

## Notices

### **Forthcoming Services**

(Please note these may be subject to change)

### February Services

19<sup>th</sup> – 10.00am St Stephens (Archbishop Courtenay School) – Morning Worship  
**(Ploughman's Lunch after the service)**

**Ash Wednesday**, Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, at All Saints....10:00am Holy Communion (said service) led by John Richardson.

26<sup>th</sup> – 10.00am All Saints – Parish Eucharist

### Study Series

Starting on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
Study Series at St Philips  
10.00 for 10.30am start, Wisdom for Every day.  
6.30pm for 7pm start – Living Life on the Edge

---

### Willington Players – The 39 Steps

Diane Daniels will be booking tickets, for any evening that suits you. A percentage of the ticket money comes back to Friends of St Philips for their fundraising for the toilets for the disabled. £17 per ticket.

Details of the next production in April, *The 39 Steps*, based on the John Buchan novel and adapted for stage by Patrick Barlow. The performances will be **from Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> until Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April**. Tuesday to Friday performances take place at 7.30pm and Saturday at 3pm.

Synopsis: *Mix a Hitchcock masterpiece with a juicy spy novel, add a dash of Monty Python and you have The 39 Steps, a fast paced whodunit for anyone who likes the magic of live theatre! This two-time Tony and Drama Desk Award-winning treat is packed with nonstop laughs, over 150 zany characters (played by a ridiculously talented cast of four), an onstage plane crash, handcuffs, missing fingers, and some good old fashioned romance!*

Many Thanks  
Diane Daniels

**The Parish of All Saints  
With St Philip, Maidstone and  
St Stephen, Tovil**



**Sunday 05<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
The Third Sunday of Epiphany**

**Parish Eucharist**

**10.00am – Parish Eucharist at  
St Philips Church**

**3.30pm Evensong at All Saints Church  
Malachi 3:1-5  
Luke 2: 22-40**

**Next Week's Service**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February  
The Second Sunday before Lent**

**10am Parish Eucharist at All Saints  
Church**

---

### Collect

Almighty God,  
who alone can bring order  
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful  
humanity: give your people grace  
so to love what you command  
and to desire what you promise,  
that, among the many changes of this world,  
our hearts may surely there be fixed  
where true joys are to be found;  
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

**Isaiah 58:1-9a**

Shout out, do not hold back!  
Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to  
my people their rebellion, to the house of  
Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek  
me and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practised  
righteousness and did not forsake the  
ordinance of their God; they ask of me

righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

### **Gospel**

#### **Matthew 5:13-20**

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes

and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

### **Post Communion**

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

#### **Special prayers**

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

*Paul Crease, Daphne Holland, Nigel Gunyon,  
Mary Wheeler, Jane Sadler, Ray Stephens,  
Debbie Proctor, Roger Doe, Sue Marks,  
Pamela Hocking, Graham Jarvis,  
Claire & Family, Allan Seeley, Michael Costen  
David Gilles, Laura, Gary Moses,  
Roger Mowbray and family.*

#### **Departed**

*Kelly*

*Our thoughts are with their family and friends.*

---

### **Vicar: All saints, Maidstone with St. Philip's, and St. Stephen's Tovil**

**The Very Revd. John S. Richardson**  
[vicarjsr@icloud.com](mailto:vicarjsr@icloud.com)

**Landline Number – 01303 980027**

**Please note Revd John will be on Leave  
on Wednesdays of each week**

#### **Church Wardens:**

**Denise Joy –**

[denisejoy@maidstone.gov.uk](mailto:denisejoy@maidstone.gov.uk)

**Mobile Number – 07788 634047**

**Robert Philo –**

[philorob@uk.ibm.com](mailto:philorob@uk.ibm.com)

**Mobile Number - 07775 813258**

**Parish Office - 01622 688270**

**If not available by telephone please email**  
[office.allsaintsmaidstone@gmail.com](mailto:office.allsaintsmaidstone@gmail.com)

[www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk](http://www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk)  
[www.stphilipschurchmaidstone.co.uk](http://www.stphilipschurchmaidstone.co.uk)

**Our Facebook Page:**

**Click Here for our Facebook Page**

**Please Click Here**

*[If anyone would like to add anything to the weekly notices, please contact office.allsaintsmaidstone@gmail.com](mailto:office.allsaintsmaidstone@gmail.com)*

*[Please Click Here](#)*

---