

Intercessions

Please email clintonendavis@btinternet.com or phone 01622 682330 to add or remove names from the list.

Please pray for these and their families

Vera Alflatt	Sue Parker
John Coates	Jeff Fernet Randell
Joe Daniels	Jane Sadler
Dawn Gamble	Ray & Margaret Stephens
Michael Greenstreet	Winnie Thompson
Marguerite Hart	Michael Walsh
Daphne Holland	Jane Wearne
Brenda Hope	Stephen
Augustine Marchie	Marie-Celina
John Matthews	Steve

the departed and all who mourn their passing

Ray Abnett	Don Thompson
Roy Daniel Carr	

Notices

May Fayre

**Saturday 9th May 2015, 11.00 am to 2.00 pm
at St Philip's**

We need raffle prizes, clean cuddly toys, tombola prizes, clean scarves & handbags, good quality nearly new clothes on hangers, costume jewellery, cakes and your help on the day.

Please contact Janice 762468 for more information.

Christian Aid Week starts 10th May

We aim to deliver envelopes to homes and to collect by the 16th May. **Perhaps you can help this year**, maybe with a friend, it can take a very short time to make a huge difference to someone's life ... **please ring Linda** to choose which road you can help with - there are many in your area. Tel **677798** - **or speak to Linda** at St.Philip's after the service **this Sunday**.

The Mothers' Union are holding a Coffee Morning in All Saints on Tuesday 12th May from 10.30 am in aid of MU projects. £6 for coffee and cake. There will be a raffle and a cake stall. Tickets are available in church or on the day.

A Quiz Night will be held in All Saints Church on Saturday 16th May at 7.00 pm in aid of the Restoration Fund. Please book your place with Mary on 01622 631368 or at shaw@theweir.fsworld.co.uk. Tickets are £5 each and you can come as part of a team or as an individual.

There will be a raffle. Nibbles will be provided. Please bring your own drinks.

Diane Daniels writes: 'Another fun evening was enjoyed by all those attending the performance of 'The Game's Afoot' by the Willington Players this week. Thank you to all those buying tickets from me and the profit we are able to make not only for the Players but also Friends of St Philip's Centre.

Date for your diary: next performance,
Wednesday 11 November 2015.

THE PARISH OF

**ALL SAINTS with ST PHILIP, MAIDSTONE
and ST STEPHEN, TOVIL**

Sunday 3 May 2015

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

At All Saints

The 8.00 am BCP Eucharist begins on page 237.

NB There is no 9.30 am service. The 'principal service' for the parish is at St Philip's.

Choral Evensong is at 6.30 pm

10.00 am Combined Eucharist at St Philip's

Do stay for special refreshments after this service

What's on this Week

Tuesday 5 May 2015

10.00 am - noon Coffee & Chat at St Philip's
7.00 pm Youth Committee at St Philip's

Wednesday 6 May 2015

10.00 am - noon St Philip's Toddlers at St Philip's
1.00 pm - 2.30 pm Lite Bite Lunch at St Philip's

Thursday 7 May 2015

12.30 pm Eucharist said at All Saints
7.30 pm Archdeacon's Visitation at All Saints

Saturday 9 May 2015

11.00 am - 2.00 pm May Fayre at St Philip's

Sunday 10 May 2015

Christian Aid Week begins

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.00 am Eucharist said at All Saints

9.30 am Choral Eucharist at All Saints

11.00 am Family Eucharist at St Philip's

Readings for Eucharists:

Acts 10.44-end

1 John 5.1-6

John 15.9-17

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET AWAY WITH YOU

CW Eucharistic Readings & Prayers today

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us
the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

READING Acts 8.26-end (Mandatory)

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

GOSPEL John 15.1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ
is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Elsewhere ...

Maidstone Bible Week 2015

11th – 14th May 7.30 pm

Salvation Army Citadel

'Seated on the Throne:

Christ's Heavenly Rule & Ministry'

Speaker: Peter Lewis

See handbills in church for further details

The Gathering

15th – 16th May 2015

Canterbury Cathedral

This is our diocesan festival of faith.

Full details including booking of tickets are on the website: the-gathering.co.uk.

We are invited to

the Commissioning Service
for

Maidstone Street and Prayer Pastors

Sunday 17th May 2015 3.30 pm

St Paul's Church, Boxley Road

Please email maidstone@streetpastors.org.uk
to notify that you are planning to be there.