

Intercessions.

Please email clintonendavis@btinternet.com or phone 01622 682330 to add or remove names from the list.

Please pray for these and their families

Vera Alflatt	Wendy Marks
John Coates	Maurice Mowbray
Joe Daniels	Mollie Neaves
Cathy Garner	Jeff Fernet Randell
Michael Greenstreet	Jane Sadler
Marguerite Hart	Stephen
Daphne Holland	Ray & Margaret Stephens
Brenda Hope	Michael Walsh
Audrey Little	Jane Wearne
Augustine Marchie	

the departed and all who mourn their passing

Anne Andrews	Harold Cannell
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Notices

Please advise Mollie Neaves of **events or dates** to include in the Diary for the Magazine. Telephone 01622 759321 or e-mail mneaves@btinternet.com.

All information for the Notice Sheet needs to be with me by **11.00 am on Thursdays**. Occasionally, printing is delayed until Saturday. If this happens, any late material will be included. Please hand me your item or phone or email me (contact details are in the Intercessions section above).

NB It is more effective to put items on the Notice Sheet than simply to have them read at services.

Revd Clinton

Maidstone Churches Winter Shelter

This is running until 1st March providing 15 beds every night for the homeless.

To volunteer your help, please use the form at <https://podio.com/webforms/9529966/722903>.

To sponsor a bed for £40, please donate online at mydonate.bt.com/charities/mcws or send a cheque made payable to 'Maidstone Churches Winter Shelter' to MCWS, c/o The Salvation Army, 74-80 Union Street, Maidstone ME14 1ED.

THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS with ST PHILIP, MAIDSTONE and ST STEPHEN, TOVIL

Sunday 28 December 2014

The Holy Innocents

At All Saints

Readings for the 8.00 am Eucharist begin on page 60 in the BCP. The service starts on page 237.

At St Stephen's

Hymns are announced and/or displayed for the 11.00am All Together Parish Communion.

Do stay for refreshments after this service!

What's on this Week

Tuesday **30 December 2014**

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

Thursday **1 January 2015**

The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

12.30 pm Eucharist said at All Saints

Sunday **4 January 2015**

The Epiphany

8.00 am Eucharist said at All Saints

9.30 am Parish Eucharist at All Saints

11.00 am Parish Eucharist at St Philip's

11.00 am Family Service at St Stephen's

6.30 pm Choral Evensong at All Saints

Readings for the main Eucharists:

Isaiah 60.1-6

Ephesians 3.1-12

Matthew 2.1-12

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PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET AWAY WITH YOU

CW Eucharistic Readings & Prayers today at St Stephen's

COLLECT

Heavenly Father,
whose children suffered at the hands of Herod,
though they had done no wrong:
by the suffering of your Son
and by the innocence of our lives
frustrate all evil designs
and establish your reign of justice and peace;
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 Jeremiah 31.15-17;

Thus says the Lord:
A voice is heard in Ramah,
lamentation and bitter weeping.
Rachel is weeping for her children;
she refuses to be comforted for her children,
because they are no more.
Thus says the Lord:
Keep your voice from weeping,
and your eyes from tears;
for there is a reward for your work,
says the Lord:
they shall come back from the
land of the enemy;
there is hope for your future,
says the Lord:
your children shall come back
to their own country.

READING 1 Corinthians 1.26-29;

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

GOSPEL Matthew 2.13-18

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all

the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:
'A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled,
because they are no more.'

POST COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ,
in your humility you have stooped to share
our human life
with the most defenceless of your children:
may we who have received these gifts of
your passion
rejoice in celebrating the witness of
the Holy Innocents
to the purity of your sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross;
for you are alive and reign, now and for ever.