

## Parish Notices

### All Saints Nave Plaster Removal

An interim faculty has been granted by the Commissary General to erect scaffolding in the nave and remove plaster from the southern cerestory. A CDM principal designer has been appointed and the architect shall give advice on the plaster removal. It is anticipated that the works shall take about 10 days to complete, start date TBC.

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**Deanery Prayer for March** – Please see Community Magazine and Notice Boards for further details.

**Electoral Roll Revision** – It's that time of year when we review our Electoral Roll. Being on the Electoral Roll means you can vote on Church matters, attend Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM) and stand for election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC). Please speak with our Churchwarden's Denise Joy or Robert Philo and ask for an Application Form.

**Combined Service at St Stephens Tovil** – Sunday 29th March at 11.00am followed by a bring and share lunch. We are looking forward to seeing you, for both the service and lunch. In order to help with catering etc, please complete the sign-up sheet at the back of your church, opting for a savoury or sweet dish. Salad will be provided along with fruit juice etc. many Thanks, David, Debbie & Marion and all at St Stephens.

**Palm Sunday Eucharist at St Philips** – Sunday 5th April from 10.15am we will be serving breakfast croissants and coffee before our 11am Palm Sunday Eucharist.

**Lent Group** – will meet on Wednesday evenings at St Philips Church & Centre. The first meeting will start on 4<sup>th</sup> March with refreshments. 7.15pm for 7.30pm start finish 9pm. Everyone Welcome.

**PCC Draft Accounts** – Have now been sent to our Independent Examiner in preparation for our APCM, The draft accounts can be seen on our website by entering the link [www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk/draftaccounts2019.pdf](http://www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk/draftaccounts2019.pdf) if you have any questions about the accounts please send an email to [marchant.allsaintsmaidstone@gmail.com](mailto:marchant.allsaintsmaidstone@gmail.com) so that your question can be answered.

*If anyone would like to add anything to the weekly notices please speak to the Church Wardens or the Priest in Charge*

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with St Philip, Maidstone and  
St Stephen, Tovil  
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**Sunday 15th March 2020**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**

**At All Saints**



8.00am Eucharist – Readings begin on page 89 and the service starts on page 237

### **Special Order Of Service**

**Music for the 9.30am Parish Eucharist Service – Thorne**

**NEH 391** King of glory, King of peace  
**NEH 296** Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour  
**NEH 361** Forth in the peace of Christ we go

#### **Introit:**

God so loved the World - Goss

#### **Communion Motet:**

Lord, for they tender mercies' sake – Farrant/Hilton

#### **Psalm after the dismissal**

Psalm 95 vv. 1-7 Crotch

#### **Organ Voluntary**

Allegro in Bb – Frank Bridge

**Please come and join us for refreshments after the Service ☺**

#### **Music in Worship**

This month (March) not surprisingly, the majority of our Music in Worship marks the Season of Lent. Looking forward to next month (April), many of our main HOLY WEEK services from Palm Sunday Eucharist to Easter Day Evensong, inclusive, will include short choruses from Handel's Messiah, when additional singers would be very welcome to join the regular choir. For further details, please speak to Andrew or email [choirmasterallsaintsmaidstone@gmail.com](mailto:choirmasterallsaintsmaidstone@gmail.com)

### **Other Services/Events in the Parish for the 15th March**

11.00am Parish Eucharist at St Philips  
6.30pm Choral Evensong at All Saints

## 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 forever.

## READING 1

Exodus 17.1-7

## READING 2

Romans 5.1-11

## GOSPEL

John 4.5-42

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of endless glory! Glory and praise to you!** The Lord is a great God, O that today you would / listen to / his voice. Harden / not / your hearts.  
**Praise to you, O Christ, King of endless glory! Glory and praise to you!**

## 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.

## Psalm 95 vv. 1-7 Crotch

1. O COME, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
2. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving: and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.
3. For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.
4. In his hand are all the corners of the earth: and the strength of the hills is his also.
5. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands prepared the dry land.
6. O come, let us worship and fall down: and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7. For he is the Lord our God: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 16th	
Tues 17th	10am – 12noon Coffee & Chat at SP
Wed 18th	10.30am Said Eucharist at AS 7.30pm Lent Group at SP
Thu 19th	10am Church & Centre Meeting at SP
Fri 20th	7.00pm All Saints Choir (College Rooms) 12noon Funeral Service at AS
Sat 21st	7.30pm Maidstone Choral Union at AS
Sun 22nd Mothering Sunday	8am Said BCP HC at AS 9.30am Parish Eucharist at AS 11.00am Parish Eucharist at SP

**Readings for the main Eucharist next week Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**  
**4th Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday**  
1 Samuel 1.20-28  
Luke 2.33-35

## Intercessions:

### **Please pray for these and their families:**

Jean Williamson, Revd Kes Grant, Clive & Andrea Lever, Johnjo Flood, Vera Alflatt, Millie Moss, Audrey Little, Chris CSJD, Daphne Holland, Nigel Gunyon, Jane Sadler, Keith Manuell. Mary Wheeler, Revd Ron & Dawn Gamble, Kelly & Family, Janet, Julian, Owen Reeves, Pat Stark. Family of Cathy Garner, Greta Gooding, Family of The Revd Brian Barnes.

## **The departed and all who mourn their Passing:**

**Revd Brian Barnes**  
**Cathy Garner**  
**Henry Gooding**

## Readings for Sunday 15th March 3rd Sunday of Lent

### Exodus 17.1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

### Romans 5.1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

### John 4.5-42

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman

said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'