

Notices

Vestry Meeting

There will be elections -for 2 Church Wardens to serve for one year. 1 Deanery Synod Member – One year
3 PCC Members 2 for two years and 1 for one year.

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

Life The Celebrating Festival is now just four weeks away and there is much interest both from the general public in Maidstone as well as from members of our congregations. The leaflet with all the events are now available in all churches and posters are available for display.

Please check the programme and begin to make decisions re the events you will support and if you are coming to the Afro Caribbean Supper on Thursday the 27th or the Formal Dinner on Friday the 28th please sign up on either the Q Code on the programme or on the list at the back of the churches. We are still in need of stewards for some events and lists to sign are also available today.

Please remember this outreach Festival in your prayers that God will bless bountifully for all involved in this venture.

News from Archbishop Courtenay School

– We congratulate Mrs Sue Heather on being awarded Maidstone's Headteacher of the Year and Kent's Headteacher of the year.

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

Sunday 26th May 2024
Trinity Sunday



10.00am Morning Worship at St Stephens (Archbishop Courtenay School) followed by the Annual Vestry Meeting and the APCM

Next Week's Service's

Sunday 02nd June 2024

The First Sunday after Trinity

10am Parish Eucharist at St Philips
6.30pm Choral Evensong at All Saints

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to
worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this
faith, that we may evermore be defended
from all adversities; 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

Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness,
humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with
one another and, if anyone has a complaint
against another, forgive each other; just as
the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must
forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with
love, which binds everything together in
perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ
rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were
called in the one body. And be thankful. Let
the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach
and admonish one another in all wisdom; and
with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms,
hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And

whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel

Colossians 4:2-6

Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving. At the same time pray for us as well that God will open to us a door for the word, that we may declare the mystery of Christ, for which I am in prison, so that I may reveal it clearly, as I should. Conduct yourselves wisely towards outsiders, making the most of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone.

Post Communion

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever.

Parish Services in June 2024

- 2nd 10am Parish Eucharist at St. Philip's and. 6:30pm Choral Evensong at All Saints
- 9th 10am Parish Eucharist at All Saints
- 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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