

Parish Notices

All Saints Remains Closed

You may have caught the latest announcement from the Government about the potential for churches to reopen soon for private prayer. Unfortunately, we have experienced a masonry fall in the North-West aspect of the All Saints nave. This will need inspection from our architect, risk assessment and authorisation to open before we can open for public and private prayer.

Giving

During this difficult time when our church buildings are closed, we are still a church; meeting virtually for church services and fellowship, loving our neighbours by offering practical support to the vulnerable, and caring for our communities. The work of our church is reliant on people's generosity, a generosity that is a hallmark of our lived-out faith and a testament to it. We all give to our church in a variety of ways, but with the closure of all the buildings we cannot receive all the gifts that we usually receive, or the income from our events, so we really need your help now. If you are able to give a little more at this time please do or send your weekly *Envelopes* with a cheque to Lionel Marchant (*Treasurer*) 7 The Platt, Sutton Valence, Maidstone, ME17 3BQ.

With all Best wishes Ian

Notice:

The Churches Remain Closed

For H&S and legal reasons we have appointed 3 designated persons to inspect our buildings:

With the exception of DESIGNATED persons - Key holders shall not enter All Saints or St Philips

Designated persons:

- All Saints – Robert Philo
- St Phillip – Denise Joy
- St Philip Centre – Bob Macham

Archbishop Courtenay School, our school, is now open again in accordance with DfE guidelines. Please celebrate by listening to their choir singing LOOKING TO THE RAINBOW at: <https://www.archbishopcourtenay.org.uk/looking-for-the-rainbow/>

All Saints 50/50 Club. Information has gone out this week for you to join or re-join the 50/50 Club in September. If you need more information please contact Brian Shaw on shaw12cornflower@btinternet.com or 01622 631368. As the income of All Saints has been so greatly reduced by the Co-vid 19 crisis please could you also encourage others known to you to join, Thank you. Brian Shaw

The Parish of All Saints
With St Philip, Maidstone and
St Stephen, Tovil
www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk

Sunday 12th July 2020
Fifth Sunday after Trinity



Church Buildings still remain Closed

Rev Ian Parrish will be recording the Sunday Morning Worship service and it can be viewed via our Facebook page the link is on this notice sheet and on both websites.

Daily worship is also available from Canterbury Cathedral via the All Saints website - www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk - click the link on the left hand side of the Welcome page.

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Reading

1 Kings 19. 19-21

So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was ploughing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, 'Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Go back again; for what have I done to you?' He returned from following him, took the yoke of

oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

Hymns

NEH 368 – Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

NEH 82 – Drop, drop, slow tears

Psalm 65 Thou O God art praised in Sion

Gospel

Luke 5. 1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

POST COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Special prayers for those in need

*Matt 5.3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven'*

Keith Sharp
Jean Williamson
Paul Crease
Vera Alflatt
Millie Moss
Audrey Little
Daphne Holland
Nigel Gunyon
Mary Wheeler
Jane Sadler

Special Prayers of Hope and Compassion

Clive & Andrea Lever
Irene & David Johnson
Rosemary & John Fowler
Keith Manuell & Family

Departed

Rosemary Richards
Jeff Fernet-Randall
Brian Gifford
Richard Woolley
Marlene Crease
Margaret Costen
Brian Farmer
Iris Relf
Joan Lock-wood Jones
Robert Justice
Steve Davis

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If anyone would like to add anything to the weekly notices please speak to the Church Wardens or the Priest in Charge

DEANERY PRAYERS



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As lockdown begins to ease and we face the decisions, challenges and joys that this brings, we continue to focus our deanery prayers on all of parishes, fellow churches and the people we serve in Maidstone.

Rev Joyce Addison reminds us of the blessings we have received:

"We give thanks to God for the immense community spirit that has flowed from the pandemic in Maidstone: strangers helping strangers, neighbours discovering who their neighbours are, churches working together, the dedication of all carers, and the generosity of MBC and KCC during this time.

We are also grateful for how technology has enabled church worship and meetings to continue throughout lockdown in many of our parishes and we thank God for providing the resources and people to deliver this to our communities."

Please pray:

- For each of our parishes— All Saints Loose, All Saints Maidstone with St Philips and St Stephens, St Andrew's, St Faith's, St Luke's, St Martin's, St Michael's, St Nicholas' and St Paul's
 - for our priests, church wardens, lay leaders and PCCs, working to discern the best way forward, practically, spiritually and pastorally.
 - for our people, with such wide ranging needs, some ready to be back together in church, some apprehensive, some still vulnerable and shielding.
 - for all those who have joined us for the first time online during lockdown, that we will find ways to sustain and grow that contact, building relationships as we journey together in our faith
- For the churches of other denominations in Maidstone, our friends and partners in ministry, as they face these same challenges.
- For those who have faced illness, isolation, or lost loved ones during this time.
- For all the organisations, workers and volunteers, striving to bring Maidstone back to life and at the same time keep its people safe.
- For our homeless community, many facing life back on the streets after lockdown support comes to an end.

... and as he prepares to leave our deanery to take up his new ministry in Dover, with our heartfelt thanks and blessing, Rev Ian Parrish points us to the future:

"I am reminded once again of our Waypoint purpose and the Maidstone Covenant:

We pray that we will be good news for Maidstone, together and so be more effective in sharing the gospel across the town, enabling people in Maidstone to get to know Jesus in different ways...

Help us Lord to be bridges to your promised future, to be creative, experimental and have the courage to let go of our obsolete past and to embrace the good that we have found in the present."