

## Notices

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### **Tree Work**

Work is due to be carried out on Sunday 8th October to a tree situated in the churchyard at All Saints which is near to the pedestrian path through the churchyard at the junction with Knightrider Street and College Road. The work is likely to be noisy and will involve road closure.

**Winter Warmer Pilot Community Cafe** will open on Saturday November 11th for six weeks opening from 10:00am to 2:00pm in All Saints, Flyers, and details to follow and volunteers will be needed so please talk to Elspeth and Robert Philo. Hopefully this will continue to be run after Christmas in the New Year.

From November 1st the Church for the winter months will be open on Saturdays and Sundays between 10am and 4pm

### **St Philips Health and Wellbeing Singing**

Come and join us where we will be singing a wide selection of songs at St Philips Centre. 12noon – 1pm every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month. A donation of £2 per session would be appreciated. All Welcome

### **Pre Advent Lunch**

3 Course Lunch £20 per head at New Church House Restaurant, Romney Marsh. Places are limited please speak to John or Sue to book.

### **Book these dates now for 2024....**

**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.

And finally new notice boards are being designed for both All Saints and St. Philips...

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

**Sunday 08th October 2023  
The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**



**10am Harvest Thanksgiving  
At St Stephens – Archbishop Courtenay  
School  
(Followed by a Hog Roast Lunch)**

### **Next Week's Service's**

**Sunday 15th October 2023  
The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity  
10am Parish Eucharist with Healing  
Prayers for Luke's side  
at All Saints Church**

### **Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
increase in us your gift of faith  
that, forsaking what lies behind  
and reaching out to that which is before,  
we may run the way of your commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
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**

#### **Psalm 65, 9:13**

You visit the earth and water it,  
you greatly enrich it;  
the river of God is full of water;  
you provide the people with grain,  
for so you have prepared it.  
You water its furrows abundantly,  
settling its ridges,  
softening it with showers,  
and blessing its growth.  
You crown the year with your bounty;  
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

The pastures of the wilderness overflow,  
the hills gird themselves with joy,  
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,  
the valleys deck themselves with grain,  
they shout and sing together for joy.

### **Gospel**

#### **Ruth Chapter 2 v-1-7**

Now Naomi had a kinsman on her husband's side, a prominent rich man, of the family of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, 'Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain, behind someone in whose sight I may find favour.' She said to her, 'Go, my daughter.' So she went. She came and gleaned in the field behind the reapers. As it happened, she came to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech. Just then Boaz came from Bethlehem. He said to the reapers, 'The Lord be with you.' They answered, 'The Lord bless you.' Then Boaz said to his servant who was in charge of the reapers, 'To whom does this young woman belong?' The servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, 'She is the Moabite who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. She said, "Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the reapers." So she came, and she has been on her feet from early this morning until now, without resting even for a moment.'

### **Post Communion**

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:  
for here we receive you,  
here the memory of your passion is renewed,  
here our minds are filled with grace,  
and here a pledge of future glory is given,  
when we shall feast at that table where you reign  
with all your saints for ever.

#### **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 & Famil*

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

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on Wednesdays of each week.**

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**Sunday Services in October  
All at 10am unless specified.**

- 22<sup>nd</sup> October St. Philip's Parish Eucharist.
- 29<sup>th</sup> October All Saints Parish Eucharist for Bible Sunday

3:30pm All Saints Choral Evensong

**Please note there will be no Choral  
Evensong at All Saints on  
November 5th as this has been  
transferred to October 29th and  
because the CLOCKS CHANGE  
THAT WEEKEND, we revert to the  
wintertime of 3:30pm until March  
2024**