

Parish Notices

Zoom Service kindly offered by St Martins Church - **Thursday Morning Holy Worship**
10.00am
St Martin's Church Zoom Link for Services
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/866070731>

All Saints – Corbel An application has been made to the Commissary General for permission to carry out work to stabilise the Corbels in the Main Nave.

CLICK www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk/faculty%20applications.htm for details.

Please register using the links below:

Amazon Smile

https://smile.amazon.co.uk/gp/f.html?C=2JQ2YAJ6Q58G5&K=2LBJ752K7S0NR&M=urn:rtn:msg:202105260804473c5867f3b3b54607be0e42cf90d0p0eu&R=129P4BNN977Y4&T=C&U=https%3A%2F%2Fsmile.amazon.co.uk%2Fch%2F1134146-0%3Fref_%3Dpe_4117511_593892291&H=0AH5ZIKCBAJNJ48FYN2GJVR5VD0A&ref_ =pe_4117511_593892291

Easyfundraising

http://t.e.easyfundraising.org.uk/r/?id=h3fd083a0,29f37a1a,25a8332c&utm_source=adobecampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=referral-2018&utm_content=trigger-supp-referee-raised-2018&origin=RTND2&p1=theparishofallsaintswithstphilipmaidstone&p2=5WJHW0

Future Services June-August 2021

JUNE 2021

6th June	Eucharist	All Saints
13th June	Eucharist	St Philips
20th June	Eucharist	All Saints
27th June	Service of the Word	St Philips

JULY 2021

4th July	Eucharist	All Saints
11th July	Eucharist	St Philips
18th July	Eucharist	All Saints
25th July	Service of the Word	St Philips

AUGUST 2021

1st Aug	Eucharist	All Saints
8th Aug	Eucharist	St Philips
15th Aug	Eucharist	All Saints
22nd Aug	Service of the Word	St Philips
29th Aug	Eucharist	All Saints

The Parish of All Saints
With St Philip, Maidstone and
St Stephen, Tovil
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Sunday 06th June 2021
The First Sunday after Trinity



**10.00am Joint Eucharist Service
At All Saints Church**

The Churchwardens and P.C.C. have agreed to future services on a trial basis. There will be Stewarding to ensure Government Guidelines are adhered to.

- Masks will need to be worn at all times.
- Register on entry.
- Stewards will direct you on entry and exit.
- Due to Covid rules no gatherings will be permitted inside or outside the buildings.

Next week's Service

Sunday 13th June 2021
The Second Sunday after Trinity
10am Joint Eucharist at St Philips Church

Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can-do no-good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture 'I believed, and so I spoke' we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your

sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Gospel

Mark 3:20-end

and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. 'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness but is guilty of an eternal sin' for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.' Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

Post Communion

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up

in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Attached is Last Week's Sermon from +Peter

Special prayers for those in need
*Matt 5.3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven'*

Paul Crease, Vera Alflatt, Audrey Little,
Daphne Holland, Nigel Gunyon, Mary Wheeler,
Jane Sadler, David Johnson, Ray Stephens,
Debbie Proctor

Special Prayers of Hope and Compassion

Rosemary & John Fowler

Departed

Tricia (Barbara's Sister)
Paul Keane

Our thoughts are with the families
of Paul Keane and Tricia

***If anyone would like to add anything to the
weekly notices please speak to***
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Trinity Sunday 2021

I am not averse to a bit of daytime telly and a programme I have occasionally dipped into and rather enjoyed is 'four in a bed'. For those of you who don't know, it's about four pairs of bed and breakfast owners who put their reputations on the line by staying at each other's establishments, experiencing their hospitality in different ways. They pay only what they deem to be an acceptable amount for the experience, with one establishment, at the end of the week being declared the winner.

Last week we were in Monmouth and Liz had booked a bed and breakfast for two nights, but we didn't know until we got there that Kenny and Ben who ran the B&B had been recent winners of 'four in a bed'. And yet our experience of the place left us in no doubt as to why they were winners. They were wonderful hosts; from the moment we arrived we were made so welcome and nothing was too much trouble; they knew instinctively what hospitality meant and it was a real gift.

You may be wondering why 'four in a bed' should begin today's reflection for Trinity Sunday, but it is not so far removed from the picture on the hymn sheet that you have in front of you. It is the famous 15th century Icon created by the Russian artist Andrei Rublev named 'The Trinity'.

The icon takes as its subject the mysterious story where Abraham receives three unknown visitors as he camps by the oak tree of Mamre. They are seated around a table on which a golden chalice like bowl sits containing a roasted lamb. On one level this picture shows three angels seated under Abraham's tree, but on another level it is a visual expression of what the Trinity means – strangers seated around a table invited into a fellowship meal, hosted by God.

As we look into the icon, we are invited to complete the circle, to join the dance. The table is spread, the door is open, the invitation has been given. Come!

I have both heard and preached a number of Trinity sermons, but perhaps because Maths was never my strong point I struggled to make any sense of what three in one and one in three meant, so every time Trinity Sunday came round I was happy to forego my preaching responsibilities, until I came across this Icon, because I believe it gets to the heart of what our faith is about.

There is no doubt as to what the table and bowl represent – it is an image of Holy Communion, but not just that, it is a table that is spread, not simply for those who are already present, but for these three visiting strangers. This is an icon of hospitality, an icon that represents for me the nature of what the church is called to be, a place of welcome and hospitality.

It is no accident that the Eucharist lies at the heart of our faith. It defines who we are as a community, but for too long we have used it as a means of exclusion rather than inclusion. Abraham's table was laid out for the visiting strangers and they were made welcome. Our Eucharistic table must reflect that unconditional hospitality so that we can say with complete conviction, 'all who seek God are welcome to the Lord's table to receive the bread of heaven. Even if you do not seek God, God seeks you. Come and hold in your hand and taste on your lips the love which we cannot comprehend.'

In the gospel reading, Jesus says to Nicodemus that he needs to be born again; this is not to be understood as an invitation to be baptised again as some Christians have interpreted it; it is rather an invitation to a new beginning; to see with fresh eyes; to see the world as God sees it; to experience the love which we cannot comprehend.

God so loved the world that he sent his Son and God continues to embrace the world and invites us to be partners with God in continuing to shape the world through our unconditional love and hospitality. As one writer puts it in our present context, 'the most infectious virus in the world is love; love that is relentless, love that is courageous, love that stands against injustice, love that gives itself away in the service of others.'

As you contemplate the icon, remember that hospitality is fundamental to the very being of God, and hospitality is the practice by which the church stands or falls.

The table is spread, the door is open. Come!

This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord.

It has been made ready for those who love him and who want to share that love out there in the world which God loves so much.