

Notices

Farewell

Clinton Davis has decided that the time has come to say farewell to his priestly ministry of the last 15 years within the parish with immediate effect for various reasons.

Our intention is to say farewell and make a presentation; to him at All Saints within the service at 10:00am on Sunday March 26th 2023. If you would like to donate towards this, could you please give your contributions to either one of the Churchwardens Robert Philo or Denise Joy asap please.

All Saints Spring Clean

We are looking for volunteers to help with doing a spring clean in All Saints Church on 14th and 15th April from 10am.

Lunch will be provided.

Many Thanks

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.

Archbishop Courtenay School

In early March a choir of 15 pupils from Archbishop Courtenay School attended a national singing event held at the O2. It was a very enjoyable experience for the children who took part.

For the forthcoming APCM on 16th April 2023, the electoral roll will be open for revisions, from 12th March to 26th March 2023

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



Sunday 19th March
The Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday

10.00am Mothering Sunday Special
Morning Worship at St Stephens
(Archbishop Courtenay School)

Next Week's Service

Sunday 26th March
The Fifth Sunday of Lent

10.00am Parish Eucharist at All Saints
Church

Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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

A Song of Ascents.

Happy is everyone who fears the LORD,
who walks in his ways.

You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands;

you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
within your house;

your children will be like olive shoots

around your table.
Thus shall the man be blessed
who fears the LORD.

The LORD bless you from Zion.
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.
May you see your children's children.
Peace be upon Israel!

Gospel
I Kings 17 verses 8-17

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 'Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.' So, he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, 'Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.' As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, 'Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.' But she said, 'As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.' Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied, and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.' She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him.

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

Elizabeth Marchant

Janice Carr

Edward Adams

Ella-Marie Winch

Colin Turner

Alan Ramsay

Nina Chaykousta

Our thoughts are with their family and friends.

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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