

During the Interregnum ...

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Clergy presiding at 9.30 am at All Saints are assisted by David Freed, Paul Ryan or Jane Stevens who all hold Bishop's Permission. They read the Gospel, lay the altar, share in administering the bread, and say the Dismissal.

The weekday Eucharist is on Thursdays at 12.30 pm and is held in the Holy Name Chapel. Additionally, there are Eucharists on Festivals and Principal Holy Days.

Intercessions.

Please email clintonendavis@btinternet.com or phone 01622 682330 with updates for the list.

Please pray for

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| Vera Alflatt | The family of Gary Ring |
| Anne Andrews | Jane Sadler |
| Christine & Brian Bowman | Ray & Margaret Stephens |
| Jane Critchley | Michael Walsh |
| Joe Daniels | Jane Wearne |
| Michael Greenstreet | David Williams in the loss of his wife Helena |
| Daphne Holland | William |
| Brenda Hope | |
| Avril Majewski | |

(Jane Farrant has news of Avril Majewski, do ask her for details)

Notices

Homeless Shelter

Clothing, including footwear, is urgently needed. Please contact **Barbara Cook** on 01622 671782.

1.00pm on Saturday 22nd February **Soup and Cheese Lunch and Tombola** in All Saints £10. Proceeds to All Saints Restoration Trust. Donations of prize items can be given to Paul Crease or Mary Shaw. Book with Mary Shaw (01732 870146) by Sunday 16th February.

Willington Players will be presenting '**Cards on the Table**' by Agatha Christie and I will have tickets for Wednesday 2 April at £10 each. Half the proceeds from ticket sales goes to Friends of St Philips Community Centre. Diane 674494.

THE PARISH OF

ALL SAINTS with ST PHILIP, MAIDSTONE

and ST STEPHEN, TOVIL

Sunday 2 February 2014

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

At All Saints

We welcome the Revd John Walker to preside at the 8.00 am BCP Eucharist. Readings begin on page 205 and the service starts on page 237.

Music for the 9.30 am Parish Eucharist:

Introit: Nunc Dimittis - Gibbons Short Service

Hymns are included in the printed order of service

Service: Aston

Communion Motets:

When to the temple Mary went - Eccard

Virgin born we bow before thee - Bourgeois

Psalms after the Dismissal: 67

At St Philip's and St Stephen's

Hymns are announced and/or displayed.

Do stay for refreshments after 9.30 and 11.00!

What's on this Week

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| Monday 7.30 pm | 3 February 2014 Deanery Synod at St Martin's with Bishop Trevor |
| Tuesday 10.00 am - Noon 7.30 pm | 4 February 2014 Coffee & Chat at St Philip's St Philip's Church & Centre Meeting |
| Wednesday 10.00 am - Noon | 5 February 2014 Seedlings at St Philip's |
| Thursday 12.30 pm | 6 February 2014 Eucharist at All Saints |
| Sunday | 9 February 2014 |

The Fourth Sunday before Lent

8.00 am Eucharist said at All Saints
The Revd Clinton Davis

9.30 am Parish Eucharist at All Saints
The Revd Joyce Addison

11.00 am Family Eucharist at St Philip's
The Revd Clinton Davis

3.00 pm Baptisms at All Saints
The Revd Kes Grant

Readings for the main Eucharists:

Isaiah 58.1-9a; 1 Corinthians 2.1-12; Matthew 5.13-20

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Readings & Prayers at 9.30 am & 11.00 am

COLLECT

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in
the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ 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. 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 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; 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. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant 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 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 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.

POST COMMUNION

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

At St Philip's in the morning and at All Saints in the evening, during the final hymn we light our candles and follow the choir in procession to the font where we face the font and say:

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.