

Intercessions

Please email frauke.parrish@gmail.com or phone 01622 756002 to add/remove names of this list.

Please pray for these and their families

Alan Gupwell	Carol Winter
Pamela Hocking	John Coates
Brian & Elizabeth Coleman	Jeff Fernet Randell
Ken and Stella Bridges	Jane Sadler
Jeff & Beryl Foxley	Revd Kes Grant
Dawn Gamble	Jean Williamson
Susan Greenstreet	Winnie Thompson
Daphne Holland	Jane Wearne
Kay Kidney	Vera Alflatt
Pat Manser	Mildred Moss
John and Diana Caley	Daphne Lee
Harry Harbert	Audrey Little
John Spencer	

The departed and all who mourn their passing

Notices

Christmas Services - Please take one of our Flyers which show all the services and events that are coming up over this festive season. ☺

Lite Bite – Come and join us Wednesday 7th from 1.00 - 2.30pm at St Philip's for a festive light lunch and carol singing ☺ Please sign the list if you can come or phone Frauke on 756002.

Christmas Hamper – All Saints are raffling this wonderful Hamper. Donation towards the contents will be gratefully received by Mary Shaw. Tickets £2.00 each. Draw date will be Saturday 17th December.

Carols and Mince Pies – Tuesday 13th Dec 7pm-9pm at St Philip's. Please let Jamie or Janice know your favourite Carol and why you like it. We look forward to seeing you ☺

Maidstone Choral Union Concert - "Christmas around the World", Saturday 10th Dec at All Saints 7.30pm. Tickets £12.00 on the door or phone 726193 ☺

Maidstone Wind Symphony Family Concert – The Snowman! Saturday 18th Dec at 3.30pm at All Saints. Pre-Concert children's activities from 2.45pm. See posters for more details and prices. ☺

Deanery Prayer for December – Please see church notice boards.

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Our Facebook Page: "All Saints with St Philip and St Stephen Maidstone"

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ALL SAINTS with ST PHILIP, MAIDSTONE

and ST STEPHEN, TOVIL

www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk

4th December 2016

The Second Sunday of Advent

At All Saints

Readings at the 8.00am Eucharist begin on page 49 in the BCP and the service starts on page 237.

Music for the 9.30am Parish Eucharist with Baptism

Service: Addington

NEH 11 1,2,3 & 4 O come, O come, Emmanuel

NEH 7 Hills of the North, rejoice

NEH 12 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Introit: Great O Antiphons

Communion Motets:

Here is the little door - Howells

How beautiful upon the mountains – Stainer

We welcome Rhys Laffan on this his Baptism day!

11.00am Parish Eucharist St Philip's

11.00am Advent Carol Service at St Stephen's

3.00pm Maidstone Utd F.C. Carol Service at All Saints

St Philip's and St Stephen's hymns are announced and displayed.

Please join us for refreshments after the 9.30 and 11.00 service.

What's on this Week

Tuesday

6 December

10.00 – 12.00pm

Coffee & Chat at St Philip's

6.00pm

Sandling School Carols at All Saints

Wednesday

7 December

10.00-12.00pm

St Philip's Toddlers at St Philip's

12.45pm M/Stone Business Comm Carols, All Saints

1.00 - 2.30pm

Lite Bite at St Philip's

7.00pm

MGGs Carols at All Saints

Thursday

8 December

12.00noon

Said Eucharist at All Saints

7.00pm

Invicta School Carols at All Saints

Saturday

10 December

7.30pm

Maidstone Choral Union Concert, All Saints

Sunday

11 December

8.00am BCP Eucharist said at All Saints

9.30am Choral Eucharist at All Saints

11.00am Family Service of Lessons&Carols, St Philip's

5.30pm Kent Music Carols at All Saints

Readings for the main Eucharist next week

Isa 35.1-10 James 5. 7-10 Matt 11.2-11



CW Eucharistic Readings & Prayers today

COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

READING Isaiah 11.1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

READING Romans 15.4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (All Saints only)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

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GOSPEL Matthew 3.1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

POST COMMUNION

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Please be aware that throughout Advent at All Saints, as we long for Jesus to come we shall sing various verses of the hymn during the service and reflect on the different words that represent the Christ; Emmanuel, wisdom, majesty.

