

2nd SUNDAY in ADVENT

COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins
and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set
before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to
whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour
and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to
redeem the world and will send him again to
be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in
the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon
you, scatter the darkness before your path, and
make you ready to meet him when he comes
in glory ; and the blessing + of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be
among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

Parish of All Saints with St Philip
Maidstone & St Stephen, Tovil

WELCOME TO ALL SAINTS

Sunday 4th December 2011

The 2nd Sunday in Advent

At the 8.00 am Eucharist we use the readings
for the 2nd Sunday in Advent which begin on page
49. The service starts on page 237.

At the 9.30 am Parish Eucharist we use the
Printed Order of Service. We sing the service to
the Aston setting.

Introit Anthem:
Come thou Redeemer Praetorius

1st Lesson: Isaiah 40. 1 - 11
Reader: Cathy Stevens

Gradual Hymn: 12 On Jordan's bank

2nd Lesson 2 Peter. 3 - 15
Reader: Jay Rayddon

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths
straight. / and all mankind shall see the salvation of
God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Gospel: Mark 1. 1 - 8
Preacher: The Archdeacon of Maidstone
Intercessions: Mary Shaw

Offertory Hymn: 10

Long ago, prophets knew

During communion, the choir sing:
Sleepers Wake Bach
Creator of the stars of night Plainsong

Final Hymn: 7 Hills of the north

*Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments
at the back of the church after the service*

Monday **5th December 2011**

Tuesday **6th December 2011**

8.30 am Eucharist at St Philip's
10 am – Noon Coffee and Chat at St Philip's
7 pm Carols and Mince Pies at St Philip's

Wednesday **7th December 2011**

10.30 am Eucharist at All Saints

Thursday **8th December 2011**

12.30 pm Eucharist at All Saints

Friday **9th December 2011**

Saturday **10th December 2011**

SUNDAY **11th December 2011**

The 3rd Sunday of Advent

8 am Eucharist at All Saints
9.30 am Choral Eucharist at All Saints
11 am Parish Eucharist at St Philip's
6.30 pm Evensong said at All Saints

Readings at the Parish Eucharist:

Isaiah 61. 1 - 4, 8 - end
I Thessalonians 5. 16 – 24,
& John 1. 6 – 8, 19 - 28

**PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET
AWAY WITH YOU**

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The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols will
take place at All Saints on Saturday 17th December at
4.30 pm.

The next **Choral Evensongs** at All Saints will be at
6.30 pm on 15th and 29th January.

We pray for Samuel James, Michael Walsh, Sue Busby, Ken Bridges, Jane Wearne, Kelly Browncey, Leyton Gayle, the Hughes family, Jeff Fernet-Randall, Richard Sibley, Elsie Harris, Jill Grant, the Chapman family, Muriel Hynes, Claire, Peter, Joe Daniels, Norman Lever, Jane Critchley, Andrea, Wendy Marks, Iris Duke, Daphne Holland, Pete Savage, Catherine Baker, and Dennis Ward.

We pray for those who have recently died, and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Carols and Mince Pie Evening

at St Philip's Centre, Tuesday 6th December
7 pm to 9.30 pm. All are welcome! Raffle
and Donation Plate.

Crisis are carrying out a walk from Canterbury to Southwark Cathedrals next week to commemorate 40 years of Crisis at Christmas. On the way, they will be accommodated at David Freed's school, which is providing the facilities for their stay. Students will cook an evening meal but financial donations to pay for the cost ingredients are needed. There will be a retiring collection for this at the end of our morning services today.

A Prayer for Advent

O Lord, you have set before us the great hope that your kingdom shall come on earth, and have taught us to pray for its coming; give us grace to discern the signs of its dawning, and to work for the perfect day when your will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.