

Notices

Carol Service - at All Saints Church
Saturday 23rd December 4.30pm

Community Café

The community Café will re-open on the 13th
of January 2024 10am-2pm.

January 2024 Sunday Services

- 7th 10am. Morning Worship at St. Stephen's
- 3.30pm. Choral Evensong at All Saints
- 14th 10am. Parish Eucharist at All Saints
- 21st 10am. Parish Eucharist at St. Philip's
- 28th 10am. Morning Worship Christingle for Adults at St. Stephen's

**Wishing you all A Very Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year**



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

Sunday 24th December 2023
Christmas Eve



3.30pm The Christingle Service at All
Saints

5pm Community & Church Christingle at
St Philips

11.30pm The First Communion of
Christmas at All Saints

Next Week's Service's

Monday 25th December 10am

Christmas Day

Christmas Family Communion at All
Saints Church

Sunday 31st December 10am Morning
Worship To Prepare for the New Year
at St Philips Church

Collect Christmas Eve

Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Collect Christmas Day

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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 Isaiah 9 V2:6-7

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reading

Luke 2 1-14

In those days a decree went out from
Emperor Augustus that all the world should
be registered.
'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he
favours!'

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven
touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise
as we worship you, our Saviour and our
eternal God.

We continue this week until Christmas Day,
welcoming in our churches thousands of
children, young people and adults to
concerts, Carol services and other
Christmas events.

Please remember all taking part in these
seasonal and Christingle activities, that a
deeper awareness and understanding of
God's love for them and our world, will shine
as light into the darkness and chaos that
currently surrounds and impacts us, focused
on the peace and joy of the birth of Jesus in
Bethlehem that first Christmas morning.

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*

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