

Sunday

21 December 2014

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00 am Eucharist said at All Saints

9.30 am Parish Eucharist at All Saints

11.00 am All Together Carol Service at St Philip's

Readings for the 9.30 Eucharist:

2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16; Romans 16.25-end;
Luke 1.26-38

Intercessions.

Please email clintonendavis@btinternet.com or phone 01622 682330 to add or remove names from the list.

Please pray for these and their families

Vera Alflatt	Maurice Mowbray
John Coates	Mollie Neaves
Joe Daniels	Gareth Owen
Cathy Garner	Geoffrey Randell
Michael Greenstreet	Jane Sadler
Nigel Gunyon	Stephen
Marguerite Hart	Ray & Margaret Stephens
Daphne Holland	Michael Walsh
Brenda Hope	Jane Wearne

the departed and all who mourn their passing

Anne Andrews	Harold Cannell
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Notices

Please advise Mollie Neaves of events or dates to include in the Diary for the Magazine. Telephone 01622 759321 or e-mail mneaves@btinternet.com.

Maidstone Churches Winter Shelter

This will run for 12 weeks from 8th December until 1st March providing 15 beds every night for the homeless.

To volunteer your help, please use the form at

<https://podio.com/webforms/9529966/722903>.

To sponsor a bed for £40, please donate online at

mydonate.bt.com/charities/mcws or send a cheque made payable to 'Maidstone Churches Winter Shelter' to MCWS, c/o The Salvation Army, 74-80 Union Street, Maidstone ME14 1ED.

Please sign the list at the back of All Saints if you are able to provide **mince pies or sausage rolls** for the refreshments after our Candlelit Carol Service on Saturday 20th December at 4.30pm.

Christingles will be made in All Saints Church from 2pm on Tuesday 23rd. Please come and help as we have 200 to make. Contact Mary on 631368 for more information.

At St. Philip's Christingle Service at 5.00 pm on 24th December, children are invited to come dressed as ANGELS, SHEPHERDS or KINGS.

THE PARISH OF

**ALL SAINTS with ST PHILIP, MAIDSTONE
and ST STEPHEN, TOVIL**

Sunday 14 December 2014

The Third Sunday of Advent

At All Saints

Readings for the 8.00 am Eucharist begin on page 51 in the BCP. The service starts on page 237.

Music for the 9.30 am Choral Eucharist:

Service: Sumsion in F

Introit Anthem:

This is the record of John Gibbons
NEH 170 Lo, in the wilderness a voice
NEH 9 Lo! He comes with clouds descending
NEH 6 Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes

Communion Motets:

Sleepers wake Bach
Hail blessed Virgin Mary arr. Wood

Psalm after Dismissal: 146

The Maidstone Wind Symphony concert is at 3.00 pm.

At St Philip's

Hymns are announced and/or displayed.

Do stay for refreshments after 9.30 and 11.00!

What's on this Week

Monday 15 December 2014

1.30 pm Archbishop Courtenay Primary School
Carols at All Saints

Tuesday 16 December 2014

10.00 am - noon Coffee & Chat at St Philip's

Wednesday 17 December 2014

10.00 am - noon Seedlings at St Philip's

7.30 pm Maidstone Grammar School Carol Service
at All Saints

Thursday 18 December 2014

8.45 am Valley Park Carols at All Saints

12.30 pm Eucharist said in All Saints Vestry

Friday 19 December 2014

8.45 am Valley Park Carols at All Saints

Saturday 20 December 2014

4.30 pm **A Candlelight Service of Nine Lessons
and Christmas Carols at All Saints**

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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 61.1-4, 8-end

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

For I the Lord love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.
I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring
up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

READING 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24 (All Saints only)

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in
all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ
Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not
despise the words of prophets, but test everything;
hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form
of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely;
and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound
and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (All Saints only)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

GOSPEL John 1.6-8, 19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was
John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so
that all might believe through him. He himself was
not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews
sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him,
'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but
confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked
him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.'
'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they
said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for
those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?'
He said,
'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,
"Make straight the way of the Lord" ',
as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They
asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are
neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John
answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you
stands one whom you do not know, the one who is
coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong
of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the
Jordan where John was baptizing.

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.