

Notices

ABC School enters the second week with many new children in the Reception Year as well as some in other classes. There are new members of staff who have joined the school. These are exciting days of new challenge and surprise!

Staff and Children have returned after the long holiday and will need to be embedded into school life again so that the continuing progress after the good grades of SISMS and Ofsted last year will move forward, and expectations are realised.

Plans for Collective Worship and Godly Play on Tuesday afternoons led by members of the congregations are well in hand. This starts on Tuesday 26th September.

Also, on Sunday September 10th we will celebrate Education Sunday with the opportunity to hear firsthand about what is happening and what is planned in the school for the coming weeks. The CEO of Aquila, Annie Wiles, the Academy to which the school belongs, will be our speaker. Sue Heather the head teacher will give us an up to the moment summary of what is in store in the coming weeks and months and volunteers in the school and governors will hopefully contribute re their specific roles. There will be opportunity too to ask questions after these presentations and in conversation over drinks after the service.

Harvest Festival this year as in the past will be celebrated as a United Parish on Sunday October 8th at St. Stephen's in the School at 10:00 am as they will have had their Harvest Service the previous Friday. We will join our gifts with theirs. After Coffee and Conversation FFF Caterers who laid on the Sunday Lunch at The Parish Weekend will be serving a HOG ROAST and salads lunch with a Vegetarian Option. This will be prepared outside by the entrance to the school and depending on the weather we will choose to eat either outside using the barbecue benches or in the school hall. We will be finished by 1:30pm.

The PCC will meet in the Dove Room at The School on Monday 25th September, at 6:30pm. Agendas will be sent out **in the** coming days. We hope to end by 8:30pm at the latest.

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

Sunday 10th September 2023
The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity



**10am Morning Worship at St Stephens
(Archbishop Courtenay School)**

for Education Sunday with Annie Wiles as our speaker who is the CEO of Aquila which is the Academy to which ABC belongs.

Next Week's Service's

**Sunday 17th September
10am Parish Eucharist at St Philips with
Bishop Peter Maurice**

Collect

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth. 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

Colossians 1 verses 24-29

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh, I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil and struggle with all the energy that he powerfully inspires within me.

Gospel

Mark 1 verses 13-16

He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'
As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen.

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,*

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Sunday Services in September and October

All at 10am unless specified.

- 24th September Parish Eucharist At All Saint
- 1st October 10:00 St. Philip's Parish Eucharist
6:30 All Saints Choral E/song
- 8th October St. Stephen's Harvest Thanksgiving followed by Hog Roast Lunch
- 15th October All Saints Parish Eucharist with Healing Prayers for Luke'stide
- 22nd October St. Philip's Parish Eucharist.
- 29th 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

All Mobile devices should be switched off and no Photographs taken during Sunday Worship at any time.

Our Healing House of Prayer Study Group reconvenes this coming Tuesday September 12th at 10:00am for 10:30am where we will be considering the theme of Healing in the Church Today. We close at 11:30am prompt.