

Notices

DWELLING IN THE WORD SESSIONS start on Tuesday May 10th with coffee at 10:00am for 10:30am and 6:30pm for 7:00pm at St. Philip's. We will be looking at the Pilgrim's Psalm of ascent as they went up to Jerusalem for the holiday festivities in the Temple. In week one we will look at Psalms 121 and 123 and consider the phrase 'I will lift my eyes unto the hills' It's relevance centuries before the birth of Christ is as relevant now as it was then.

We will also be looking at positive ways in which we can be involved in being involved with both our Sunday services and in practical community involvement with some encouragement on the spot.

A.P.C.M Election Results from Sunday 24th April 2022

- **All saints Church Warden**
Robert Philo

- **Deputy Church Warden**
Geoff Lay / Claire James

- **St Philips Church Warden**
Denise Joy

- **Deputy Church Wardens**
Sally Richards / Terri Vardy

- **St Stephens Deputy Church Warden**
David Freed

- **Secretary** – Jane Stevens
- **Treasurer** – Lionel Marchant
- **Lay Chair** – Denise Joy
- **Electoral Roll Officer** – Kerry Blair
- **Safeguarding officers** – Denise Joy & The Very Revd. John S Richardson
- **Disclosure Officer** – Susanne Payne

- **Deanery Synod** – David Freed - Geoff Lay
Newly Elected – Denise Joy

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With St Philip, Maidstone and
St Stephen, Tovil

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Sunday 01st May 2022
The Third Sunday of Easter

**10.00am Parish Eucharist
Patronal Festival at St Philips Church**

Sunday Evensong 1st May 6.30pm
All Saints Church

This is going to be a Congregational lead service with the choir helping – there will be a short practice at 6pm gathered round the piano. 3 Hymns, Psalm and Magnificat and Nunc Dimmitus
Everyone invited

- **COVID RESTRICTIONS**
- Face coverings are no longer mandatory but are recommended in enclosed or crowded places.
- Unmasked singing permitted
- Social distancing to remain but reduced from two metres to one.
- Retain alternate vacancy pews to lessen perceived risk of aerosol contamination.
- Non-contact sharing of the peace encouraged.
- Consideration and courtesy for others space when interacting.
- Mingling outside permitted.

Next Week's Service's

10am Sunday 08th May 2022
Parish Eucharist at All Saints Church
Celebrating the Good Shepherd

Collect

Lord of the open house who gathers up all things in the fullness of time and the lightness of love help us, with Philip and James

and all the unlikely saints to seek your face, to answer your call and to witness to your indwelling Spirit through Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life. Amen

Epistle

Ephesians 1:3-10

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Gospel

John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus' son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Post Communion

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open

the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work. who is alive and reigns, now and forever.

Special prayers

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

Paul Crease, Vera Alflatt,
Daphne Holland, Nigel Gunyon, Mary Wheeler,
Jane Sadler, Ray Stephens, Debbie Proctor,
Roger Doe, Sue Marks, Pamela Hocking,
Graham Jarvis, Brian Moore

If anyone would like to add anything to the weekly notices, please contact office.allsaintsmaidstone@gmail.com

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On Ascension Day Thursday May 26th there will be A Parish Eucharist at St. Philip's at 7:30pm.

Funding the roof project at All Saints

A year ago, we would never have imagined that by this summer we would have completed a major roof project at All Saints. When we were invited to bid for a Government Culture Recovery Fund Grant, we did so not really think that we would be successful, since we were in competition with every other church, museum, heritage site or stately home.

We were successful and this year has seen the project planned, work started on site and now it is nearly complete. As well as the practical side of the project, our fund raising is an essential part of securing government funding of £352,000 for the work, which will cost about £450,000. We needed to raise about another £100,000.

We approached large national donors as well as local groups. Some refused us because we did not fit their criteria, others because they had had so many applications. Others gave us more than we asked for. The Diocese and the Churches Conservation Trust and Friends of Kent Churches also gave us advice and encouragement about who to approach.

We are extremely grateful to the Allchurches Trust who has given us £12,000, to the Garfield Weston Foundation who have given £30,000 and to the many individuals who have given, and are still giving, money to fund this project.

The National Churches Trust has given us £15,000 and you may have seen the article they have released through national and local media including Kent Online. Since they are not funded by a benefactor or a commercial business, they have asked that we publicize their grant and ask individuals to become Friends of The National Churches Trust. It costs £45 per year, and you can apply through their website: nationchurchestrust.org.uk.

The Friends of Kent Churches has given us the largest grant they have ever given to a Kent church (£25,000) and this is after they gave us £6,000 last year for the Corbel Stabilisation Work. They have much more limited funds than the national charities and so we are deeply grateful for this. You can become a Friend of Kent Churches for £10 per year and £15 for a couple living at the same address. In the winter they provide two very interesting lectures followed by a delicious tea and each month in the summer, they organise a guided tour of a Kent church. You can join online at friendsofkentchurches.co.uk.

If you are able to thank either of these two donors, please let me know in confidence, as I can then say in my report to them at the end of the project that x members of our congregation have become Friends. If you do not have a computer, I can print off the forms for you.

This has been a remarkable year for us all and for our church . We have survived and we have been able to make All Saints more sustainable for future generations to use.

Thank you

Mary Shaw PCC Funding Officer