

St Mary and All Saints, Dunsfold,
Sunday, January 24, 2021

PRAYING FOR THE FUTURE AND RECALLING A BEAUTIFUL PRAYER FROM DUNSFOLD'S RECENT PAST

Monday January 25 is a significant day for the parishes of St Mary and All Saints, Dunsfold and St Peter's, Hascombe.

It's the day when all the parishes in the Guildford Diocese, and anyone following the Diocese's calendar of prayer, are asked to pray for us and our incumbent, Ian Maslin.

The prayer request is quite specific. Everyone is asked to pray for our parishes "that the new families arriving in the community will seek to find Christ in our churches." They're also asked to pray for "our Church volunteers, in all their varied roles, who maintain the living faith within our parishes and for the strength, courage and wisdom in finding new ways to take the Word into our growing communities."

We face challenges along the way but we can be assured of the prayerful support of many. And that provokes memories of the Dunsfold parish prayer. During Canon Paul Jenkins' time as our rector we used to have it printed out on cards that could be taken away from the back of church. For those who have forgotten, here it is:

The Dunsfold Prayer: Heavenly Father, You called Mary and All Saints to be the bearers of Good News, send your light and truth to lead us. Open our minds to worship you in spirit and truth. Open our eyes to the opportunities you give us. Open our ears to hear your call, open our hearts to your love, that we may serve you and bring others to your light, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our parish prayer isn't a bad way to focus our thoughts for the tasks ahead as we prepare to celebrate Reverend Ian's first anniversary as our priest in charge.

MEMO TO THE DOUBTERS WHO WONDER IF CHRISTIAN UNITY HAS ANY REAL VALUE



The campaign to unite Christians around the world was inspirational so thanks to all those who have followed the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on our website.

To those who doubt the value of unity we happily present Pope Francis (above) attending the Anglican Church of All Saints, Rome. He became the first Pope to set foot within an Anglican Church in his own diocese, taking an active part in Evensong by leading the prayers. He also invited the clergy and choir from All Saints to sing the office of Evensong at St Peter's Basilica.

And as they ask in The Life of Brian, "What did the Romans ever do for us?"

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10am Holy Communion (via Zoom)

Click on the link below to join our shortened service this Sunday. The link will go live at around 9.45 am and Reverend Ian and his wife Susie will take communion on behalf of the parishes of Dunsfold and Hascombe.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2746581498?
pwd=WjllcHBydjdOOEEzZ2tBVDNyMFBaZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2746581498?pwd=WjllcHBydjdOOEEzZ2tBVDNyMFBaZz09)

Meeting ID: 274 658 1498 Passcode:
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Readings and collect for the Third Sunday of
Epiphany.

OT: Genesis 14: 17-20
NT: Revelation 19: 6-10
GOSPEL: John 2: 1-11

Collect for the 3rd Sunday of Epiphany: Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your Saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.



**REVEREND IAN MASLIN REFLECTS
ON THE WEDDING AT CANA AND
JESUS' FIRST PUBLIC MIRACLE**

The wedding at Cana shows us that Mary's trust in Jesus was total; she believed that something would be done.

And the key to her confidence was that she knew Him so well. She could trust in Jesus because she knew Him intimately, as only a mother knows a son; she had shared with Him, was comfortable with Him, was close to Him.

Throughout His ministry Jesus encourages people to trust in God. His disciples grew close to Him; they watched as He cured the sick, forgave the sinner and welcomed the outcast.

Each encounter and experience deepened their faith. *'He let His Glory be seen and His disciples believed in Him'* They grew close to Him.

If we wish to do the Lord's will then we must first trust in Him. To trust anyone, it is important to know them well -no one really trusts a complete stranger.

The disciples trust in the Lord grew as their friendship deepened. Trusting in Him, we are called to act on what we believe, to discern what is the Lord's will.

When we follow the Lord's will we are taking great steps into the unknown.

It isn't always the path that the world wants us to follow. And as we go, it's important to remember that we may well make mistakes along the way.

But, through God's love, through Christ's sacrificial forgiveness, we can always start again. Through doing God's will we reveal His glory and our lives will be a living proclamation to the Gospel.

But, how do we trust in the Lord completely and get to know Him well?

Read the Bible on a regular basis, spend quiet moments listening to the voice of God as He speaks to us in the world around us, alert to what he is saying to us throughout the day; share in the lives of our fellow Christians. All these things help us deepen our relationship with God.

It is good to seek out moments in every day so as to be alone with God, listening to what He asks of us and we may find this easier to achieve during the pandemic lockdown.

As our knowledge of and closeness to God deepens, so will our trust in the Lord grow.

We each fulfil God's will in different ways; in his first letter to the Corinthians St Paul tells us; *"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord."*

We all have particular gifts which we are to use in fulfilling God's will in the world. No one else has our gifts, so it's up to us to use them, to act on what we believe.

As we grow to appreciate the uniqueness of our own calling then we begin to appreciate more the unique gifts of

everyone else. We grow in love of one another as we grow in our love for God.

In this way we are letting God's glory be seen and we live the Good News.

AMEN

ZOOMING FORWARD IN FAITH, PART 2

If you can't join us live Ian will be putting a recording of this Sunday's service, plus his reflections and prayers on our website, www.achurchnearyou/dunsofold.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

CHURCH: Our treasurer John Gray and all people within the Church nationwide facing the challenges of guiding us through the financial crises created by the coronavirus.

WORLD: Within the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Church in Bangladesh.

THE SICK: Amanda and Hugh, Tim Bailey, Michael Burt, Sarah Godwin and John Davies, Jan and Mark Knott, William and James Mason, Sally Rivett, Sue Simper, Jacky Williams, Alli, Judy Bolt, Sue and Dennis Evans, Lorna Thompson, Sami Bennewith, Lizzy and Paddy Laverty.

THE DEPARTED: Reverend Norman Edsall, Peter Williams, Ian McClune

PLEASE SHARE THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND'S SPECIAL LOCKDOWN PRAYER

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, And lift up all who are brought low; that they may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love.

SAFEGUARDING IN YOUR CHURCH

We take safeguarding seriously in Dunsfold Church. If you have any concerns or information you wish to pass on please contact our safeguarding officer, Hazel Wiltshire on 01403 753847 or email her at hazelwiltshire@talktalk.net

THE LAST WORD...

GEOFFREY FISHER (1887-1972) Archbishop of Canterbury



"I hope that by going to visit the Pope I have enabled everybody to see that the words Catholic and Protestant are completely out of date. They are almost always used now for propaganda purposes. That is why so much trouble is caused by them."

