## **Parish Notices**

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

**Pudding Night at St Philips** – 7pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Lots of lovely puddings to taste! Tickets are £5.00 per person which includes tea/coffee.

Lay Diocesan Synod vacancy – One of the Diocesan Synod representatives has had to stand down which means there is a casual vacancy for the remainder of her term on Diocesan Synod which will run until August 2020. If anyone is interested in standing please contact Diane Enfield dianeenfield001@gmail.com nomination forms need to be completed and returned by Friday 14th February 2020.

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



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

Sunday 5th January 2020 The Epiphany At All Saints



**8.00am** Eucharist – Readings begin on page 65 and the service starts on page 237

Music for the 9.30am Parish Eucharist Thorne

**NEH** 47 As with gladness men of old **NEH** 49 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning.

**NEH** 55 Hail to the Lord's Anointed **NEH** 36 The first Nowell

**Communion Motet**: How brightly beams the morning star - Philipp Nicolai arr. J. S. Bach

Psalm after the dismissal 95 vv 1-6

**Organ voluntary** "Der Tag, der ist so Freudenreich" BWV 605 (O hail this brightest day of days) J. S. Bach

6.30pm Choral Evensong at All Saints

Please come and join us for refreshments after the Service

Other Services/Events in the Parish for the 5<sup>th</sup> January

11am Parish Eucharist at St Philips

#### COLLECT

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## **READING 1**

Isaiah 60. 1-6

#### **READING 2**

Ephesians 3.1-12

#### **GOSPEL**

Matthew 2.1-12

Gospel Acclamation (All Saints Only)
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia Prepare the way
of the Lord, make his/ paths/ straight, and all
flesh shall see the sal / vation / of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### **POST COMMUNION**

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	
Tues 7th	Coffee & Chat at St Philips
Wed 8th	10.30am Said Eucharist at All Saints
	No Lite Bite lunch in January At St Philip's
Thu 9th	
Fri 10th	7.00pm All Saints Choir (College Rooms) 7.00pm Pudding Night at St Philips
Sat 11th	
Sun 12th	8.00am Said BCP HC at AS 9.30am Choral Eucharist at AS 11.00am Worship for All at SP 11.00am Café Sunday at SS

# Readings for the main Eucharist next week Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020

The First Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 42.1-9 Acts 10.34-43 Matt 3.13-end

### Intercessions:

Please pray for these and their families:
Jean Williamson, Revd Kes Grant, Clive &
Andrea Lever, Johnjo Flood, Vera Alflatt,
Millie Moss, Audrey Little, Chris CSJD,
Daphne Holland, Nigel Gunyon, Jane Sadler,
Revd Brian Barnes, Keith Manuell. Mary
Wheeler, Revd Ron & Dawn Gamble,
Kelly & Family, Janet, Julian

The departed and all who mourn their Passing:

Please take this leaflet away with you ③

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## Readings for Sunday 5th January - The Epiphany

**Isaiah 60.1-6** Arise, shine: for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around: they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away. and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD. **Ephesians 3.1-12** This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: 6that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in. God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. Matthew 2.1-12 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him. 'In Bethlehem of Judea: for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage. When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their

treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a

dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road