

Intercessions

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Please pray for these and their families

Alan Gupwell	Carol Winter
Pamela Hocking	John Coates
Brian & Elizabeth Coleman	Jeff Fernet Randell
Ken and Stella Bridges	Jane Sadler
Jeff & Beryl Foxley	Revd Kes Grant
Dawn Gamble	Jean Williamson
Susan Greenstreet	Winnie Thompson
Daphne Holland	Jane Wearne
Kay Kidney	Vera Alflatt
Pat Manser	Mildred Moss
John and Diana Caley	Daphne Lee
Harry Harbert	Audrey Little
John Spencer	

The departed and all who mourn their passing

Matthew Hall

Notices

Thank you – St Philip's Fair raised £695.74 and All Saints Quiz raised £251. Thank you to all involved for your help and commitment! 😊

Candlelit Service at All Saints – Please sign the list by the refreshment area if you can provide mince pies/sausage rolls for this service on 17th December. Thank you from Mary Shaw.

Christmas Services - Please take one of our Flyers which show all the services and events that are coming up over this festive season. 😊

Christingles for All Saints – We need to make 200 and these will be prepared Friday 23rd at 2.00 pm at All Saints. Please see Mary Shaw if you can help. Thank you.

Christmas Hamper – All Saints are raffling this wonderful Hamper. Donation towards the contents will be gratefully received by Mary Shaw. Tickets £2.00 each. Draw date will be Saturday 17th December.

Carols and Mince Pies – Tuesday 13th Dec 7pm-9pm at St Philip's. Please let Jamie or Janice know your favourite Carol and why you like it. We look forward to seeing you 😊

Maidstone Wind Symphony Family Concert – The Snowman! Saturday 18th Dec at 3.30pm at All Saints. Pre-Concert children's activities from 2.45pm. See posters for more details and prices. 😊

Deanery Prayer for December – Please see church notice boards.

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Our Facebook Page: "All Saints with St Philip and St Stephen Maidstone"



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

www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk

11 December 2016
The Third Sunday of Advent

At All Saints

Readings at the 8.00am Eucharist begin on page 51 in the BCP and the service starts on page 237.

Music for the 9.30am Choral Eucharist

Service: Darke in F

NEH 11 1,2,3,4 & 5 O come, O come, Emmanuel

NEH 415 O For a thousand tongues to sing

NEH 466 Thou whose almighty word

Communion Motets:

How lovely are the messengers – Mendelssohn

Sussex Carol - Traditional

Psalm after Dismissal: Psalm 146 vv 4-11

11.00am Family Service Lessons & Carol's, St Philip's
5.30pm Kent Music Carols at All Saints

St Philip's hymns are announced and displayed.

**Please join us for refreshments after the
9.30 and 11.00 service.**

What's on this Week

Tuesday 13 December

9.30am South Borough School Christingle, All Saints

10.00 – 12.00pm Coffee & Chat at St Philip's

7.00pm Carols and Mince Pies at St Philip's

Wednesday 14 December

10.00-12.00pm St Philip's Toddlers at St Philip's

7.30pm MGS Carol Service at All Saints

Thursday 15 December

12.00noon Said Eucharist at All Saints

7.00pm Valley Park Carols at All Saints

Friday 16 December

11.45am Valley Park Carols at All Saints

Saturday 17 December

4.30pm Candlelit Service of Nine Lessons & Carols at All Saints

Sunday 18 December

8.00am BCP Eucharist said at All Saints

9.30am Parish Eucharist at All Saints

11.00am Parish Eucharist St Philip's

11.00am Cafe Sundae Christingle Service at St Stephen's

3.00pm Maidstone Wind Symphony Concert at All Saints

Readings for the main Eucharist next week

Isa 7.10-16 Romans 1.1-7 Matthew 1.18-end

CW Eucharistic Readings & Prayers today

COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you: grant that the
ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by
turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of
the just, that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

READING Isaiah 35.1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.
Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the
blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway
shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

READING James 5. 7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the
Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the
earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and
the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen
your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.
Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that
you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at
the doors! As an example of suffering and patience,
beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of
the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (All Saints only)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

GOSPEL Matt 11.2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was
doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him,
'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for
another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John
what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight,
the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear,
the dead are raised, and the poor have good news
brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no
offence at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to
speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out
into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the
wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone
dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft
robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to
see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a
prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,
"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you."

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one
has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least
in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

POST COMMUNION

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ
comes again we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*Please be aware that throughout Advent
at All Saints, as we long for Jesus to come
we shall sing various verses of the hymn
during the service and reflect on the different
words that represent the Christ;
Emmanuel, wisdom, majesty.*

