

### Intercessions

Please email [frauke.parrish@gmail.com](mailto: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
Susan Greenstreet	Winnie Thompson
Daphne Holland	Jane Wearne
Brenda Hope	Vera Alflat
Cheryl Neller	Daphne Lee
Kelvin Knapp and Family	Mildred Moss
David Williams	

#### The departed and all who mourn their passing

Michael Greenstreet, Angela Brimsted, Hayley Martin

### Notices

**Help needed** – Charlotte is looking for volunteers to help with the Girls Choir on Sundays between 11.00 - 12.00. Please speak to Charlotte on 01580 753817 for more details.

#### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Evening at St Philip's

A fun evening on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 7.15 pm – 9.00pm. Savoury and sweet fillings, 50p per pancake, raffle and entertainment ☺

**Palm Crosses** – Please start bringing your crosses to Church so they can be used for Ash Wednesday. Thank you. (Basket at back of the Church)

**Lent Course** – “Desert Exchanges” This Lent course is based on Luke's account of the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness.

**Thursdays 7.00pm – 8.30pm**  
at St Philip Church Centre.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March**

#### Church Poverty Sunday – 7<sup>th</sup> February

Please bring dry foods and place at the back of the Church. This will be distributed to the Family Food Bank in Ashford. There are plenty of Children's Centres across the County of Kent which obtain food parcels from the food bank. Four of these are in the Maidstone area. Thank you!

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

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and ST STEPHEN, TOVIL

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Sunday 31st January 2016

**Candlemas**

**At All Saints**

**Readings for Sexagesima at the 8.00am Eucharist** begin on page 80 in the BCP and the service starts on page 237.

**Music for the 9.30am Parish Eucharist:**

Please see *Candlemas service booklet* for details.

**6.30pm** Choral Evensong

**11.00am** Parish Eucharist at St Philip's

St Philip's hymns are announced and displayed.

**Please join us for refreshments**  
**after the 9.30 and 11.00 service**

### What's on this Week

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2 February 2016</b>
10.00am - noon	Coffee & Chat at St Philip's
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3 February 2016</b>
1.00pm - 2.30pm	Lite Bite at St Philip's
7.00pm	Pastoral Mtg at the Vicarage
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4 February 2016</b>
12.30pm	Eucharist said at All Saints
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5 February 2016</b>
1.30pm	Funeral of Hayley Martin
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7 February 2016</b>

#### Poverty Action Sunday

**8.00am** BCP Eucharist said at All Saints  
Revd Ian

**9.30am** Parish Eucharist at All Saints  
Revd Ian

**11.00am** Parish Eucharist at St Philip's  
Revd Clinton

Readings for the main Eucharist next week:  
Exod 34 29-end, 2Cor 3.12 - 4.2, Luke 9.28-36

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

## COLLECT

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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 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.<sup>2</sup> 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.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (All Saints only)

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.  
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness  
but will have the light of life.  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia**

## 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;<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> Guided by the Spirit, Simeon<sup>4</sup> came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon<sup>5</sup> took him in his arms and praised God, saying,  
Master, now you are dismissing your servant<sup>6</sup> 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<sup>7</sup> 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<sup>8</sup> 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.

## CANDLEMAS PRAYER

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.**

## POST COMMUNION

Generous Lord, in word and Eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love:  
help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

