

Notices

Archbishop Courtenay School

We begin Collective Worship and Godly Play afresh this week in school on Tuesday the 27th at 2:45pm and 3:15pm respectively. If you would like to join the team and encounter what we are about and how we take these sessions, please feel free to join us and have a word with either Sue or John Richardson who will explain more. Thank you.

Harvest Festival this year as in the past will be celebrated as a United Parish on Sunday October 8th at St. Stephen's in the School at 10:00 am as they will have had their Harvest Service the previous Friday. We will join our gifts with theirs.

After Coffee and Conversation FFF Caterers who laid on the Sunday Lunch at The Parish Weekend will be serving a HOG ROAST and salads lunch with a Vegetarian Option. This will be prepared outside by the entrance to the school and depending on the weather we will choose to eat either outside using the barbecue benches or in the school hall. We will be finished by 1:30pm.

Booking forms are still available for The Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with McCabe to be led by Sue and John Richardson from Wednesday October 23rd to 30th 2024. We will be flying in and out of Luton with travel plans to and from Kent and staying in Jerusalem for four nights and Tiberius on the Sea of Galilee for three nights. We will be visiting all the major places involving the ministry of Jesus as recorded in the Four Gospels.

Whilst there we have the services of a fully trained renowned guide and travel by luxury air-conditioned coach. We will have prayers each day as well as Communion Services on the Mount of Olives and the Mount of Beatitudes near Jesus' home base and town of Capernaum. For further details and a conversation with brochure talking with John and Sue when appropriate.

The PCC will meet in the Dove Room at The School on Monday 25th September, at 6:30pm.

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

Sunday 24th September 2023
The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity



10am Parish Eucharist
at All Saints Church

Next Week's Service's

Sunday 01st October 2023
The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
10am Parish Eucharist at St Philips
Church

6.30pm Choral Evensong at All Saints
Church

Collect

O Almighty God,
Whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, Who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Reading

Proverbs 3 verses 13-18

Happy are those who find wisdom,
and those who get understanding,
for her income is better than silver,
and her revenue better than gold.
She is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare with her.

Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honour.
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.
She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called happy

Gospel

Matthew 9 verse 9-13

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

Post Communion

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that
we may love you with our whole heart and
our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

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*

**Vicar: All saints, Maidstone with St.
Philip's, and St. Stephen's Tovil**

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**Sunday Services in October
All at 10am unless specified.**

- 1st October 10:00 St. Philip's Parish Eucharist
6:30 All Saints Choral E/song
- 8th October St. Stephen's Harvest Thanksgiving followed by Hog Roast Lunch
- 15th October All Saints Parish Eucharist with Healing Prayers for Luke'stide
- 22nd October St. Philip's Parish Eucharist.
- 29th October All Saints Parish Eucharist for Bible Sunday

3:30pm All Saints Choral Evensong

Please note there will be no Choral Evensong at All Saints on November 5th as this has been transferred to October 29th and because the CLOCKS CHANGE THAT WEEKEND, we revert to the wintertime of 3:30pm until March 2024