

Notices

Funeral details

A Celebration of Life for Elizabeth Marchant will be held at 2pm on Monday April 3rd 2023 in All Saints Church Maidstone.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Service.

Family flowers only but donations are welcomed to any of Elizabeth's favourite charities.

You are invited to join the family after the service at the Orida Hotel for light refreshments where the family will join you after a Private Service for family members at Vinters Park Crematorium.

All Saints Spring Clean

We are looking for volunteers to help with doing a spring clean in All Saints Church on 14th and 15th April from 10am.

Lunch will be provided.

Many Thanks

Non-Residential Parish Weekend at

Archbishop Courtenay School

Friday May 12th, 2023, from 6:00pm to Sunday May 14th, 2023, until after Lunch.

Booking details later for either part of full time with meals provided on Friday Evening with Fish and Chip Supper, Saturday, and Sunday a Simple Ploughman's Lunch.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Revd John Richardson will be leading the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 23rd October – 30th October 2024. Brochures are available from Revd John.

Archbishop Courtenay School

The children and staff will be presenting their Easter activities this week culminating in a service in All Saints Church on Friday March 31st at 9:30am.

For the forthcoming APCM on 16th April 2023, the electoral roll will be open for revisions, from 12th March to 26th March 2023

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



Sunday 26th March
The Fifth Sunday of Lent

10.00am Parish Eucharist at All Saints
Church

Next Week's Service

Sunday 02nd April
Palm Sunday

9.15am Breakfast and Palm Crosses
10.00am Festival Eucharist at St Philips
Church

6.30pm at All Saints Church
Procession of Palms

Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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

Ezekiel 37 Verses 1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

Gospel

John 11 Verses 1. 33-44

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he

had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

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, Allan Seeley, Michael Costen
Pam Ratcliffe*

Departed

*Elizabeth Marchant
Sherrie McNicholl
Noami White*

Our thoughts are with their family and friends.

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

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**Please note Revd John will be on Leave
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