### **Parish Notices**

#### 50/50 Club December Draw

The December draw has taken place and the winners were:

1st prize Unit No 69: Geoff Lay 2nd prize Unit No 20: Lionel Marchant.

To all 50/50 Club Members, many thanks for your support and a very Happy Christmas

**Brian Shaw** 

### **MUSIC IN WORSHIP**

The All Saints Church Choir's contribution to the '<u>One Maidstone Secret Switch On</u>' is now available on YouTube at: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGrkMDga">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGrkMDga</a> B5g&ab\_channel=OneMaidstone

# Friends of St Philip's Community Centre - Christmas draw:

1st prize. £50. Mrs Daphne Lee 2nd prize. £25. Mr Derek Warne The other prizes have all been claimed. We raised £321. Many thanks to everyone who have Supported this. Grateful thanks to Janice for organising the draw.

**A Thank you** - I would like to thank Mrs Kerry Blair, our Parish Administrator for all of the work she has done. Mollie



Live Worship is streamed from Canterbury Cathedral Please click <u>here</u> to join the service.

## **Worship Times**

Morning Prayer – 10am, Evening Prayer – 5.30pm Sunday Eucharist – 12noon, Sunday Compline – 8pm

24<sup>th</sup> December 11.30pm – Midnight Communion Service at St Philips Church

25<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am Joint Christmas Day Eucharist at All Saints Church

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2020 Christmas Day

10.00am Joint Christmas Day Eucharist at All Saints Church



## Collect

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 9.2-7

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. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 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.

# Gospel Luke 2.1-14

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

#### **Post Communion**

God our Father,

whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord.

# **Future Services**

There will be no Parish Service on 27<sup>th</sup>
December

03<sup>rd</sup> January 10.00am Joint Eucharist Service at St Philips

## Special prayers for those in need

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

Owen Reeves\_Jean Williamson\_Paul Crease, Vera Alflatt, Millie Moss, Audrey Little, Daphne Holland, Nigel Gunyon\_Mary Wheeler, Jane Sadler, Tricia (Barbara's Sister) David Johnson, Ray Stephens, Sue Payne & Family

# Special Prayers of Hope and Compassion

Clive & Andrea Lever, Rosemary & John Fowler, Keith Manuell & Family

## **Departed**

Maureen Mills
Christie Milledge
Dorothy Mowbray
(Sue Payne's Mum)
Baby Rossana Matthews

Our thoughts are with the families of
Maureen Mills,
Christie Milledge
and Dorothy Mowbray

If anyone would like to add anything to the weekly notices please speak to mollieneaves@amail.com

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