

## Notices

### February 2024 Sunday Services

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- 4<sup>th</sup> 10am All Saints Parish Eucharist and 3:30pm Choral Evensong
  - 11<sup>th</sup> 10am St. Philip's Parish Eucharist
  - 18<sup>th</sup> 10am St. Stephen's at Archbishop Courtenay School. Holy Communion for the beginning of Lent
  - 25<sup>th</sup> 10am All Saints Parish Eucharist  
**PLEASE NOTE THAT ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup> and there will be a Holy Communion at St. Philip's at 10:00am**
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### March 2024 Sunday Services

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am St. Philip's Parish Eucharist and
  - 3.30pm Choral Evensong at All Saints
  - 10<sup>th</sup> 10am - St. Stephen's for Mothering Sunday
  - 17<sup>th</sup> 10am Parish Eucharist -All Saints
  - 24<sup>th</sup> - St. Philip's for Palm Sunday with Breakfast at 9:00am onwards.
  - 31<sup>st</sup> 10am All Saints Parish Eucharist for Easter Day
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### Willington Players

Before the Spring production at The Hazlitt at the end of April, The Willington Players have been asked to perform a 'Murder Mystery' evening at Downswood Community Centre, on the evening of Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Although they are not raising funds for our regular fund-raising partners through this particular event (the proceeds go to the community centre and local charities), we are keen to promote the evening to our friends and regular supporters.

Tickets cost £25 which includes welcome drinks and a fish and chip supper. Attached is details of the event and an explanation of how the evening will be run

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

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024  
The Third Sunday of Epiphany



10.00am Parish Eucharist at St Philips

### Next Week's Service's

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
10.00am Morning Worship Christingle  
for Adults (Children Welcome)  
At St Stephens (Archbishop  
Courtenay School)

### Collect

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
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

#### 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

**The Gospel**  
**Mark 1:14-20**

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

**Post Communion**

Almighty Father,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Special prayers**

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

*Daphne Holland, Mary Wheeler, Jane Sadler,  
Sue Marks, Pamela Hocking, Claire & Family,  
John Wilson, Paul Crease, Joan Bull,  
Ray Stephens, Scott*

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# *You-Turn* *Charity Awards Dinner*



Sponsored by Sheila Turner



Saturday 17th February 2024  
Doors open 6.30pm  
Downswood Community Centre  
Maidstone. ME15 8XG.



Tickets £25 includes welcome drinks  
and a fish & chip supper.  
Please bring your own drinks.  
All proceeds will be distributed to local charities.

Tickets: 0770 815 0613

# Notes about the Murder Mystery evening

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024 - doors open 6.30pm.

Downswood Community Centre, Maidstone. ME15 8XG.

You are warmly invited to the 'You turn' annual awards ceremony brought to you by the Willington Players & the Downswood Community Association.

As in previous years Sheila Turner will be sponsoring the award, which goes to a member of the local community who has turned their life around after a bad start & has used their success to help others.

The three worthy nominees will be present at the evening event along with the organisers but sadly all is not well behind the scenes & you will soon be called upon to investigate a suspicious death!

We would like you to play along with the theme, so when you arrive, you must pretend that you are a supporter of the charity please.

Characters will stay in their roles for the entire evening & will wear name badges so you can recognise them.

There will be a number of games to entertain the guests but, during the evening there will also be a number of unexpected deaths. (Victims will be members of the cast not guests.)

In the event of a body being found, we would request that you do not touch the victim or remove any clues & behave as you would in the event of a real murder.

A detective will be on hand to prevent you from contaminating the murder scenes.

**PLEASE OBEY THEIR INSTRUCTIONS AT ALL TIMES.**

There will be times when you are asked to return to your table.

Please do this straight away. This will allow the 'ambulance team' to remove the bodies with dignity.

As this is a charity award dinner, you are welcome to wear your best outfits but we thought it would be a lovely idea if everyone was to wear at least one item bought from a charity shop. This could be a small brooch or tie or even a whole outfit.

This dress is strictly optional but there will be a prize for the best outfit that has had a little help from a charity store.

The evening will begin with welcome drinks at 6.45pm ready for a prompt start at 7pm. Please be sure to arrive on time. We wouldn't want to keep a killer waiting!

Thank you for supporting us & we hope you enjoy the evening.