

Notices

A celebration of Graham Heath's 25 years as Tower Captain will take place in All Saints Church on Saturday 27th May from 12 noon until 3.00pm. There will be refreshments, sandwiches, and nibbles available and of course the sound of the bells.

Graham would be delighted if anyone from the Church who knows him would like to come along and help celebrate.

**A Healing House of Prayer
Early Summer Reflections at St Philips
Church on Tuesday Mornings at 10am for
10.30am from April – June 2023**

- May 23rd – At Ascension
- June 13th – In Pentecost
- June 27th In Spare Rooms!!

**We look forward to seeing you.
Further details from John
Richardson**

Save the Date

Saturday 2nd September 2023
Revd John & Sue would like to invite you to
an open house at The Rectory, Dymchurch
TN290LD
From 10.30am – 5pm
More details will follow.

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

**Sunday 21st May 2023
The Seventh Sunday of Easter
The Sunday after Ascension Day**

**10am Parish Eucharist Celebrating
Rogationtide and The Ascension
at St Stephens Archbishop Courtenay
School**

*"We will be blessing the seed, the soil and
The growing of crops in our service"*



Next Week's Service's

**Sunday 28th May 2023
Whit Sunday
10am Parish Eucharist for Pentecost
at All Saints Church**

Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and
exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ
is gone before, who is alive and reigns with
you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever.

Psalm 24

Of David. A Psalm.
The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;
for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.

the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.
They will receive blessing from the Lord,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.
Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.
Selah

Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is the King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.
Selah

Gospel

Matthew 13: 1-9

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

Post Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission and help us to live

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*

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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