

Parish Notices

Giving

During this difficult time when our church buildings are closed, we are still a church; meeting virtually for church services and fellowship, loving our neighbours by offering practical support to the vulnerable, and caring for our communities. The work of our church is reliant on people's generosity, a generosity that is a hallmark of our lived-out faith and a testament to it.

We all give to our church in a variety of ways, but with the closure of all the buildings we cannot receive all the gifts that we usually receive, or the income from our events, so we really need your help now. If you are able to give a little more at this time please do or send your weekly *Envelopes* with a cheque to Lionel Marchant (*Treasurer*) 7 The Platt, Sutton Valence, Maidstone, ME17 3BQ.
With all Best wishes Ian

Deanery Prayer – Please click on the link to view the Deanery prayer:
[Deanery Prayer .pdf](#)

MUSIC IN WORSHIP - The Choir of Wells Cathedral singing the Psalms at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3H2Pp-Rs94I&list=PLn13fmo0awjmXHMK_tLpGXT0Ty_WhIK6&index=1

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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St Stephen, Tovil
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**Sunday 10th May 2020
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday Service celebrates – VE Day 75
(Victory in Europe Day)**



Rev Ian Parrish will be recording the Sunday Morning Worship service and it can be viewed via our Facebook page the link is on this notice sheet and on both websites.

Daily worship is also available from Canterbury Cathedral via the All Saints website - www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk - click the link on the left hand side of the Welcome page.

COLLECT

Almighty God, who through your only begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

READING

Micah 4.1-4

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths 'For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall

make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

GOSPEL

Luke 15.18-24

I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' " So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe the best one and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Prayer

O Almighty God, grant, we beseech thee, that we who here do honour to the memory of those who have died in the service of their country and of the Crown, may be so inspired by the spirit of their love and fortitude that, forgetting all selfish and unworthy motives, we may live only to thy glory and to the service of mankind through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer of St. Ignatius

Teach us, good Lord, to serve thee as thou deservest; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Special prayers for those in need

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

Keith Sharp
Jean Williamson
Paul & Marlene Crease
Vera Alflatt
Millie Moss
Audrey Little
Daphne Holland
Nigel Gunyoun
Mary Wheeler

Special Prayers of Hope and Compassion

Clive & Andrea Lever
Irene & David Johnson
Rosemary & John Fowler
Keith Manuell & Family

Departed

Margaret Costen
Brain Farmer
Iris Relf
Joan Lock-wood Jones
Robert Justice
Steve Davis
Reginald Hughes - Organist and Choirmaster at
All Saints Church 1970 - 1980

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Morning Worship

Opening Sentences

In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began.

God was

Here and now among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven.

God is

In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfilment.

God will be

Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

God was, God is, God will be

Prayer

Lord God, early in the morning when the world was young you made life in all its beauty and terror, you gave birth to all we know. Hallowed be your name

Hallowed be your name

Early in the morning when the world least expected it, a newborn child crying in a cradle announced that you had come amongst us, that you were one of us. Hallowed be your name

Hallowed be your name

In the midst of this current crisis when many are fearful and when the future is so uncertain we continue to believe that you walk with your people. Hallowed be your name

Hallowed be your name

Our faith reminds us that in a guarded graveyard the footsteps in the dew proved that you had risen, offering the promise of life and hope to all your people. Hallowed be your name

Hallowed be your name

So now, as we gather in our homes we continue to be your church celebrating your creation, your life, your death, your resurrection and your enduring and unfailing love for us; so to you we pray;

Lord bring new life where we are worn and tired, new love where we have turned hard hearted, forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded, hope where we feel anxious and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit who is our constant guide.

Loving God, source of healing and comfort, fill us with your grace, that the sick may be made whole, that those who care for us may be strengthened, that the anxious may be calmed, and those most vulnerable be protected, in the power of the Spirit, in the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm 121

I will lift up my eyes to the hills but where shall I look for help
My help comes from the Lord who has made heaven and earth

The Lord will not let your foot stumble, the one who guards you will not sleep
The one who keeps watch over his people shall neither doze or sleep

The Lord is the one who will guard you, the Lord at your right hand will be your defence
So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor yet the moon by night

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil yes it is the Lord who will keep you safe
The Lord shall take care of your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forever

The Gospel reading of the day

A few moments of quiet reflection or conversation and the opportunity to pray for all those whom we know to be most vulnerable over the coming days and weeks

Prayers

Christ be with me, Christ within me
Christ behind me, Christ before me
Christ beside me, Christ to win me
Christ to comfort and restore me
Christ beneath me, Christ above me
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger
Christ in hearts of all that love me
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger

God bless this city and move our hearts to pity lest we grow hard
God bless this house with silence, solitude and space that we may pray
God bless these days of rough and narrow ways lest we despair
God bless the night and calm the people's fright that we may love
God bless this land and guide us with your hand lest we be unjust
God bless this earth through pangs of death and birth and make us whole

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you wherever he may send you
May he guide you through the wilderness and protect you through the storm
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.