

Parish Notices

All Saints Nave Plaster Removal

An interim faculty has been granted by the Commissary General to erect scaffolding in the nave and remove plaster from the southern cerestory. A CDM principal designer has been appointed and the architect shall give advice on the plaster removal. It is anticipated that the works shall take about 10 days to complete, start date TBC.

Deanery Prayer for March – Please see Community Magazine and Notice Boards for further details.

Lent Group – will meet on Wednesday evenings at St Philips Church & Centre. The first meeting will start on 4th March with refreshments. 7.15pm for 7.30pm start finish 9pm. Everyone Welcome.

PCC Draft Accounts – Have now been sent to our Independent Examiner in preparation for our APCM, The draft accounts can be seen on our website by entering the link www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk/draftaccounts2019.pdf if you have any questions about the accounts please send an email to marchant.allsaintsmaidstone@gmail.com so that your question can be answered.

Willington players – Next production at the Hazlitt Theatre is 'An Ideal Husband' by Oscar Wilde and runs from Tuesday 21st to Saturday 25th April 20. We are booked in for Wednesday 22nd April although tickets can be booked for any evening. Think about linking it was a pre-theatre meal at Frederick too! Tickets £15 from Diane Daniels 01622 674494.

Music in Worship

This month (March) not surprisingly, the majority of our Music in Worship marks the Season of Lent. Looking forward to next month (April), many of our main HOLY WEEK services from Palm Sunday Eucharist to Easter Day Evensong, inclusive, will include short choruses from Handel's Messiah, when additional singers would be very welcome to join the regular choir. For further details, please speak to Andrew or email choirmasterallsaintsmaidstone@gmail.com

If anyone would like to add anything to the weekly notices please speak to the Church Wardens or the Priest in Charge

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with St Philip, Maidstone and
St Stephen, Tovil
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Sunday 08th March 2020
Second Sunday of Lent

At All Saints



8.00am Eucharist – Readings begin on page 88 and the service starts on page 237

Music for the 9.30am Choral Eucharist Service – Missa Brevis Wills

NEH 78 Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle
NEH 148 The God of Abraham praise
NEH 427 O Praise ye the Lord!

Introit: Christ, we do all adore thee - Dubois

Communion Motet:

Come to the wilderness

Words: R Garland/Music: J Henry

Psalm after the dismissal

Psalm 121 Walford Davies

Organ Voluntary

J.S Bach – Toccata in d minor

"The Dorian" BWV 538

**Please come and join us for refreshments
after the Service ☺**

**Other Services/Events in the Parish for the
08th March**

11.00am Worship for All at St Philips

11.00am Café Sundaes at St Stephens

COLLECT

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

READING 1

Genesis 12.1-4a

READING 2

Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

GOSPEL

John 3.1-17

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, King of endless glory! Glory and praise to you! The Lord is a great God, O that today / you would listen / to his voice. Harden / not / your hearts.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of endless glory! Glory and praise to you!

POST COMMUNION

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 121 Walford Davies

1. I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help.
2. My help cometh even from the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth.
3. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
4. Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.
5. The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

6. So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night.
7. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
8. The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in: from this time forth for evermore.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 09 th	11.30am Memorial Service at AS
Tues 10 th	10am – 12noon Coffee & Chat at SP
Wed 11 th	NO 10.30am Said Eucharist at AS 7.30pm Lent Group at SP
Thu 12 th	
Fri 13 th	7.00pm All Saints Choir (College Rooms)
Sat 14 th	
Sun 15 th	8am Said BCP HC at AS 9.30am Parish Eucharist at AS 11.00am Parish Eucharist at SP 6.30pm Choral Evensong at AS

Readings for the main Eucharist next week Sunday 15th March 2020 Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17.1-7
Romans 5.1-11
John 4.5-42

Intercessions:

Please pray for these and their families:

Jean Williamson, Revd Kes Grant, Clive & Andrea Lever, Johnjo Flood, Vera Alflatt, Millie Moss, Audrey Little, Chris CSJD, Daphne Holland, Nigel Gunyon, Jane Sadler, Revd Brian Barnes, Keith Manuell. Mary Wheeler, Revd Ron & Dawn Gamble, Kelly & Family, Janet, Julian, Owen Reeves, Pat Stark. Family of Cathy Garner, Greta Gooding

The departed and all who mourn their Passing:

Cathy Garner
Henry Gooding

Readings for Sunday 8th March Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12.1-4a

Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

John 3.1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.