

Notices

Community Cafe - a reminder that the church will be open at 6 p.m. on Fridays for anyone who would like to help with the set-up for the following Saturday: any assistance is greatly appreciated.

Date for your Diary: John and Sue Richardson invite you to an open day at Dymchurch Rectory on Saturday August 31st.
10.30am-12noon – Morning Coffee
12.30pm-2.30pm Afro Caribbean Street Food catered by FFF Coastal Catering FOC

Celebrating Life: is now just three weeks away. There are programmes and posters available for you to take and use and give to family, friends and colleagues inviting them to some of the various events.

We currently are assuming after consultation with our various partners in this project at this stage some 6000+ visitors...4000 adults and 2000 children have already signed up. We have plenty of room for more.

We still need stewards to help over the Flower Festival weekend which is the 21st to 24th we expect many visitors.

If you have received formal invitations that need replying to for Friday's launch on the 21st and Sunday's Celebration on the 30th, could you please do so as soon as possible. We must agree numbers with the caterers within the next week and with over 60 outstanding replies needed so far, we want to estimate our numbers as near as possible. We do not want to waste money or food on what we don't need.

If you are intending to come to the Caribbean evening with the Steel Band on Thursday June 27th or the Dinner on Friday June 28th could you please sign the clipboard at the back of church or the Q Code on the programme. We have more time to spare on these numbers to be confirmed and we will, leave the list open as long as possible.

Please remember in your prayers this outreach festival that God will bless all involved in whatever way in this venture Celebrating Life.....

**The Parish of All Saints
With St Philip, Maidstone and
St Stephen, Tovil**

**Sunday 02nd June 2024
The First Sunday after Trinity**



10.00am Parish Eucharist at St Philips

6.30pm Choral Evensong at All Saints

**Next Week's Service's
Sunday 9th June 2024**

10.00am Parish Eucharist at All Saints

Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers. and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can-do no-good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments. we may please you both in will and deed. 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

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So, he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to

him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore, Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So, Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

Gospel

Mark 2 Verses 23 Chapter 3 Verse 6

One sabbath he was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?' And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.' Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so, the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.' Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come forward.' Then he said to them, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Post Communion

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Parish Services in June 2024

- 16th 10am at St Stephens – Archbishop Courtenay School- Family Celtic Communion with Healing with The Revd. Lorraine Apps-Huggins from the Living Well as the Preacher.
- 23rd 10am at All Saints Celebrating Life Festival Communion with the Revd. Canon and Prebendary Caroline Pinchbeck, as the Preacher who is the Vicar of the Market Weighton Benefice and Rural Adviser to the Diocese of York followed by Buffet Lunch.
- 23rd 3:30pm at All Saints Celebrating Life Sung Evensong led by The Very Revd. John Richardson with the Maidstone Singers and supported by the congregation, visitors to the Flower Festival and the Bellringers.
- 30th 10am at All Saints Celebrating Life Morning Worship on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of the Very Revd. John Richardson.

Special prayers

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

*Daphne Holland, Mary Wheeler, Jane Sadler,
Pamela Hocking, John Wilson, Paul Crease,
Joan Bull, Ray Stephens, Derek Warne,
Howard Cooke*

Vicar: All saints, Maidstone with St. Philip's, and St. Stephen's Tovil

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