

Intercessions

Please email frauke.parrish@gmail.com or phone 01622 756002 to add/remove names of this list.
Thank you.

Please pray for these and their families

Carol Winter	John Matthews
Julie Clark	John Coates
Brian & Elizabeth Coleman	Jeff Fernet Randell
Joe Daniels	Jane Sadler
Jeff & Beryl Foxley	Sister Shirley CSJD
Dawn Gamble	Ray & Margaret Stephens
Michael Greenstreet	Winnie Thompson
Daphne Holland	Jane Wearne
Brenda Hope	Vera Alflat
Cheryl Neller	Daphne Lee
Kelvin Knapp and Family	
David Williams	

The departed and all who mourn their passing

Jim Winter

Notices

Lite Bite – Next on Wednesday 6th January at St Philip's Church Centre. Please note the donation has been increased to £2.50.

Get rid of the post Christmas blues! Join us at St Philip's on Friday 8th January 2016 at 7.00 for 7.30pm for a fish and chip supper £6.00 per person. Please book with Barbara Cook on 671782 asap. Thank you Diane ☺

Cafe Church is starting at St Stephen's! Come and join us on Sunday 17th January at 11.00 ☺

Request from Maidstone Mosque for English Conversation Classes. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Revd Peter Rowe of St Michael and All Angels on 434592.

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Our Facebook Page: "All Saints with St Philip and St Stephen Maidstone"

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ALL SAINTS with ST PHILIP, MAIDSTONE

and ST STEPHEN, TOVIL

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Sunday 27th December
St Stephen's Day

At All Saints

Readings for the 8.00am Eucharist - 1st Sunday of Christmas begin on page 56 – St Stephen's Day in the BCP and the service starts on page 237.

10.00am St Stephen's Combined Parish Eucharist

*Please join us for refreshments
after the 10.00 service.*

What's on this Week

Monday **28 December 2015**

10.30am Holy Innocents, Parish Eucharist, All Saints

Tuesday **29 December 2015**

10.00am - noon Coffee & Chat at St Philip's

Thursday **New Year's Eve** **31 December 2015**

12.30pm Eucharist said at All Saints

Sunday **3rd January 2016**

The Epiphany

8.00am BCP Eucharist said at All Saints
Revd Ian

9.30 Parish Eucharist at All Saints
Revd Ian

11.00 Parish Eucharist at St Philip's
Revd Clinton

11.00 Carol Service and Readings at St Stephen's
David Freed

6.30pm Choral Evensong at All Saints
Revd Ian

Readings for the main Eucharist next week:

All Saints: Matthew 2.1-12, Mark 1.4-11, John 2.1-11

St Philip's: Isaiah 60.1-6, Matthew 2.1-12

**PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET AWAY
WITH YOU ☺**

*The Clergy and Wardens wish
you a very Happy New Year ☺*

CW Eucharistic Readings & Prayers today

COLLECT

Gracious Father,
who gave the first martyr Stephen
grace to pray for those who took up
stones against him;
grant that in all our sufferings for the
truth we may learn to love even our
enemies and to seek forgiveness for
those who desire our hurt, looking up
to heaven to him who was crucified for
us, Jesus Christ our mediator and
advocate, who is alive and reigns with
you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever. Amen

READING Acts 7.54-end

The Stoning of Stephen

When they heard these things, they
became enraged and ground their
teeth at Stephen. But filled with the
Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and
saw the glory of God and Jesus
standing at the right hand of God.
'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens
opened and the Son of Man standing at
the right hand of God!' But they
covered their ears, and with a loud
shout all rushed together against him.
Then they dragged him out of the city
and began to stone him; and the
witnesses laid their coats at the feet of
a young man named Saul. While they
were stoning Stephen, he prayed,
'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.'

Then he knelt down and cried out in a
loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin
against them.' When he had said this,
he died.

GOSPEL Matthew 23.34-end

Therefore I send you prophets, sages,
and scribes, some of whom you will
kill and crucify, and some you will flog
in your synagogues and pursue from
town to town, so that upon you may
come all the righteous blood shed on
earth, from the blood of righteous Abel
to the blood of Zechariah son of
Barachiah, whom you murdered
between the sanctuary and the altar.
Truly I tell you, all this will come upon
this generation.

The Lament over Jerusalem

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills
the prophets and stones those who are
sent to it! How often have I desired to
gather your children together as a hen
gathers her brood under her wings,
and you were not willing! See, your
house is left to you, desolate. For I tell
you, you will not see me again until
you say, "Blessed is the one who
comes in the name of the Lord.

POST COMMUNION

Merciful Lord,
we thank you for the signs of your
mercy revealed in birth and death:
save us by the coming of your Son, and
give us the joy in honouring Stephen,
first martyr of the new Israel;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen