

## Parish Notices

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

**Maidstone Wind Symphony** - To promote its local new community engagement programme, award-winning [Maidstone Wind Symphony](#) is pleased to offer all members of All Saints Church a **TWO-FOR-ONE** offer on the standard ticket prices (£12 on the door, £10 in advance) for its next concert, [Gaudete! A Celebration of Christmas](#) at All Saints Church, Maidstone from 19.00hrs-21.00hrs on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Members, who would like to take advantage of this offer, should reserve tickets online via the [Maidstone Wind Symphony website](#) quoting the discount code **Christmas241** (the code expires on Friday 13th December).

### **All Saints -**

We need volunteers to help with some of the special services at All Saints over Christmas, to welcome people, hand them service sheets, deal with any enquires, do the collection etc.

Carol Service 21<sup>st</sup>

Midnight Server 24<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Morning

If you can help please see Robert after the service, contact him on 07775 813258 or add you name to the list at the back of the church. Also, please sign the list at the back of the church if you are able to provide some seasonal refreshments for the All Saints Carol Service on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

### **Save the Date**

**Pudding Night at St Philips** – 7pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Lots of lovely puddings to taste! Tickets are £5.00 per person which includes tea/coffee.

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

The Parish of All Saints  
with St Philip, Maidstone and  
St Stephen, Tovil  
[www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk](http://www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk)

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
03<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

At All Saints



**8.00am** Eucharist – Readings begin on page 51 and the service starts on page 237

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

**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

**Introit Anthem:**

The angel Gabriel

**Communion Motet:**

Zion hears her watchmen's voices –  
Bach - Stanford

**Psalm after the Dismissal:**

150

**Organ Voluntary:**

Sortie in Eb Lefebure-Wely

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

**Other Services/Events in the Parish for the  
15<sup>th</sup> December**

11.00am Parish Eucharist at St Philips

7.00pm Maidstone Wind Symphony  
at All Saints

## 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 forever.

## READING 1

Isaiah 35.1-10

## READING 2

James 5.7-10

## GOSPEL

Matthew 11.2-11

### Gospel Acclamation (All Saints Only)

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!** Prepare the way  
of the Lord, make his / paths / straight, and all  
flesh shall see the sal / va / tion of / God.  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## 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 forever.

## Psalm 150

1. O PRAISE God in his holiness: praise  
him in the firmament of his power.
2. Praise him in his noble acts: praise  
him according to his excellent  
greatness.
3. Praise him in the sound of the  
trumpet: praise him upon the lute and  
harp.
4. Praise him in the cymbals and dances:  
praise him upon the strings and pipe.
5. Praise him upon the well-tuned  
cymbals: praise him upon the loud  
cymbals.
6. Let everything that hath breath: praise  
the Lord.

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	10am -12noon Coffee & Chat at SP 6pm Homeless Christmas Lunch – College Rooms
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Said Eucharist at AS 7pm MGS Carol Service at AS
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup>	
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm All Saints Choir (College Room)
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	4.30pm All Saints Carol Service
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	08.00am Said BCP HC at AS 9.30am Parish Eucharist at AS followed by the making of Christingles 11am Parish Eucharist at SP 11am Carol Service at SS 4.00pm Community Carol Service at SP

### Readings for the main Eucharist next week Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7.10-16

Romans 1.1-7

Matthew 1.18-end

### 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,  
Revd Brian Barnes, Keith Manuell. Mary  
Wheeler, Revd Ron & Dawn Gamble,  
Kelly & Family, .Janet

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

Patty  
Ray Martin  
David Kingman

**Please take this leaflet away with you ☺**

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

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## Readings for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.