

Parish Notices

50/50 Club December Draw

The December draw has taken place and the winners were:

1st prize Unit No 69: Geoff Lay

2nd prize Unit No 20: Lionel Marchant.

To all 50/50 Club Members, many thanks for your support and a very Happy Christmas

Brian Shaw

MUSIC IN WORSHIP

The All Saints Church Choir's contribution to the '*One Maidstone Secret Switch On*' is now available on YouTube

at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGrkMDgaB5q&ab_channel=OneMaidstone

Friends of St Philip's Community Centre - Christmas draw:

1st prize. £50. Mrs Daphne Lee

2nd prize. £25. Mr Derek Warne

The other prizes have all been claimed.

We raised £321. Many thanks to everyone who have Supported this.

Grateful thanks to Janice for organising the draw.

A Thank you - I would like to thank Mrs Kerry Blair, our Parish Administrator for all of the work she has done. Mollie



Live Worship is streamed from Canterbury Cathedral Please click [here](#) to join the service.

Worship Times

Morning Prayer – 10am, Evening Prayer – 5.30pm

Sunday Eucharist – 12noon, Sunday Compline – 8pm

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**The Parish of All Saints
With St Philip, Maidstone and
St Stephen, Tovil
www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk**

**Sunday 20th December 2020
The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**10.00am Joint Eucharist Service
at St Philips Church**

**PCC Members are asked to stay after the
service for a Meeting with the
Archdeacon.**



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

2 Sam 7.1-11, 16

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.' But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says

the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

Gospel

Luke 1.26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

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.

Next Week

Joint Midnight Eucharist at 11.30pm on 24th December at St Philips church

Joint Christmas Day Eucharist on 25th December at 10.00am - All Saints Church. A notice sheet will be sent out to you next week.

There will be no Parish Service on 27th December

Special prayers for those in need

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

Owen Reeves, Jean Williamson, Paul Crease, Vera Alflatt, Millie Moss, Audrey Little, Daphne Holland, Nigel Gunyon, Mary Wheeler, Jane Sadler, Tricia (Barbara's Sister) David Johnson, Ray Stephens, Sue Payne & Family

Special Prayers of Hope and Compassion

Clive & Andrea Lever, Rosemary & John Fowler, Keith Manuell & Family

Departed

Maureen Mills
Christie Milledge
Dorothy Mowbray (Sue Payne's Mum)

Our thoughts are with the families of
Maureen Mills, Christie Milledge
and Dorothy Mowbray

If anyone would like to add anything to the weekly notices please speak to
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A Reflection for Christmas

It was Christmas Eve, and the world stood still,
Just for a moment....waiting....wondering....hoping,
Might it be that this time of all times, the promise would be fulfilled,
and the wars would end, and the crying cease,
and the pandemics be conquered,
and the people would join hands in unity ?
Waiting....wondering....hoping
might it be this time, this time of all times ?

+ Peter

Christmas Services

24th December - Midnight Eucharist -11.30pm-St Philip's Church-+ Peter

***25th December - Christmas Day Eucharist -10.00am -All Saints Church –Revd
Clinton***

3rd January -Parish Eucharist-10.00am-St Philip's Church-+ Peter

Churchwardens Christmas message

FAITH makes things possible,

HOPE makes things happen

LOVE makes all things beautiful,

May you have all three this Christmas.

We would like to wish everyone a joyous and peaceful Christmas and New Year, and extend our warmest thanks to all.

Denise & Robert