

### Intercessions

Please email [frauke.parrish@gmail.com](mailto:frauke.parrish@gmail.com) or phone 01622 756002 to add/remove names of this list.

#### Please pray for these and their families

Alan Gupwell	Carol Winter
Pamela Hocking	John Coates
Brian & Elizabeth Coleman	Jeff Fernet Randell
Ken and Stella Bridges	Jane Sadler
Jeff & Beryl Foxley	Revd Kes Grant
Dawn Gamble	Jean Williamson
Susan Greenstreet	Winnie Thompson
Daphne Holland	Jane Wearne
Kay Kidney	Vera Alflatt
Pat Manser	Mildred Moss
John and Diana Caley	Daphne Lee
Harry Harbert	Audrey Little
John Spencer	

#### The departed and all who mourn their passing

Matthew Hall

### Notices

**Maidstone Wind Symphony Family Concert –** The Snowman! Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec at 3.30pm at All Saints. Pre-Concert children's activities from 2.45pm. See posters for more details and prices.

**The Feast of Epiphany Celebration -** Everyone is warmly invited following the service to the Vicarage Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January from 11.00-2.00pm. Come and get together as a parish for refreshments (savoury and sweet) and chat. ☺

**St Philip's Christingle Service 24<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm-** Children are invited to come dressed as Angels, Shepherds and Kings.

**Christingles for All Saints –** We need to make 200 and these will be prepared Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2.00 pm at All Saints. Please see Mary Shaw if you can help. Thank you.

**Parish Eucharist followed by Bring and Share Lunch –** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January at St Stephen's at 11.00 am. Come and get together. ☺

**Christmas Services -** Please take one of our Flyers which show all the services and events that are coming up over this festive season. ☺

**Deanery Prayer for December –** Please see church notice boards.

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

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**ALL SAINTS with ST PHILIP, MAIDSTONE**

**and ST STEPHEN, TOVIL**

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**18 December 2016**

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

#### At All Saints

**Readings at the 8.00am Eucharist** begin on page 52 in the BCP and the service starts on page 237.

#### Music for the 9.30am Parish Eucharist

Service: Darke in F

NEH 11 1,2,3,4,5&6 O come, O come, Emmanuel

NEH 19 Come, thou Redeemer of the earth

NEH 10 Long ago, prophets knew

Communion Motets:

Angelus ad Virginem

Watts Cradle Song

**11.00am** Parish Eucharist at St Philip's

**11.00am** Cafe Sundae Christingle at St Stephen's

**3.00pm** Maidstone Wind Symphony Concert, All Saints

**Please note – NO Evensong today**

St Philip's and St Stephen's hymns are announced and displayed.

**Please join us for refreshments after the 9.30 and 11.00 service.**

#### What's on this Week

**Monday 19 December**

1.45pm ABC Primary School Christingle at All Saints

**Tuesday 20 December**

10.00 – 12.00pm Coffee & Chat at St Philip's

**Thursday 22 December**

12.00noon Said Eucharist at All Saints

**Saturday 24 December**

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

4.00pm Christingle at All Saints

6.00pm Christingle at St Philip's

11.30pm Midnight Eucharist Service at All Saints

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**Sunday 25 December**

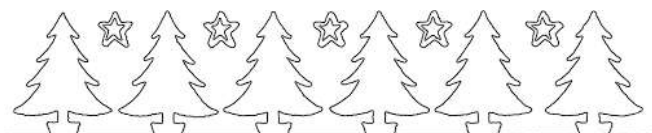
#### CHRISTMAS DAY

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

**10.00am** Combined Family Parish Eucharist Service at All Saints

Readings for the main Eucharist next week

Isaiah 52.7-10 The Christmas Story



## CW Eucharistic Readings & Prayers today

### COLLECT

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### READING Isaiah 7.10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted

### READING Romans 1.1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (All Saints only)

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia**

My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has looked with favour on  
the lowliness of his servant.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia**

### GOSPEL Matthew 1.18-end

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

### POST COMMUNION

Heavenly Father,  
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised saviour:  
fill us your servants with your grace,  
that in all things we may embrace your holy will  
and with her rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

*Please be aware that throughout Advent  
at All Saints, as we long for Jesus to come  
we shall sing various verses of the hymn  
during the service and reflect on the different  
words that represent the Christ;  
Emmanuel, wisdom, majesty.*

