

Notices

Christingles for both churches will be made in All Saints on Friday 23rd December at 2pm. If you can help please let Mary know by 18th December, on 01622 631368 or shaw12cornflower@btinternet.com.

At All Saints on Saturday 17th December we will be providing seasonal refreshments after the Nine Lessons with Carols. Please contact Mary by 12th December if you are able to supply mince pies or sausage rolls.

We are looking for people to come forward to help with the many Christmas services and events that will be taking place during December. If you could spare some of your time please contact either Denise 07788634047 or Robert 07775 813258. Any help would be greatly appreciated

Congratulations to Archbishop Courtenay School for their Good Grading in the SIAMS inspection which is being announced this week.

More Services in December

No Choral Evensong in December

- **4.30pm Saturday 17th December**
Carol Service at All Saints
- **10am Sunday 18th December**
Carol Service at St Philips

Christmas Eve

- **3.30pm Saturday 24th December**
Christingle Service at All Saints
- **5.00pm Christingle Service at St Philips**
- **Midnight Eucharist 10.00pm**
St Philips
- **Midnight Eucharist 11.30pm**
All Saints
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Christmas Day Sunday 25th December

10am Parish Eucharist at All Saints.

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



Sunday 11th December 2022 The Third Sunday in Advent

10.00am Parish Eucharist at All Saints Church

Next Week's Service

**Sunday 18th December
The Fourth Sunday in Advent
10am Carol Service at St Philips Church**

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

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

Matthew 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.

Special prayers

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

Paul Crease, Daphne Holland, Nigel Gunyon,
Mary Wheeler, Jane Sadler, Ray Stephens,
Debbie Proctor, Roger Doe, Sue Marks,
Pamela Hocking, Graham Jarvis, Kelly,
Claire & Family, Allan Seeley, Michael Costen
David Gilles, Laura, Gary Moses,
John Littlestone, Selina

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