

## Parish Notices

Zoom Service kindly offered by St Martins Church - **Thursday Morning Holy Worship 10.00am**  
St Martin's Church Zoom Link for Services  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/866070731>

**All Saints – Corbel** - A Faculty has been granted and received authorising the work to be carried out on the stabilisation of the corbels in the main nave of All Saints church. This work has now started.

### Future Services August 2021

#### AUGUST 2021

1st Aug	Eucharist	All Saints
8th Aug	Eucharist	St Philips
15th Aug	Eucharist	All Saints
22nd Aug	Service of the Word	St Philips
29th Aug	Eucharist	All Saints

*If anyone would like to add anything to the weekly notices please speak to [mollieneaves@gmail.com](mailto:mollieneaves@gmail.com)*

***Please read the additional Notice attached regarding the new guidelines. Thankyou.***

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The Parish of All Saints  
With St Philip, Maidstone and  
St Stephen, Tovil  
[www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk](http://www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk)

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021  
The Ninth Sunday after Trinity



### **10.00am Joint Eucharist Service At All Saints Church**

The Churchwardens and P.C.C. have agreed to future services on a trial basis. There will be Stewarding to ensure Government Guidelines are adhered to.

- Continue to wear Face Masks in Church
- Register on entry.
- Stewards will direct you on entry and exit.
- No gatherings inside or outside the buildings.

#### **Next week's Service**

Sunday 08<sup>th</sup> August 2021

The Tenth Sunday after Trinity  
10am Joint Eucharist Service  
at St Philips Church

#### **Collect**

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace, 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.

#### **Reading**

##### **Ephesians 4.1-16**

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and

through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' (When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors, and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

### **Gospel**

#### **John 6.24-35**

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the

bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

### **Post Communion**

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of 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'*

Paul Crease, Vera Alflatt, Audrey Little,  
Daphne Holland, Nigel Gunyon, Mary Wheeler,  
Jane Sadler, David Johnson, Ray Stephens,  
Debbie Proctor

#### **Special Prayers of Hope and Compassion**

**David Johnson is now a resident at Charing House Care Home, Canterbury Street, Gillingham ME7 5LA tele 01634 584600. He would welcome people to contact him, please call the home first if you would like to visit.**

**Michael Hocking**

#### **Departed**

**Many people might remember**

**Edna. Harrisson who used to worship at All Saints church. Sadly, she passed away away on 15th July**

**Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends**

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# Maidstone Deanery Prayers for August

*Thank you for your continued prayers for the churches and people of our deanery.*

*This month, we pray for St Martin's with the following from Rev Joyce Addison:-*



As we continue through the summer months of July and August we thank God for his enduring and steadfast presence through what has been a very challenging time for us all. Naturally, there is some anxiety and tension being felt by the easing of restrictions, but there is also a sense of optimism in our midst and an excitement about the future as we see God's hand in the new 'shoots' of life that are appearing around us.

We are delighted to have Andrew Edwards with us as our Curate and we pray that his time with us will be good, transformative and positive. We pray also that the congregation and community around St. Martin's will participate in his ongoing development. May his transition from Ignite Enabler to Curate go well and may his past experience bear fruit in his new role. We also pray for Melanie Banister who continues as our only Ignite Enabler, supported by the St. Martin's team who faithfully serve every Monday evening.

God is gradually pouring new life into our church through the growing number of baptisms and weddings. He has 'added to our number' both individuals and families. We are also seeing our Youth Group flourish. They co-lead worship on the first Sunday of the month, participate in hymn/song selection, and some are ready to resume Altar Party duties, when that begins again. Thank you Lord, for our young people. May they enjoy the summer with their families and friends.

Worship and a range of activities are taking place outside: singing and refreshments after Sunday service, coffee after the Thursday Holy Communion service, our fundraising markets and we are moving forward in faith with our Grab and Go initiative on 19th and 26th August. Along the way, God is bringing the church and neighbourhood communities together enabling stories to be shared and the love of Christ to be known. Thank you Lord!

Sadly, we said "Goodbye" to our long-standing pre-school in the church hall. We pray that God will be with each member of staff and each child and their families as they embark upon new life journeys. We are now making room for other communities in the hall. As finances continue to be strained, may the hall be a trusted source of income for the mission and ministry of St. Martins.

The Shepway Regeneration plan is being discussed and planned. May everything work for the good of this community and we pray that St. Martin's will be for all a rock of stability and a beacon of light and hope in a time of change.

Finally, we ask for God's blessing on the entire Deanery as we go through a time of transition and upheaval ourselves. We pray for Rev Chris Lavender as he relinquishes and takes on new roles. We hold in our prayer Anthea, Curate at St. Paul's. May she flourish in her workplace ministry.



May God continue to direct and guide all our steps and decisions.

**Amen.**

**The Government Covid restrictions have been eased, what does this entail for services in churches.**

Canterbury has posted updated advice on their website. The main thrust of this advice is to care for each other and be cautious.

We would encourage: -

- Continue to wear facemasks in church.**
- Continue to sanitise and maintain your distance within the building.**
- Be aware of those who are highly vulnerable and allow them space.**
- Adhere to the procedures already established for preparation and receiving of communion.**
- Move into and around church as we have established.**
- No tea and coffee after church.**

On a brighter note, we would encourage: -

- Singing to resume, but while wearing your mask/visor.**

These recommendations will be in place until at least 16th of August