

## Parish Notices

**Albert Daniels** - It is with great sadness that Albert Daniels, known to many of you, father of Amy, Ben and Joe, 12 grandchildren and a great granddaughter died in hospital on 24<sup>th</sup> November. At present few can attend the funeral so there will be a link from the crematorium so you can view at home. More information will follow as it is known. Donations will be via Albany Funeral Directors and shared between Maidstone Area Archaeology Group, All Saints with St Philips Church and St Paul's Boxley Road. There is a more in-depth tribute on Kent Online. We hope to have a memorial service in All Saints next summer when lockdown has eased.  
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### **Friends of St Philip's Community Centre -**

The Christmas Draw is to take place on Sunday 6th December. Anyone who has tickets please return through the letterbox of Janice Underdown at 32 Greenside Maidstone ME15 7RU by 5th December.

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**All Saints Standing Committee** – Meeting Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December details to follow.

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**Thank you-** to everybody who has joined Easyfundraising so far and started to raise money for the Parish as they shop! We have also now signed up to Amazon Smile so you can raise money for the Parish each time you shop on the Amazon website. Click the link below and search for 'The Parish of All Saints with St Philip'. Each time you shop on Amazon Smile 0.5% of your purchase will be donated to the Parish without costing you any extra money! Many thanks for your support.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1134146-0>

**Below is also the link to register for Easy Fundraising:**

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/the-parish-of-all-saints-with-st-philip-maidstone/?invite=5WJHW0%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm\\_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm\\_content=srt](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/the-parish-of-all-saints-with-st-philip-maidstone/?invite=5WJHW0%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm_content=srt)



Live Worship is streamed from Canterbury Cathedral Please click [here](#) to join the service. **Worship Times**  
Morning Prayer – 10am, Evening Prayer – 5.30pm  
Sunday Eucharist – 12noon, Sunday Compline – 8pm

**The Parish of All Saints  
With St Philip, Maidstone and  
St Stephen, Tovil  
[www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk](http://www.maidstoneallsaints.co.uk)**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
The Second Sunday of Advent**

**10.00am Parish Eucharist at St Philips**



### **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.

### **Reading**

#### **Isa.40.1-11**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

### **Gospel**

#### **Mark 1.1-8**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ', John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

### **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.

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

Owen Reeves, Jean Williamson, Paul Crease,  
Vera Alflatt, Millie Moss, Audrey Little,  
Daphne Holland, Nigel Gunyon, Mary Wheeler,  
Jane Sadler, Tricia (Barbara's Sister)  
David Johnson, Ray Stephens, Sue Payne &  
Family

### **Special Prayers of Hope and Compassion**

Clive & Andrea Lever, Rosemary & John Fowler,  
Keith Manuell & Family

### **Departed**

Albert Daniels  
Dorothy Mowbray (Sue Payne's Mum)

Our thoughts are with the families of  
Albert Daniels and Dorothy Mowbray

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***If anyone would like to add anything to the  
weekly notices please speak to***  
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**Our Facebook Page:**  
**[Click Here for our Facebook Page](#)**

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**Next Week**  
**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent**

**10.00am**  
**Joint Eucharist Service at All Saints**

(PCC will then assess how this went and decide  
how to proceed)