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Intercessions

Please pray for these and their families

John & Diana Caley	Jean Williamson
Cyril & Sheila Findlay	Revd Kes Grant
Ken & Stella Bridges	Vera Alflatt
Clive & Andrea Lever	Millie Moss
Derek & Sue Parker	Audrey Little
Albert Daniels	John Bull
Margaret & Ray Stephens	Trish Weston
Mark Weber and Family	Pat Manser
Johnjoe Flood	

The Departed

Mary Weber Veronica Ratcliff

Notices

St Philip's Toddlers – There will be no Toddler's meeting in January and February!

All Saints Pastoral Care – There is a list by the coffee area with names and explains the purpose of this list. Please familiarise yourself with this and contact Mary Shaw should you like your name to be added or removed. Thank you.

Maidstone Churches Winter Shelter - Anyone wishing to donate to the winter shelter the following items would be greatly appreciated: Pkt ready custard, tins (pineapple/peaches/apricots, chopped toms) oxo, ready mix beef gravy, baked beans, tin kidney beans, SR flour, sweet biscuits, squash, gran & castor sugar, tomato sauce. Items can be left at St Philips or coffee & chat or left on Di Daniels Porch. Many Thanks

All Saints Restoration - Would you like to be involved in the future Restoration of All Saints? (Possible £2 Million Grant) Please speak with Gareth Owen at All Saints if you are interested in joining.

Christian Aid Exhibition 'Inherit the Earth'
Hosted by St Martin's Maidstone 27th January – 9th February. For more information see: St Martin's website

The Willington Players- Next production is Hi-de-Hi, a stage adaptation of the famous TV sitcom from the 1980's. We hope that people will enjoy this one and it certainly will be very different from Sense & Sensibility. Diane Daniels will be getting tickets for Wednesday 18th April 2018 -£14 each.

Deanery Prayer for January - Please see notice boards for further details.

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

THE PARISH OF
ALL SAINTS with ST PHILIP, MAIDSTONE
And ST STEPHEN, TOVIL
www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk
28th January 2018
The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
At All Saints

Readings at the 8.00am Said Eucharist begin on page 72 and the service starts on page 237.

Music for the 9.30am Choral Eucharist
Service: Darke in F
NEH 188 2t Ye who own the faith of Jesus
NEH 157 Hail to the Lord who comes
NEH 339 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
NEH 478 YE Watchers and ye holy ones

Communion Motets:
Ave Maria – Arcadelt
Virgin born we bow before thee – Bgourgeois
Psalm after the dismissal: Psalm 111

11.00am Parish Eucharist at St Philips
11.00am Café Sundae at St Stephen's

Please join us for refreshments after the 9.30am & 11.00am Service

What's on this Week

Tuesday **30th January**

10.00am-Noon Coffee and Chat at St Philips

Wednesday **31st January**
No Toddler Group

Thursday **1st February**

12.00noon Said Eucharist at All Saints

Sunday **4th February**

The Second Sunday before Lent

8.00am BCP Said Eucharist at All Saints

9.30am Parish Eucharist at All Saints

11.00am Parish Eucharist at St Philip's

6.30pm Choral Evensong at All Saints

Readings for the main Eucharist next Week

Prov 8.1,22-31 Col 1.15-20 John 1.1-14

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET AWAY WITH YOU

CW Eucharistic Readings & Prayers today

COLLECT

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Reading: Malachi 3.1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

Reading: Hebrews 2.14-end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Gospel: Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit

rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too. There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (All Saints Only)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

This child is the light to en / lighten the / nations,
and the glory / of your / people / Israel.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POST COMMUNION

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

At St Philip's, during the final hymn we light our candles and follow the choir in procession to the font where we face the font.

The president says

Father, here we bring to an end our celebration of the Saviour's birth.

Help us, in whom he has been born, to live his life that has no end.

Here we have offered the Church's sacrifice of praise.

Help us, who have received the bread of life, to be thankful for your gift.

Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.

Help us, who have found the Lord in his temple, to trust in your eternal promises.

Here we have greeted the light of the world.

Help us, who extinguish these candles, never to forsake the light of Christ.

Here we stand near the place of baptism.

Help us, who are marked with the cross, to share the Lord's death and resurrection.

Here we turn from Christ's birth to his passion.

Help us, for whom Lent is near, to enter deeply into the Easter mystery.

Here we bless one another in your name.

Help us, who now go in peace, to shine with your light in the world. Thanks be to God. Amen.

The ministers and people depart.