Parish Notices

Deanery Prayer for February – Please see Community Magazine and Notice Boards for further details.

Choral Music at All Saints – During February, the Benedicite will take place of the morning post-Dismissal Psalm; and, except at the Candlemas Service, all the morning motets and evening anthems will be based on the Lord's prayer.

Healing Hub Day – Taking place on Saturday 9th February 2019 10am-4pm at St Martins Church Maidstone. Entry is by donation and tea and coffee will be provided. Please bring your own packed lunch. For further details or to book a place please contact Karen Sanders on 01732 870625 or ethical_nurse@hotmail.com

Wholeness & Healing Service – will be held at All Saints on Sunday 24th February 2019 at 2.30pm. For more information please see Mary Shaw.

St Philip's Pastoral Care – A short meeting will be held for Group Leaders after the service on the 3rd February 2019. Barbara.

Command Performance - a fundraising event is being held at All Saints Church for the whole Parish on Wednesday 24th April 2019 at 7.30pm.Refreshments will be available. Audience tickets will be £5pp. Sign up by the 31st March for your favourite song to be performed by capable musicians. (This will be £10 per ticket which will also include your entry to the concert.)The poster and forms can be found in St Philips & All Saints.

Willington Players – Can confirm they are performing the much loved comedy "Arsenic and Old Lace" on Wed 1st May at the Hazlitt Theatre, Contact Diane Daniels for more details.

Maidstone Churches Winter Shelter – Overnight Volunteers needed – 21st-Dec 2018 – 23rd March 2019. http://www.maidstoneshelter.org.uk or contact the shelter office on 01622 296450. The Parish of All Saints with St Philip, Maidstone and St Stephen, Tovil www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk

> Sunday 03rd February 5th Sunday before Lent Candlemas At All Saints



8.00am Eucharist – Readings begin on page 72 and the service starts on page 237

Music for the 9.30am Parish Eucharist Service Addington

NEH 33 Of the Father's heart begotten

NEH 44 Faithful vigil ended

NEH 157 Hail to the Lord who comes

NEH 338 At the name of Jesus

Communion Motets:

When to the temple Mary went - Eccard

Psalm after the Dismissal

Benedicite – vv1-8

Organ Voluntary – Fugue in C BWV 545 J S Bach

Other Services in the Parish for the 03rd February

11.00am Parish Eucharist at St Philips 6.30pm Choral Evensong at All Saints

Please come and join us for Refreshments after the 9.30am and 11.00am Services

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.

1st READING

Malachi 3.1-5

2nd READING

Hebrews 2.14-end

GOSPEL

Luke 2.22-40

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (All Saints Only)
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! This child is the
light to en / lighten the / nations, and the
glory / of your / people / Israel. Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Coffee & Chat at St Philip's
4.00pm St Philips Choir Practice
Lit Bite Lunch at St Philips C&C
12.00 Said Eucharist -
All Saints
8.00am BCP Eucharist Said AS
9.30am Choral Eucharist AS
11.00am Family Service SP
11.00am Café Sundae SS

Readings for the main Eucharist next week 10th February 2019

Isaiah 6.1-8 (9-end) 1 Corinthians 15.1-11 Luke 5.1-11

Intercessions:

Please pray for these and their families:

Jean Williamson, Revd Kes Grant, Clive & Andrea Lever, Derek & Sue Parker Dawn Gamble, Johnjo Flood, Vera Alflatt Jenny Woodridge & Family, Millie Moss Audrey Little, Chris CSJD, Daphne Holland Nigel Gunyon, Diana Caley, Patty, Jane Sandler, Paul Crease.

The departed and all who mourn their passing:

Brian Woodridge

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Readings for Sunday 3rd February 2019 Candlemas

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 vou 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 vears. 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.

Hebrews 2.14-end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death. that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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.