

Parish Notices

Midweek Service – There will be no midweek Service until further notice.

Dear congregation members of All Saints and St Philip's- During the closure of All Saints church, the Restoration Trust Committee has been meeting to plan how we can raise funds to make the building sustainable for the future as a church and a public venue. We need to collect evidence for what its future use could be. If you know the contact details of any local or county music or arts society please would pass on the details to me. Please ask your family, friends and neighbours, or anyone who you know who is involved in the arts or music which often takes place in Maidstone. We need to collect this evidence during the next few weeks so that we can make further plans. Thank you, Mary Shaw 01622- 631368
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PCC meeting - the next PCC meeting will be held at St. Philip's Church on Monday 28th September at 6.30pm

APCM - The Annual Parochial Church Meeting - has been scheduled for Sunday 25th October at Archbishop Courtenay School. The current plan is to have a short joint service at 10.00am followed by the meeting itself immediately afterwards at 10.30am. There will be no refreshments available, sadly, due to Coronavirus precautions. Please note that these arrangements are subject to change. We will need people to put their names forward for the various offices to be filled, i.e. PCC representative member (3 year term), Deanery Synod member (3 year term), Church Warden and Deputy Churchwarden. Forms will be available from Sunday and can be supplied in soft copy form as well. If there are any questions please contact Robert Philo.

Update on All Saints' Church - The building was inspected by the structural engineers on Friday 18th September. We are waiting for his report in writing before planning the next step.

The complete Annual Reports and Accounts 2019 can be viewed on All Saints website by clicking on this link <https://maidstoneallsaints.co.uk/APCM%20Reports%20and%20Accounts%202019%20A4.pdf>

**The Parish of All Saints
With St Philip, Maidstone and
St Stephen, Tovil
www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk**

**Sunday 27th September 2020
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

10.00am Morning Service

Doors open from 9.45am



Face coverings will need to be worn inside the church building.

Next Week

**Sunday 04th October
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

10.00am Eucharist Service at St Philips
Doors open from 9.45am

Joint Services will be held at St Philips

Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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.

Readings

Philippians 2.1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with

God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Gospel

Matthew 21.23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Special prayers for those in need

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

Owen Reeves, Keith Sharp, Jean Williamson
Paul Crease, Vera Alflatt, Millie Moss,
Audrey Little, Daphne Holland, Nigel Gunyon
Mary Wheeler, Jane Sadler, Tricia (Barbara's
Sister)

Special Prayers of Hope and Compassion

Clive & Andrea Lever, Irene & David Johnson
Rosemary & John Fowler, Keith Manuell &
Family

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*If anyone would like to add anything to the
weekly notices please speak to*

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Live Worship is streamed from Canterbury Cathedral
Please click [here](#) to join the service. **Worship Times**
Morning Prayer – 10am, Evening Prayer – 5.30pm
Sunday Eucharist – 12noon, Sunday Compline – 8pm

MODERN SLAVERY

HIDDEN IN OUR COMMUNITIES

**Get help, report a concern or seek
advice**

**Contact the Modern Slavery & Exploitation
Helpline**

0800 0121 700

If someone is in
immediate danger
call **999**

For concerns about labour
exploitation call the GLAA:
0800 432 0804

Mothers' Union Thank You Key Workers Appeal



Since 1965 Mothers' Union has run the “*Away From It All*” (AFIA) programme of experiences and holidays across Britain and Ireland and has helped many families rebuild relationships that had become strained, fractured or even been kept apart.

Most of us had our lives turned upside down in a matter of days due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We had to come to terms with restrictions on everyday activities, such as seeing family and going to Church and School. Many of us also had to become technology gurus overnight and reinvented our dining tables to be our new offices! It was an adjustment for us all. But while all this was happening, an army of individuals were keeping us all going – from shop workers to care workers, refuse collectors to bus drivers, nurses to delivery drivers. Without them, our lockdown would have been so much harder. They ensured we were as safe as possible, often putting themselves at risk in the process.

We now want to say a huge thank you for all they have done, which is why we have used all our experience from AFIA to

launch our *Thank You Key Workers Appeal* in order to recognise those who have continued to go above and beyond to help others. While all the work our key workers have done has been a triumph of compassion and care, it has meant a great deal of personal sacrifice – including the very important quality family time.

We want to provide similar AFIA day experiences and short breaks for key workers to help them rebuild family connections and togetherness. We especially want to provide this for families who have been kept apart or who are on low incomes, so they will be prioritised.

The appeal officially launched on the 5 July and we have been working hard to increase awareness of it outside the Mothers' Union movement, so that we can not only raise vital funds but also raise the profile of the amazing work we do through AFIA every year! You can find out more about the appeal at www.mothersunion.org/thank-you-keyworker-appeal and we invite you to share this link with anyone you think might also like to say thank you to a key worker. You can also nominate a key worker that you think really deserves an opportunity such as this.

To apply or nominate please visit:

www.mothersunion.org/thank-you-keyworker-appeal