

## Notices

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**Winter Warmer Pilot Community Cafe** at All Saints on Saturdays from November 11th until Christmas. Plans are coming together well for the startup of the Saturday Community Cafe at All Saints which begins on Saturday November 11th starting at 10:00am..

Some volunteers have been briefed. Equipment has been bought and is being tested. Procedures surrounding environmental health, food preparation, sanitation, and hygiene as well as other basic requirements are in place with excitement and energy abounding among those who have already signed up. If you wish to be involved there are many opportunities for more volunteers to be involved.

After Choral Evensong on Sunday October 29th a dummy run of drinks and cakes took place and feedback taken from those who attended who made positive feedback and comment.

Each Saturday at Noon a very simple Noontide Office of Prayer will occur for no longer than 15 minutes as this will become one of the new worshipping communities of 200 planned by the Diocese of Canterbury in the coming years.

**ABC School** have returned this week after their two week break for half term holidays. With staff and students refreshed it is a busy term for much learning within a safe environment with activities based on preparations for the seasons of Remembrance, Advent, and Christmas.

Collective Worship and Godly Play continue to meet on Tuesday afternoons in school at 2:45pm and 3:15pm respectively led by members of the church family. If you wish to join us on any Tuesday afternoon, please see John or Sue Richardson.

### **Pre Advent-Lunch**

3 Course Lunch £20 per head at New Church House Restaurant, Romney Marsh. Places are limited. Please sign the board at the back of the church to confirm your booking, Details of travel will be supplied before the day. Final Date for booking as Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November by close of play.

**Celebrating Life Festival** from Friday June 21st to June 30th featuring a Flower Festival with events for schools, concerts and choirs, workshops, literary days, charities, and professional lectures in the fields of education, health, end of life care and dialogue re Christian ministry in a changing society as well as meals, daily prayer, and special Sunday Services. Specific timetabled details will be available by the end of the year.

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

**Sunday 05<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
The Fourth Sunday before Advent**



**10am Parish Eucharist at St Philips  
Church**

**Next Week's Service's**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November  
The Third Sunday before Advent**

**10.00am Remembrance Sunday Service at  
All Saints**

**12noon RAMC - Act of Remembrance  
Service at All Saints**

### **Collect**

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have kindled the flame of love in the  
hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith  
and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their  
triumphs, we may be sustained by their  
example and fellowship; 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 25: 6-10**

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make  
for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured  
wines,

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-  
matured wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain

the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears  
from all faces,

and the disgrace of his people he will take  
away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him,

so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.  
For the hand of the Lord will rest on this  
mountain. The Moabites shall be trodden  
down in their place as straw is trodden down  
in a dung-pit.

### Gospel

#### John 6: 37-40

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

### Post Communion

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Special prayers

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

*Daphne Holland, Mary Wheeler, Jane Sadler,  
Sue Marks, Pamela Hocking, Claire & Family*

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

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#### Future services

#### **Sunday Services in November all at 10am unless specified.**

- 12th November –Remembrance Sunday Service at All Saints
- 12noon RAMC
- 19th November –Parish Eucharist at St Philips
- 26th November – Christ the King
- This service will be a Litany for World, National, Community and Personal Peace.at St Stephens (Archbishop Courtenay School)

#### ***Book these dates now... Christmas across the Parish In December***

- ***Sunday 10th 10am Morning Worship with Making your Christingle at St Stephens***

#### **At St Philips**

- ***Wednesday 13th – 6.30pm Christmas Cheer and Joy!***
- ***Sunday 17th 10am Carol s and Readings around the Christmas Events***
- ***Sunday 18th from 6pm Carol Singing around the streets ending with soup and rolls.***
- ***Sunday 24th Christmas Eve 5pm Community and Church Christingle***
- ***Sunday 31st 10am Morning Worship to prepare for the New Year***

#### **At All Saints**

- ***Saturday 23rd – 4.30pm The Carol Service***
- ***Sunday 24th – Christmas Eve 3.30pm The Christingle Service***
- ***11.30pm - The First Communion of Christmas***
- ***Monday 25th – Christmas Day 10am Christmas Family Communion***