

## Notices

### Electoral Role

The revision of the electoral role will be Friday 22 March 2024. This will last for 15 days and will close on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April at noon.

APCM – The APCM will take place on Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> after the 10am Service, at St Stephens (Archbishop Courtenay School)

### February 2024 Sunday Services

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- 18<sup>th</sup> 10am St. Stephen's at Archbishop Courtenay School. Holy Communion for the beginning of Lent
  - 25<sup>th</sup> 10am All Saints Parish Eucharist
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• **PLEASE NOTE THAT ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup> and there will be a Holy Communion at St. Philip's at 10:00am**

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### March 2024 Sunday Services

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am St. Philip's Parish Eucharist and
  - 3.30pm Choral Evensong at All Saints
  - 10<sup>th</sup> 10am - St. Stephen's for Mothering Sunday
  - 17<sup>th</sup> 10am Parish Eucharist -All Saints
  - 24<sup>th</sup> - St. Philip's for Palm Sunday with Breakfast at 9:00am onwards.
  - 31<sup>st</sup> 10am All Saints Parish Eucharist for Easter Day
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**A Lenten leaflet** - is available with details of midweek and weekly study groups starting on Tuesdays at 10:00am for 10:30am and repeated on Thursday at 6:30pm for 7:00pm From February 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024. Sunday Services for Lent and Other Holy Week and Easter Events be listed for entry into your diary.

The Parish of All Saints  
With St Philip, Maidstone and  
St Stephen, Tovil

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
The Second Sunday before Lent



10.00am Parish Eucharist at All Saints  
3.30pm Choral Evensong at All Saints

### Next Week's Service's

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February  
10.00am Parish Eucharist at St Philips

### 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

#### 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.

### **The Gospel**

#### **Luke 2:36-40**

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.

### **Special prayers**

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

*Daphne Holland, Mary Wheeler, Jane Sadler,  
Sue Marks, Pamela Hocking, Claire & Family,  
John Wilson, Paul Crease, Joan Bull,  
Ray Stephens, Scott, Rose Jarvis*

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