

**THE PARISH OF
ALL SAINTS with ST PHILIP, MAIDSTONE
and ST STEPHEN, TOVIL**

Sunday 9 August 2015

The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

At All Saints

Readings for the 8.00 am Eucharist begin on page 172 in the BCP and the service starts on page 237.

Music for the 9.30 am Parish Eucharist:

Service: Thorne

NEH 271 Alleluya, sing to Jesus

NEH 414 O for a closer walk with God

NEH 278 Christ be with me, Christ within me

NEH 407 Lord, thy word abideth

At St Philip's hymns are announced and displayed.

Do stay for refreshments after 9.30 and 11.00!

What's on this Week

Tuesday 11 August 2015

10.00 am - noon Coffee & Chat at St Philip's

Thursday 13 August 2015

12.30 pm Eucharist said at All Saints

Saturday 15 August 2015

The Blessed Virgin Mary

10.30 pm Eucharist said at All Saints

2.00 pm Wedding at All Saints

3.00 pm Wedding with Baptisms at St Philip's

Sunday 16 August 2015

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Eucharist said at All Saints
The Revd Ian Parrish

9.30 am Parish Eucharist at All Saints
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11.00 am Parish Eucharist at St Philip's
The Revd Clinton Davis

11.00 am Family Eucharist at St Stephen's
The Revd Ian Parrish

12.30 pm Baptisms at All Saints

Readings for Eucharists:
1 Kings 2.10-12, 3.3-14
Ephesians 5.15-20
John 6.51-58

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PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET AWAY WITH YOU

Intercessions

Please email clintonendavis@btinternet.com or phone 01622 682330 to add or remove names from the list.

Please pray for these and their families

Vera Alflatt	Sue Marks
Julie Clark	Jeff Fernet Randell
John Coates	Jane Sadler
Joe Daniels	Sister Shirley CSJD
Ken Eagles	Ray & Margaret Stephens
Dawn Gamble	Winnie Thompson
Michael Greenstreet	Michael Walsh
Marguerite Hart	Jane Wearne
Daphne Holland	Stephen
Brenda Hope	Marie-Celina
John Matthews	Steve

the departed and all who mourn their passing

David Watts

Notices

The main service for the parish on **Sunday 23rd August will be a Combined Eucharist at All Saints at 10.00 am** followed by a **'Bring and Share' Lunch with Games** in the Vicarage Garden (please sign up on the list at the back of each church).

Choral Evensong

The next Choral Evensong at All Saints will be on **Sunday 20th September** at 6.30 pm, not the 6th September as previously advertised.

Prospects are providing a two day event for Adults with learning disabilities at St. Luke's Church this **Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th August**.

Please contact Christine on 01488 72286 or email events@prospects.org.uk for details.

Who will sleep-out, so others don't have to?

On Friday 25th September the Maidstone deanery is hosting a sponsored sleep-out, led by Archdeacon Stephen. We are looking for one representative to sleep-out, and raise funds for the homeless in our town, especially for the work of the Winter Shelter.

Who is prepared to give up the comfort and certainty of a night's sleep, to sleep (or not) with just cardboard and a sleeping bag?

Offers to the clergy, please.

A Special Request to all our Churches

At Maidstone Street Pastors we are in need of a **Prayer Coordinator** to take us forward. Our prayer teams are the backbone for MSP and without their valued support, we would crumble and could not operate. We are looking for someone to take on this vital voluntary role who is dedicated and enthusiastic about the power of prayer. There are all manner of things that need to be prayed for other than just the calls we receive during a Saturday night.

Would you please let me know if you interested.

Please feel free to call me either on 07817 250705 or contact me at maidstone@streetpastors.org.uk.

Nigel Downes

CW Eucharistic Readings & Prayers today

COLLECT

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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 2 Samuel 18.5-9, 15, 31-33

The king gave orders to Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, 'Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.' And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom.

So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword.

Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab's armour-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, 'Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.' The king said to the Cushite, 'Is it well with the young man Absalom?' The Cushite answered, 'May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.'

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, 'O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would that I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!'

READING Ephesians 4.25 – 5.2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve

the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (All Saints only)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

GOSPEL John 6.35, 41-51

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.