

Notices

Christingles for both churches will be made in All Saints on Friday 23rd December at 2pm. If you can help please let Mary know by 18th December, on 01622 631368 or shaw12cornflower@btinternet.com.

Christmas Eve Services

- 3.30pm Saturday 24th December
Christingle Service at **All Saints**
 - 5.00pm Christingle Service at **St Philips**
 - Midnight Eucharist **10.00pm St Philips**
 - Midnight Eucharist **11.30pm All Saints**
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The Vicar John Richardson with his colleagues Clinton Davis and Bishop Peter Maurice with their wives Sue, Nancy and Liz send their best wishes to all our readers together with those of the Churchwardens Denise Joy and Robert Philo for a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year as we celebrate the birth of the Christ child once again in this season.



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



Sunday 25th December 2022
Christmas Day

10.00am Parish Eucharist at All Saints Church

Next Week's Service

Sunday 01st January 2023
10am Service of Morning Worship and meditation

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.

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.

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, Graham Jarvis, Kelly,
Claire & Family, Allan Seeley, Michael Costen
David Gilles, Laura, Gary Moses,
John Little, Selina

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