

# ADVENT SUNDAY

Parish of All Saints with St Philip  
Maidstone & St Stephen, Tovil

## WELCOME TO ALL SAINTS

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2013

### Advent Sunday

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works  
of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came  
to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again  
in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you, in  
the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming  
of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon  
you, scatter the darkness before your path, and  
make you ready to meet him when he comes in  
glory ; and the blessing + of God almighty, the  
Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among  
you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**At the 8.00 am Eucharist** we use the readings  
for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent which begin on page  
47. The service starts on page 237.

**At the 9.30 am Parish Eucharist** we use the  
Printed Order of Service. We sing the service to  
the Aston setting.

Introit Anthem: Advent Matin Responsory

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Isaiah 2. 1 - 5  
Reader: Martin Gehards

### Gradual Hymn: 3

**Come, thou long expected Jesus**

2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson Romans 13. 11 - end  
Reader: Mary Shaw

### Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Stay awake, praying at all times  
for the strength to stand with confidence  
before the Son of Man.

### Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Gospel: Matthew 24. 36 - 44  
Preacher: Priscilla Doe  
Intercessions: John Fowler

### Offertory Hymn: 11

**O come, O come, Emmanuel!**

*(During this hymn the collection will be taken)*

During communion the choir sing:  
People look east *arr. Stainer*  
Lo how a rose *Praetorius*

### Final Hymn: 1 **Creator of the stars**

*Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments  
at the back of the church after the service*

*This afternoon:*

**3 pm Bereavement Service at All Saints**

**Monday**                                **2<sup>nd</sup> December 2013**

**Tuesday**                                **3<sup>rd</sup> December 2013**

8.30 am                                Eucharist at St Philip's  
10 am – Noon                        Coffee & Chat at St Philip's

**Wednesday**                            **4<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

10.30 am                                Eucharist at All Saints  
10.30 am – Noon                        Seedlings at St Philip's  
7.30 pm                                Warden's Meeting at the Vicarage

**Thursday**                                **5<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

12.30 pm                                Eucharist at All Saints  
7.30 pm                                St Philip's Committee at St Philip's

**Friday**                                    **6<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

**Saturday**                                **7<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

9.30 am                                Eucharist at All Saints  
11 am – 2 pm                        Christmas Fair at St Philip's

**Sunday**                                    **8<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent**

8 am Eucharist said at All Saints  
**9.30 pm Choral Eucharist at All Saints**  
**11 am Family Eucharist at Philip's**

Readings for the Parish Eucharist:

Isaiah 11. 1 - 10  
Romans 15. 4 - 13  
Matthew 3. 1 - 12

**We pray** for Samuel James, Michael Walsh, Sue Busby, Ken Bridges, Jane Wearne, Kelly Browncey, Leyton Gayle, the Hughes family, Jeff Fennett-Randall, Richard Sibley, Jill Grant, the Chapman family, Muriel Hynes, Claire, Peter, Joe Daniels, Jane Critchley, Andrea, Iris Duke, Daphne Holland, Brenda Hope, Avril Majewski, Michael Greenstreet, Pearl Caney, Jean Williamson, June, Annett, Sandy Kane, John Matthews, Chris Payne, Sharon and Eira.

**We pray** for those who have recently died, and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time, among them, Brian Cannell.

Saturday 30th November, **Christmas Fair** at St. Philip's Community Centre, 11am to 2pm. We need Cakes, Tombola Prizes, Gifts for the Christmas Hamper, Good Bric-a-Brac, and Clean Cuddly Toys. We also need your HELP before and on the day. Please speak to Janice or Barbara. Don't forget to book your lunch with Barbara on 671782. Soup & Roll - £1.50, Ploughmans - £3.50.

Sunday 15th December 2013. St Philip's Community Centre, **Christmas Lunch** with all the trimmings, (Veggie option), Christmas Pudding / Fresh Fruit Salad. 12.30 for 1pm, Adults £8. Children £4. To book speak to Barbara Cook 671782. Everyone Welcome.,

The **Mothers' Union** in this Deanery gives a Christmas present to Maidstone Priority Care patients. Donations of small presents such as chocolate bars and shower gel will be gratefully received by Mary Shaw.

The Mothers' Union is holding a **Cake Stall** in aid of our work with homeless young people in Maidstone. We will be in the Trinity Foyer, Trinity Church, Marsham Street on Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 3pm. Please come and support us.

**Christingles** will be made in All Saints on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December after the morning service. Please come and help us make the 200 which are needed for the children of this parish.