
and so ordering our lives in its joys
and in the diverse challenges we face.
Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
and grant that our collaboration
with one another and with you
may be to your glory,
bringing relief to all those in need
and well-being to one another;
that together, through skill, technology,
and plentiful harvests,
we can provide for this and future generations.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen.**



PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Giving thanks to God for his faithfulness

For Fr Michael Asquith, and wife Jo, as they prepare to move to Mayfield; for Deacon Di, visiting clergy, Churchwardens, PCC and Nicky in the Office

For the wider village community, for fellow Christians in neighbouring churches, for MAYFACS, for the Cottage Hospice

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

For healing for those continuing to be affected by Covid—both directly and indirectly; for those whose jobs are at risk

For all known to us who are sick : William Humphrey, Pam Mather

For the recently departed: Sheila Humphrey, Mike Mather, Alf Thompson;

and for all who mourn the loss of loved ones

For those whose anniversaries fall this at this time: Pat Cross

AND FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WIDER WORLD

For our Government and all national leaders that they be guided by a Godly wisdom in their decision-making

For the situation in Afghanistan and for peace and reconciliation in all areas of conflict

For all victims of intolerance, persecution and oppression

For safe refuge for the displaced and homeless

For parts of the world continuing to be adversely affected by Covid; for equitable distribution of vaccine

For all who lack proper healthcare, good nutrition and adequate supplies of clean water; **for all who work to alleviate poverty, hunger and disease**

For an urgent and determined global response to the climate emergency

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

- Tues 28th:** 2.30pm Service of Thanksgiving for Mark Blackden. All welcome
7.30pm PCC Meeting London House
- Wed 29th:** 10am Said Eucharist with Fr David Milnes
- Thurs 30th:** 9.30-12.30 **Holy Dusters**
 7-9pm Mayfield Festival Choir Rehearsal
- Sat 2nd:** 10.30-2.30 **'Tango Harvest' Workshop** (see below)
 4.15-5.15pm Visiting Bellringers from St John's in Hackney
- Sun 3rd:** 10.15am Parish Eucharist with Fr David Milnes;
Sunday Club

CHURCH OPENING HOURS: Daily 9am to 5pm

HARVEST FESTIVAL



10.15am

Sunday 26 September

'BRING AND SHARE' after the service—**FINGER FOOD ONLY**—please bring a plate of food (plates and napkins provided). **All are welcome to come and celebrate the role farmers play in all our lives.** Donations will be gratefully received for



The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

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



THE LICENCING of FR MICHAEL ASQUITH will take place on **Wednesday 10th November at 7.30pm** with Bishop Martin presiding

'A TANGO HARVEST'

Saturday 2 October 10.30-2.30



Children aged 8 and above are warmly invited to come to St Dunstan's for **'Tango Harvest' - a free singing workshop** to learn fun songs for the feast of Harvest (with lunch). The session will end with an informal performance for parents and friends to which everyone is welcome. Please contact Andrew Benians, Director of Music, for further details and to register interest: andrewbenians@gmail.com 01435 866485

CALLING ALL HOLY DUSTERS! 9.30-12.30 Thursday 30 Sept

A reminder of the next church cleaning session for all the regulars plus anyone else who might like to come along – for as long or as short a time as you can manage. We look forward to seeing you—coffee provided! Thank you! Further info: emma@ryder-richardson.co.uk



Please click here for the latest Autumn edition.

FAITH IN SUSSEX

The diocesan publication reaching church communities across Sussex

Sunday Club

Please meet Margaret Neve in London House from 10am and the children will join the Service in Church when the 'Peace' is being said.

Sunday 26 September: HARVEST FESTIVAL

Lord, we give thanks for all farmers who work long hours to provide us with so much of our food. They work in all weathers to look after the land and their animals. May they rest after a busy day before having to get up very early to start another very busy day. Lord thank you for farmers and thank you farmers for our food. Amen



MUSIC IN ST DUNSTAN'S
 7.30pm FRIDAY 15 OCTOBER



LONDON BAROQUE ORCHESTRA performs BACH

under the direction of Jack Gonzalez-Harding with Violinist: Conor Gricmanis; Flautist: Beth Stone

PROGRAMME

Orchestral Suite No2 in B Minor BMW 1067
 Violin Concerto in E Major BMV 1042
 Brandenburg 4 BMV 1049
 Brandenburg 5 BMV 1050

Tickets (to include programme and a glass of wine):
 Standard: £20; Under 21's: £5

- Online via www.Ticketsource.co.uk
- Tel: 0333 666 3366 Quote: St Dunstan's
- Lambert and Foster offices in Mayfield and Wadhurst
- On door (cash only)



Monday Tots

St Dunstan's Baby and Toddler Group is back! Twice a month from 9.00am in London House.

Dates: October 4 & 18; November 8 & 22; December 6 & 20. Toddlers have the chance to play whilst you enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat. Each time we have a bible story with related craft and singing. Do join us!

Further details karen@mackcapital.co.uk or 07985215344 .

CASHLESS GIVING Good news—the new card reader has arrived and is located adjacent to the door in St Dunstan's. It's easy to use—to give £5, simply tap the machine with a payment card. To change the amount, please follow the instructions. Alternative ways to give: the QR code with your mobile, the Donate Button, or a bank transfer to Mayfield PCC, 55-70-13, 08277540. **Thank you.**

DONATE



SONGS of PRAISE and THANKSGIVING

How good it was to welcome members from St Thomas's and Colkins Mill to worship together on Sunday 19 Sept.



£188.50 was raised for ChristianAid.



HAVE YOU NOTICED? The Notice boards in the Church porch have been cleaned and generally spruced up. Thank you Denise!

MAYFACS HELPLINE: 01435 873888