

Notices

Harvest

Harvest Festival this year as in the past will be celebrated as a United Parish on Sunday October 8th at St. Stephen's in the School at 10:00 am as they will have had their Harvest Service the previous Friday. We will join our gifts with theirs.

After Coffee and Conversation FFF Caterers who laid on the Sunday Lunch at The Parish Weekend will be serving a HOG ROAST and salads lunch with a Vegetarian Option. This will be prepared outside by the entrance to the school and depending on the weather we will choose to eat either outside using the barbecue benches or in the school hall. We will be finished by 1:30pm.

New Notices

Winter Warmer Pilot Community Cafe will open on Saturday November 11th for six weeks opening from 10:00am to 2:00pm in All Saints, Flyers, and details to follow and volunteers will be needed so please talk to Elspeth and Robert Philo. Hopefully this will continue to be run after Christmas in the New Year.

From November 1st the Church for the winter months will be open on Saturdays and Sundays between 10am and 4pm

Book these dates now for 2024....

Celebrating Life Festival from Friday June 21st to June 30th featuring a Flower Festival with events for schools, concerts and choirs, workshops, literary days, charities, and professional lectures in the fields of education, health, end of life care and dialogue re Christian ministry in a changing society as well as meals, daily prayer, and special Sunday Services. Specific timetabled details will be available by the end of the year.

And finally new notice boards are being designed for both All Saints and St. Philips...

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

**Sunday 01st October 2023
The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**



**10am Parish Eucharist
at St Philips Church**

6.30pm Choral Evensong at All Saints

Next Week's Service's

**Sunday 08th October 2023
The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
10am Harvest Thanksgiving**

**followed by Hog Roast Lunch in Archbishop
Courtenay School**

Collect

Almighty God you have enlightened your church by the teaching of your servant Francis; enrich it evermore with your heavenly grace and raise up faithful witnesses who by their life and teaching may proclaim to all people the truth of your salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Reading

1 Corinthians 3:5-11

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on

it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-19

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Special prayers

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

*Daphne Holland, Mary Wheeler, Jane Sadler,
Sue Marks, Pamela Hocking, Claire & Family*

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**Sunday Services in October
All at 10am unless specified.**

- 15th October All Saints Parish
Eucharist with Healing Prayers for Luke'stide
- 22nd October St. Philip's Parish
Eucharist.
- 29th October All Saints Parish
Eucharist for Bible Sunday

3:30pm All Saints Choral Evensong

Please note there will be no Choral Evensong at All Saints on November 5th as this has been transferred to October 29th and because the CLOCKS CHANGE THAT WEEKEND, we revert to the wintertime of 3:30pm until March 2024