

Sunday

14 December 2014

The Third Sunday of Advent

8.00 am Eucharist said at All Saints

9.30 am Choral Eucharist at All Saints

11.00 am Family Eucharist at St Philip's

3.00 pm Maidstone Wind Symphony Concert

Readings for the main Eucharists:

Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-end; 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24;

John 1.6-8, 19-28

Intercessions.

Please email clintonendavis@btinternet.com or phone 01622 682330 with updates for the list.

Please pray for these and their families

Vera Alflatt	Brenda Hope
John Coates	Mollie Neaves
Joe Daniels	Gareth Owen
Sheila Findlay	Geoffrey Randell
Cathy Garner	Jane Sadler
Michael Greenstreet	Stephen
Nigel Gunyon	Ray & Margaret Stephens
Marguerite Hart	Michael Walsh
Daphne Holland	Jane Wearne

the departed and all who mourn their passing

Douglas Huxley	Elsbeth Stannard
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Notices

Please advise Mollie Neaves of events or dates to include in the Diary for the Magazine. Telephone 01622 759321 or e-mail mneaves@btinternet.com.

Maidstone Churches Winter Shelter

This will run for 12 weeks from 8th December until 1st March providing 15 beds every night for the homeless.

To volunteer your help, please use the form at <https://podio.com/webforms/9529966/722903>.

To sponsor a bed for £40, please donate online at mydonate.bt.com/charities/mcws or send a cheque made payable to 'Maidstone Churches Winter Shelter' to MCWS, c/o The Salvation Army, 74-80 Union Street, Maidstone ME14 1ED.

Carols and Mince Pies

Monday 8th December, 7pm, St Philip's.

An evening to relax and enjoy singing Carols with friends. There will also be a Raffle.

Please sign the list at the back of All Saints if you are able to provide **mince pies or sausage rolls** for the refreshments after our Candlelit Carol Service on Saturday 20th December at 4.30pm.

Christingles will be made in All Saints Church from 2pm on Tuesday 23rd. Please come and help as we have 200 to make. Contact Mary on 631368 for more information.

THE PARISH OF

ALL SAINTS with ST PHILIP, MAIDSTONE

and ST STEPHEN, TOVIL

Sunday 7 December 2014

The Second Sunday of Advent

At All Saints

Readings for the 8.00 am Eucharist begin on page 49 in the BCP. The service starts on page 237.

Music for the 9.30 am Parish Eucharist:

Service: Aston

Introit Anthem:

Come thou Redeemer of the earth	Praetorius
NEH 12 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry	
NEH 7 Hills of the North, rejoice	
NEH 14 The advent of our God	

Communion Motets:

Let thy merciful ears	Weelkes
Creator of the star of night	Plainsong

Psalm after Dismissal: 146

Maidstone United Carol Service is at 3.00 pm.

Please note: contrary to last week's notice sheet, there is NO Choral Evensong today.

At St Philip's and St Stephen's

Hymns are announced and/or displayed.

Do stay for refreshments after 9.30 and 11.00!

What's on this Week

Monday

8 December 2014

10.30 am Maidstone Primary School Carols at All Saints
7.00 pm Carols & Mince Pies at St Philip's

Tuesday

9 December 2014

10.00 am - noon Coffee & Chat at St Philip's
10.30 am Maidstone Primary School Carols at All Saints
6.00 pm Sandling School Carols at All Saints

Wednesday

10 December 2014

10.00 am - noon Seedlings at St Philip's
12.45 pm Maidstone Business Community Carols,
at All Saints
7.00 pm Maidstone Girls' Grammar School Carols
at All Saints

Thursday

11 December 2014

12.30 pm Eucharist said in All Saints Vestry
7.00 pm Invicta Grammar School Carols at All Saints

Friday

12 December 2014

6.30 pm Stroke Association Carols at All Saints

Saturday

13 December 2014

7.00 pm Kent Music Carols at All Saints

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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 40.1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!'

And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,

O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength,

O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,

lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,

'Here is your God!'

See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him,

and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;

he will gather the lambs in his arms,

and carry them in his bosom,

and gently lead the mother sheep.

READING 2 Peter 3.8-15a (All Saints only)

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the
Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand

years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his
promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient
with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to
repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a
thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud
noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire,
and the earth and everything that is done on it will be
disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way,
what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of
holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the
coming of the day of God, because of which the
heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the
elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with
his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new
earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these
things, strive to be found by him at peace, without
spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord
as salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (All Saints only)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

GOSPEL Mark 1.1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the
Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight" ',

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the
forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole
Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem
were going out to him, and were baptized by him in
the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was
clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around
his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He
proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is
coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and
untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you
with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy
Spirit.'

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.