

## Notices

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### **Forthcoming Services**

(Please note these maybe subject to change)

#### **January Services all at 10am**

22<sup>nd</sup> – St Philips – Parish Eucharist

29<sup>th</sup> – St Stephens (Archbishop Courtenay School) – Christingle for Adults (Children are Welcome)

#### **February Services all at 10am (apart from Evensong at 3.30pm)**

5<sup>th</sup> – St Philips – Parish Eucharist  
3.30pm – All Saints – Evensong

12<sup>th</sup> – All Saints – Parish Eucharist

19<sup>th</sup> – St Stephens (Archbishop Courtenay School) – Morning Worship

26<sup>th</sup> – All Saints – Parish Eucharist

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



**Sunday 08<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**10.00am Informal Holy Communion at  
St Stephens – Archbishop Courtenay  
School**

**3.30pm Choral Evensong at All Saints  
Church**

#### **Next Week's Service**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January  
10am Parish Eucharist – All Saints  
Church**

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#### **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**

##### **Matthew 2 verses 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.

### **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.



### **Special prayers**

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

Paul Crease, Daphne Holland, Nigel Gunyon,  
Mary Wheeler, Jane Sadler, Ray Stephens,  
Debbie Proctor, Roger Doe, Sue Marks,  
Pamela Hocking, Graham Jarvis, Kelly,  
Claire & Family, Allan Seeley, Michael Costen  
David Gilles, Laura, Gary Moses,  
John Little, Selina, Roger Mowbray and family.

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**Vicar: All saints, Maidstone with St.  
Philip’s, and St. Stephen’s Tovil**

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