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Intercessions

Please pray for these and their families

Jean Williamson	Vera Alflatt
Revd Kes Grant	Millie Moss
Sam Jenner & Family	Audrey Little
Clive & Andrea Lever	Ruth Crewe
Derek & Sue Parker	Chris CSJD
Dawn Gamble	Daphne Holland
Manuell Family	Nigel Gunyon
Debbie Proctor & Family	Diana Caley
Stella Bridges & Family	Patty
JohnJo Flood	Jane Sadler
Jenny Wooldridge & Family	Paul Crease
Family of late Ann Grant	

**The departed and all who mourn their passing**  
**Ann Grant** Brian Wooldridge  
**Geoffrey Roscow** Alistair Crewe  
**Ken Bridges** Carl Proctor

Notices

**Brian Wooldridge's funeral will be held at Vinters Park Crematorium on 17<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm**

**Carol Singing** - Carol singing will take place on the evenings of the 17<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 meeting at St Philips at 6.30pm followed by hot soup.

**Choral Music** – "This month's Communion motets and Evensong anthems celebrate Christ's Coming of Birth"

**The Wilmington Players** – Can confirm they are performing the much loved comedy "Arsenic and Old Lace". The Wednesday night performance would be on the 1st May at the Hazlitt Theatre.

**Deanery Prayer for December** - Please see Community and the notice boards for further details.

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

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**16th December 2018**

**The Third Sunday of Advent**

**At All Saints**

**Readings at the 8.00am Said Eucharist** begin on page 51 and the service starts on page 237.

**Music for the 9.30am Parish Eucharist**

**Service:** Addington

**NEH 8** Lift up your heads ye mighty gates

**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:**

But who may abide the day of His coming -  
Handel

**Psalm after the dismissal:** Psalm 150

**Organ Voluntary** J S Bach Chorale Der Tag, der ist so Freudenreich BWV 605

**11.00am Parish Eucharist at St Philips**

**4.00pm St Philips Carol Service**

**6.30pm Choral Evensong at All Saints**

**Please join us for refreshments after the 9.30am & 11.00am Service**

**What's on this Week**

**Monday** 17<sup>th</sup> December  
**6.30pm** Parish Carol Singing, St Philips

**Tuesday** 18<sup>th</sup> December  
**10.00am – 12noon** Coffee & Chat at St Philips C & C  
**All Day** West Kent WI Carol Service at All Saints  
**6.00pm-9.30pm** Time for the Homeless at AS

**Wednesday** 19<sup>th</sup> December  
**6.30pm** Parish Carol Singing, St Philips

**Thursday** 20<sup>th</sup> December  
**No Mid-day Eucharist at All Saints**  
**7.30pm-9.30pm** MGS Carol Service at All Saints

**Saturday** 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
**4.30pm** All Saints Church Carol Service

**Sunday** 23<sup>rd</sup> December

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**8.00am** BCP Said Eucharist at All Saints

**9.30am** Choral Eucharist at All Saints

**11.00am** Parish Eucharist at St Philips

**Readings for the main Eucharist next week**

Mic.5.2-5a Heb 10.5-10 Luke 1.39-45

## **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 Zephaniah 3.14-end**

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

### **Reading Philippians 4.4-7**

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.

### **Gospel Luke 3.7-18**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have

Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

### **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 for ever.

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

