

## Parish Notices

### All Saints Nave Plaster Removal

An interim faculty has been granted by the Commissary General to erect scaffolding in the nave and remove plaster from the southern chancel. A CDM principal designer has been appointed and the architect shall give advice on the plaster removal. It is anticipated that the works shall take about 10 days to complete.

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Due to recent developments it has been decided to temporarily stop Coffee & Chat and Lite Bite at St Philip's. We will keep you informed as to when they will re-commence.

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Also due to recent developments The Lent Group will no longer be meeting on a Wednesday at St Philip's. We will keep you updated as to whether it will re-commence.

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We have been advised that the Waypoint Easter Play has been cancelled on Sunday 29th March.

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The Combined Service on the 29<sup>th</sup> has been suspended also the Bring & Share Lunch

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All Saints will open for private prayer for the community on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March between 10am-4pm. (Please note the church is presently closed for essential works) Please read the Parish Information sheet regarding social distancing and good hygiene practices,

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**Electoral Roll Revision** – It's that time of year when we review our Electoral Roll. Being on the Electoral Roll means you can vote on Church matters, attend Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM) and stand for election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC). Please speak with our Churchwarden's Denise Joy or Robert Philo and ask for an Application Form.

**PCC Draft Accounts** – Have now been sent to our Independent Examiner in preparation for our APCM. The draft accounts can be seen on our website by entering the link [www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk/draftaccounts2019.pdf](http://www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk/draftaccounts2019.pdf) if you have any questions about the accounts please send an email to [marchant.allsaintsmaidstone@gmail.com](mailto:marchant.allsaintsmaidstone@gmail.com) so that your question can be answered.

*If anyone would like to add anything to the weekly notices please speak to the Church Wardens or the Priest in Charge*

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The Parish of All Saints  
with St Philip, Maidstone and  
St Stephen, Tovil  
[www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk](http://www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk)

Sunday 22nd March 2020  
Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Mothering Sunday



**All Services have been suspended until further notice. Please see websites and notices for any new information.**

### **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 forever.

### **GOSPEL**

#### **Luke 2.33-35**

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

### **POST COMMUNION**

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Coffee &amp; Chat will remain closed until further notice All meetings have been cancelled</b>
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lent Group will not be going ahead</b>
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup>	
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Choir Rehearsals are suspended until further notice</b>
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Maidstone Choral Union at All Saints has been Cancelled</b>
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>All Services are suspended until further notice Sutton Valence Choral Society at AS has been Cancelled</b>

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March All Saints will be open for private prayer between 10am – 4pm. Please read the parish information attached regarding physical distancing and good hygiene practices.**

### Intercessions:

#### Please pray for these and their families:

Jean Williamson, Revd Kes Grant, Clive & Andrea Lever, Johnjo Flood, Vera Alflatt, Millie Moss, Audrey Little, Chris CSJD, Daphne Holland, Nigel Gunyon, Jane Sadler, Revd Brian Barnes, Keith Manuell. Mary Wheeler, Revd Ron & Dawn Gamble, Kelly & Family, Janet, Julian, Owen Reeves, Pat Stark, Greta Gooding, Family of Cathy Garner, Greta Gooding, Family of Revd Brian Barnes

#### The departed and all who mourn their Passing:

**Revd Brian Barnes  
Cathy Garner  
Henry Gooding**

Please see below for following links and advice:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

<https://www.churchofengland.org>

<https://www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk>

<https://www.stphilipschurchmaidstone.co.uk>

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com>



**NHS**

## **Morning Worship**

### **Opening Sentences**

In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began.

#### **God was**

Here and now among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven.

#### **God is**

In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfilment.

#### **God will be**

Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### **God was, God is, God will be**

#### **Prayer**

Lord God, early in the morning when the world was young you made life in all its beauty and terror, you gave birth to all we know. Hallowed be your name

#### **Hallowed be your name**

Early in the morning when the world least expected it, a newborn child crying in a cradle announced that you had come amongst us, that you were one of us. Hallowed be your name

#### **Hallowed be your name**

In the midst of this current crisis when many are fearful and when the future is so uncertain we continue to believe that you walk with your people. Hallowed be your name

#### **Hallowed be your name**

Our faith reminds us that in a guarded graveyard the footsteps in the dew proved that you had risen, offering the promise of life and hope to all your people. Hallowed be your name

#### **Hallowed be your name**

So now, as we gather in our homes we continue to be your church celebrating your creation, your life, your death, your resurrection and your enduring and unfailing love for us; so to you we pray;

**Lord bring new life where we are worn and tired, new love where we have turned hard hearted, forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded, hope where we feel anxious and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit who is our constant guide.**

Loving God, source of healing and comfort, fill us with your grace, that the sick may be made whole, that those who care for us may be strengthened, that the anxious may be calmed, and those most vulnerable be protected, in the power of the Spirit, in the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **Psalm 121**

I will lift up my eyes to the hills but where shall I look for help  
My help comes from the Lord who has made heaven and earth

The Lord will not let your foot stumble, the one who guards you will not sleep  
The one who keeps watch over his people shall neither doze or sleep

The Lord is the one who will guard you, the Lord at your right hand will be your defence  
So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor yet the moon by night

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil yes it is the Lord who will keep you safe  
The Lord shall take care of your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forever

### **The Gospel reading of the day**

*A few moments of quiet reflection or conversation and the opportunity to pray for all those whom we know to be most vulnerable over the coming days and weeks*

### **Prayers**

Christ be with me, Christ within me  
Christ behind me, Christ before me  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me  
Christ to comfort and restore me  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger

Christ in hearts of all that love me  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger

God bless this city and move our hearts to pity lest we grow hard  
God bless this house with silence, solitude and space that we may pray  
God bless these days of rough and narrow ways lest we despair  
God bless the night and calm the people's fright that we may love  
God bless this land and guide us with your hand lest we be unjust  
God bless this earth through pangs of death and birth and make us whole

The Lord's Prayer

### **Blessing**

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you wherever he may send you  
May he guide you through the wilderness and protect you through the storm  
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you  
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our door