

Notices

Elizabeth Marchant - Funeral Service collection.

Lionel, Helen and Andrew would like to let those who contributed to the collection at the end of Elizabeth's service on the 3rd of April raised a staggering amount of £1,100.

In accordance with Elizabeth's wishes this total will be divided equally between the two charities set out in the Order of Service.

Thank you again not only for your generosity but also for the care you have given us during the past unexpected days.

Lionel, Helen, and Andrew Marchant

Non-Residential Parish Weekend at Archbishop Courtenay School

Friday May 12th, 2023, from 6:00pm to Sunday May 14th, 2023, until after Lunch.

Booking details later for either part of full time with meals provided on Friday Evening with Fish and Chip Supper, Saturday, and Sunday a Simple Ploughman's Lunch.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Revd John Richardson will be leading the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 23rd October – 30th October 2024. Brochures are available from Revd John.

Sunday Services in May All at 10am unless specified.

May 7th – At All Saints. A Special Service in Honour of King Charles 111

No Choral Evensong

May 14th At Stephen's. At Archbishop Courtenay School...Morning Worship followed by Sunday Buffet lunch as the final day of the Parish Weekend with Neville Emslie as our cavitation and preacher.

May 21st At St. Philip's Parish Eucharist remembering Rogationtide.

May 28th At All Saints Parish Eucharist for Pentecost

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

Sunday 16th April 2023
The Second Sunday of Easter

10.00am Sunday Morning Worship with
Annual Vestry and Parochial Church
Meeting at St Stephens (Archbishop
Courtenay School, Tovil



Next Week's Service

Sunday 23rd April 2023
10.00 Easter Parish Communion at All
Saints

Collect

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

1 Peter chapter 1 verses 3-9 and chapter 2 verses 4-5

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who have been chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with his blood: May grace and peace be yours in abundance. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so

that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours made careful search and inquiry, inquiring about the person or time that the Spirit of Christ within them indicated, when it testified in advance to the sufferings destined for Christ and the subsequent glory. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in regard to the things that have now been announced to you through those who brought you good news by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look!

Therefore, prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.' If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. For 'All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord endures for ever.' That word is the good news that was announced to you. Do not repay evil for evil

or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing, when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. But they will have to give an account to him who stands ready to judge the living and the dead.

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

**Vicar: All saints, Maidstone with St.
Philip's, and St. Stephen's Tovil**

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**Please note Revd John will be on Leave
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