

Parish Notices

Deanery Prayer – Please click on the link to view the Deanery prayer:

[Deanery Prayer .pdf](#)

MUSIC IN WORSHIP - The Choir of Wells Cathedral singing the Psalms at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3H2Pp-Rs94I&list=PLn13fmo0awjmXHMNK_tLpGXT0Ty_WhIK6&index=1

Please see below for following links and advice:
[Maidstone Borough Council Support for vulnerable people](#)

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

<https://www.churchofengland.org>

<https://www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk>

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com>

<https://www.canterburydiocese.org>

<https://stphilipschurchmaidstone.co.uk>

Daily Hope: Church of England launches free 'dial-in' service

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England. The Church of England has launched a free dial-in worship service to bring prayer to people's homes while churches are closed because of the coronavirus pandemic. Daily Hope, which is available from Sunday, offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The national line is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044. Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby said the service has been primarily set up to support Britons, especially the elderly, who have been unable to take advantage of the boom in online church services. The Archbishop added: "With many in our country on lockdown, it's important that we support those who are feeling lonely and isolated, whatever age they are."



If anyone would like to add anything to the weekly notices please speak to the Church Wardens or the Priest in Charge

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**The Parish of All Saints
with St Philip, Maidstone and
St Stephen, Tovil
www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk**

**Sunday 03rd May 2020
Fourth Sunday of Easter**



Our Church buildings must now be closed not only for public worship but also for Private prayer. This includes the Priest or Lay person offering prayer in Churches on their own.

Rev Ian Parrish will be recording the Sunday Morning Worship service and it can be viewed via our Facebook page the link is on this notice sheet and on both websites.

Daily worship is also available from Canterbury Cathedral via the All Saints website - www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk - click the link on the left hand side of the Welcome page.

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

READING

Acts 2.42-end

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

GOSPEL

John 10.1-10

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

POST COMMUNION

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: Keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Special prayers for those in need

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

Keith Sharp
Jean Williamson
Paul & Marlene Crease
Vera Alflatt
Millie Moss
Audrey Little
Daphne Holland
Nigel Gunion
Mary Wheeler

Special Prayers of Hope and Compassion

Clive & Andrea Lever
Irene & David Johnson
Rosemary & John Fowler
Keith Manuell & Family

Departed

Brain Farmer
Iris Relf
Joan Lock-wood Jones
Robert Justice
Steve Davis

Our Facebook page

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Morning Worship

Opening Sentences

In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began.

God was

Here and now among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven.

God is

In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfilment.

God will be

Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

God was, God is, God will be

Prayer

Lord God, early in the morning when the world was young you made life in all its beauty and terror, you gave birth to all we know. Hallowed be your name

Hallowed be your name

Early in the morning when the world least expected it, a newborn child crying in a cradle announced that you had come amongst us, that you were one of us. Hallowed be your name

Hallowed be your name

In the midst of this current crisis when many are fearful and when the future is so uncertain we continue to believe that you walk with your people. Hallowed be your name

Hallowed be your name

Our faith reminds us that in a guarded graveyard the footsteps in the dew proved that you had risen, offering the promise of life and hope to all your people. Hallowed be your name

Hallowed be your name

So now, as we gather in our homes we continue to be your church celebrating your creation, your life, your death, your resurrection and your enduring and unfailing love for us; so to you we pray;

Lord bring new life where we are worn and tired, new love where we have turned hard hearted, forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded, hope where we feel anxious and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit who is our constant guide.

Loving God, source of healing and comfort, fill us with your grace, that the sick may be made whole, that those who care for us may be strengthened, that the anxious may be calmed, and those most vulnerable be protected, in the power of the Spirit, in the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm 121

I will lift up my eyes to the hills but where shall I look for help

My help comes from the Lord who has made heaven and earth

The Lord will not let your foot stumble, the one who guards you will not sleep

The one who keeps watch over his people shall neither doze or sleep

The Lord is the one who will guard you, the Lord at your right hand will be your defence

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor yet the moon by night

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil yes it is the Lord who will keep you safe

The Lord shall take care of your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forever

The Gospel reading of the day

A few moments of quiet reflection or conversation and the opportunity to pray for all those whom we know to be most vulnerable over the coming days and weeks

Prayers

Christ be with me, Christ within me
Christ behind me, Christ before me
Christ beside me, Christ to win me
Christ to comfort and restore me
Christ beneath me, Christ above me
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger
Christ in hearts of all that love me
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger

God bless this city and move our hearts to pity lest we grow hard
God bless this house with silence, solitude and space that we may pray
God bless these days of rough and narrow ways lest we despair
God bless the night and calm the people's fright that we may love
God bless this land and guide us with your hand lest we be unjust
God bless this earth through pangs of death and birth and make us whole

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you wherever he may send you
May he guide you through the wilderness and protect you through the storm
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.