

Notices

Harvest Festival this year as in the past will be celebrated as a United Parish on Sunday October 8th at St. Stephen's in the School at 10:00 am as they will have had their Harvest Service the previous Friday. We will join our gifts with theirs.

After Coffee and Conversation FFF Caterers who laid on the Sunday Lunch at The Parish Weekend will be serving a HOG ROAST and salads lunch with a Vegetarian Option. This will be prepared outside by the entrance to the school and depending on the weather we will choose to eat either outside using the barbecue benches or in the school hall. We will be finished by 1:30pm.

Booking forms are still available for The Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with McCabe to be led by Sue and John Richardson from Wednesday October 23rd to 30th 2024. We will be flying in and out of Luton with travel plans to and from Kent and staying in Jerusalem for four nights and Tiberius on the Sea of Galilee for three nights. We will be visiting all the major places involving the ministry of Jesus as recorded in the Four Gospels.

Whilst there we have the services of a fully trained renowned guide and travel by luxury air-conditioned coach. We will have prayers each day as well as Communion Services on the Mount of Olives and the Mount of Beatitudes near Jesus' home base and town of Capernaum. For further details and a conversation with brochure talking with John and Sue when appropriate.

The PCC will meet in the Dove Room at The School on Monday 25th September, at 6:30pm.

Please note there will be no Choral Evensong at All Saints on November 5th as this has been transferred to October 29th and because the CLOCKS CHANGE THAT WEEKEND, we revert to the wintertime of 3:30pm until March 2024

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

**Sunday 17th September 2023
The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**



**10am Parish Eucharist at St Philips
Church with Bishop Peter Maurice**

Next Week's Service's

**Sunday 24th September 2023
The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
10am Parish Eucharist at All Saints
Church**

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 for ever.

Reading

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we

do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Special prayers

*Matt 5.3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven'*

*Daphne Holland, Mary Wheeler, Jane Sadler,
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Sunday Services in October All at 10am unless specified.

- 1st October 10:00 St. Philip's Parish Eucharist
6:30 All Saints Choral E/song
- 8th October St. Stephen's Harvest Thanksgiving followed by Hog Roast Lunch
- 15th October All Saints Parish Eucharist with Healing Prayers for Luke's side
- 22nd October St. Philip's Parish Eucharist.
- 29th October All Saints Parish Eucharist for Bible Sunday

3:30pm All Saints Choral Evensong