

## Notices

### Sad News

*Elizabeth Marchant died peacefully in the presence of her husband Lionel, son Andrew and daughter Helen in Pembury Hospital on Sunday 5th March 2023. They are grateful for the care and treatment which was given in those days and the openness and professional care and treatment that was provided. Her passing was made public at a private service at home in the garden in the presence of wider family members and dear friends.*

*Elizabeth had been very involved in the life of All Saints for over five decades in various aspects of Christian ministry and service since their move to Sutton Valence. She will be sadly missed and mourned by so many. Details concerning her Funeral and the Celebration of her life are being finalised by the family and will be publicly displayed in the coming days.*

*Needless to say more will be said later but at this stage in their bereavement journey the family must be assured of our love and prayers as they seek comfort and consolation in these difficult days as they come to terms with all that they are going through. They will need space in making all the practical decisions that have to be made and will also need time for themselves as they cope with the aftermath of a sudden and unexpected death.*

*It is my prayer that we will support them all at this time but also give them the space to be together as close family in uninterrupted ways.*

**John Richardson. Vicar of Maidstone**

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### Electoral Roll

For the forthcoming APCM on 16th April 2023, the electoral roll will be open for revisions, from 12th March to 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023. These will be displayed on the notice boards at both All Saints and St Philips. Forms can be downloaded from the Church of England Website for those who wish to join this year.

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



**Sunday 12th March 2023  
The Third Sunday of Lent**

**Parish Eucharist**

**10.00am – Parish Eucharist at All  
Saints Church**

**Next Week's Service**

**Sunday 19th March  
The Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Mothering Sunday**

**10.00am Mothering Sunday Special  
Morning Worship at St Stephens  
(Archbishop Courtenay School)**

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### Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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

#### Philippians 4: 4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

### **Gospel**

#### **John 5: 1-9**

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralysed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, 'Do you want to be made well?' The sick man answered him, 'Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.' Jesus said to him, 'Stand up, take your mat and walk.' At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

### **Post Communion**

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **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, Allan Seeley, Michael Costen  
Pam Ratcliffe*

### **Departed**

*Elizabeth Marchant*

*Janice Carr*

*Edward Adams*

*Ella-Marie Winch*

*Colin Turner*

*Alan Ramsay*

*Nina Chaykousta*

*Our thoughts are with their family and friends.*

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