

Parish Notices

As our services have currently been suspended, please find below the https links to join the Zoom services kindly offered by St Martin's. **Just click on the https links below to join either the Sunday or Thursday morning services. Sunday Morning Holy Communion 10.00am - St Martins Church Zoom Link for Services <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/856888392>**

Thursday Morning Holy Worship 10.00am
St Martins Church Zoom Link for Services
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/866070731>

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Will be held on 25th April, Time and place TBA.

The draft 2020 accounts for the Parochial Church Council can now be found by clicking on this link
www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk/annual%20parochial%20church%20meetings.htm

The draft accounts and supporting documents are now on their way to our Independent Examiner for presentation at the APCM due in April 2021.

March 2021, 50/50 Draw -The draw has taken place and the winners were as follows:
1st prize Unit No 101 Mr Howard Cooke
2nd prize Unit No 106 Mr & Mrs Poole
Congratulations to them both.
Brian Shaw

MUSIC IN WORSHIP FOR HOLY WEEK:
Monday 29th March - "JERUSALEM JOY" The composer Roger Jones will be leading a *Jerusalem Joy* sing-a-long over Zoom at 8pm on the Monday, 29th March. The lyrics will be on screen, but not the music. Places are limited, so do contact Roger for the Zoom Code a.s.a.p. (office@cmm.org.uk). You can download the score from [Sheet Music Plus](#)

The Churchwardens and P.C.C. have agreed to our Easter Service commencing and will be Stewarding to ensure Government Guidelines are adhered to.

Joint Parish Eucharist – Sunday 4th April (Easter Sunday Service)

At St Philips Church – Waterloo Street Maidstone arrive from 9.45am for a 10am Service.

- **Masks will need to be worn at all times.**
- **Register on entry.**
- **Stewards will direct you on entry and exit.**
- **Due to Covid rules no gathering will be permitted outside the building.**

Further Instructions will be shared prior to the service for your safety.

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

Sunday 28th March

Palm Sunday

No Parish Eucharist



Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human
race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death
upon the cross: grant that we may follow the
example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his
resurrection; 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

Isa 50.4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a
teacher, that I may know how to sustain the
weary with a word. Morning by morning he
wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those
who are taught. The Lord God has opened
my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn
backwards. I gave my back to those who
struck me, and my cheeks to those who
pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps
me; therefore, I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint, and I
know that I shall not be put to shame; he who
vindicates me is near. Who will contend with
me? Let us stand up together. Who are my
adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the
Lord God who helps me; who will declare me
guilty? All of them will wear out like a
garment; the moth will eat them up.

Gospel

Mark 14.1-15

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said, 'Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.' While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, 'Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.' And they scolded her. But Jesus said, 'Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.' Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, "The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.'

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us

the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

Reflection is attached from +Peter

Special prayers for those in need

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

Paul Crease, Vera Alflatt, Audrey Little,
Daphne Holland, Nigel Gunyon, Mary Wheeler,
Jane Sadler, Tricia (Barbara's Sister) David Johnson,

Ray Stephens,

Special Prayers of Hope and Compassion

Rosemary & John Fowler, Keith Manuell & Family

Departed

***If anyone would like to add anything to the
weekly notices please speak to***
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Hosanna to the Son of David

We come now to Palm Sunday, to the beginning of Holy Week; a strange Palm Sunday, a strange Holy Week in which we are not able to make the outward, visible and familiar journeys and gestures, exchanges and gatherings that have always accompanied these coming days. There will be no blessing and processing of palm crosses; no singing of 'hosanna, all those things that echo the events of the first Palm Sunday.

However, the priest and prophet Malcolm Guite assures us that all is not lost. 'During these times', he says, 'the inner journey is more necessary than ever. We have the opportunity to explore the truth that what was happening 'out there' and 'back then' as Christ entered Jerusalem, is also happening 'in here' and 'right now'. 'There is', he says, 'a Jerusalem of the heart. Our inner life also has its temples and palaces, its places of corruption, its garden of rest, its seat of judgement.'

So I invite you to walk with Christ and let him walk with you on both an outer and an inner journey that leads to the cross and beyond, and to do so with the words of Malcolm's poem 'Palm Sunday' which you might like to revisit on each of the days of Holy Week.

**Now to the gate of my Jerusalem, the seething city of my heart;
The Saviour comes, but will I welcome him?
Oh crowds of easy feelings make a start,
they raise their hands, get caught up in the singing and think the battle won
Too soon they'll find the challenge, the reversal he's bringing changes their tune.
I know what lies behind the surface flourish that so quickly fades;
Self interest and fearful guardedness, the hardness of heart,
it's barricades, and at the core, the dreadful emptiness of a perverted temple
Jesus come, break my resistance and make me your home**

*We tell your story, we follow in your footsteps; lead us into Holy Week
We walk towards the city, we wait in the garden; lead us onto holy ground
We journey towards death, we hope for resurrection; lead us into holy joy*

+Peter



WE ARE EXCITED TO LET YOU KNOW ABOUT
THE NEW CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE
WE ARE BUILDING ON MONCKTONS LANE

St
FAITH'S
CENTRE

Thank you for praying for St Faith's

Not everything stops during a pandemic, in fact under the surface there is a lot of activity and so we want to give thanks for the progress made so far...

Thanks for...

- Full planning permission granted without many demanding conditions and no objections from neighbours
- A really helpful team of architect, structural engineer and building contractor
- A very positive Gift Day from the congregation and friends
- Many generous grants from trusts, boosting our confidence
- The overwhelming good will of the community and the congregation
- Supportive Diocese

Praying for

- Final bit of funding to secure the project so to enable the start of the construction phase
- For the Church Commissioners as they deal with the sale of the church and giving permission to move forward
- For Lighthouse Church as they complete the legal processes to buy the church
- For all the legal and practical things that need to happen before we can start demolition of the hall
- For the congregation as they say goodbye to St. Faith's Church building and survive a year without any buildings
- For all our professional team as they work in a very busy construction industry at the moment
- For all of us that we may remain calm and not lose our focus on the Lord amidst all the activity of the next few months. Help us to keep the Lord at the centre of everything and everything be for His glory