

## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY in ADVENT

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

### WELCOME TO ALL SAINTS

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2013

The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**

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

**At the 9.30 am Choral Eucharist** we use the  
Printed Order of Service. The choir sing the  
service to the Vaughan Williams setting.

Introit Anthem:

Come thou Redeemer of the earth      Praetorius

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Isaiah 11. 1 - 10

Reader:      Dorothy Gerhards

**Gradual Hymn: 12      On Jordan's bank**

2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson      Romans 15. 4 - 13

Reader:      Richard Ratcliffe

**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:      Matthew 3. 1 - 12

Preacher:      Clinton Davis

Intercessions:      Jane Farrant

**Offertory Hymn: 7      Hills of the North**

*(During this hymn the collection will be taken)*

During communion the choir sing:

Let thy merciful ears      Weelkes

Creator of the star of night      Plainsong

**Final Hymn: 14 The advent of our God**

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

**Monday**                                **9<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

7.30 pm                                Standing Committee at All Saints

**Tuesday**                                **10<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

8.30 am                                Eucharist at St Philip's

10 am – Noon                        Coffee & Chat at St Philip's

2.30 pm                                Mothers Union at All Saints

7.30 pm                                Carols & Mince Pies at St Philip's

**Wednesday**                                **11<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

10.30 am                                Eucharist at All Saints

10.30 am – Noon                        Seedlings at St Philip's

**12.45 pm Carol Service for Maidstone  
Business Community at All Saints**

**Thursday**                                **12<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

12.30 pm                                Eucharist at All Saints

**Friday**                                        **13<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

**Saturday**                                **14<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

11 am                                        Baptisms at All Saints

**Sunday**                                        **15<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent**

8 am Eucharist said at All Saints

**9.30 pm Choral Eucharist at All Saints**

**11 am Family Eucharist at Philip's**

Readings for the Parish Eucharist:

Isaiah 35. 1 - 10

James 5. 7 - 10

Matthew 11. 2 - 11

The next **Choral Evensongs** at All Saints will be at  
6.30 pm on 19<sup>th</sup> January and on 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

**PLEASE TAKE THIS  
AWAY WITH YOU**

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**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, Jill Grant, the Chapman family, Muriel Hynes, Claire, Peter, Joe Daniels, Jane Critchley, Andrea, Iris Duke, Daphne Holland, Brenda Hope, Avril Majewski, Michael Greenstreet, Pearl Caney, Jean Williamson, June, Annett, Sandy Kane, John Matthews, Chris Payne, Sharon and Eira.

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

**Carols and mince pies** evening TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER 2013 7.30 ST PHILIPS, Parish Event ALL WELCOME AND FREE but we will have a raffle to cover costs. Mince Pies or savouries most welcome. Any questions ring Janet Dredge 01622 681428.

Sunday 15th December 2013. St Philip's Community Centre, **Christmas Lunch** with all the trimmings, (Veggie option), Christmas Pudding / Fresh Fruit Salad. 12.30 for 1pm, Adults £8. Children £4. To book speak to Barbara Cook 671782. Everyone Welcome.,

The **Mothers' Union** in this Deanery gives a Christmas present to Maidstone Priority Care patients. Donations of small presents such as chocolate bars and shower gel will be gratefully received by Mary Shaw.

**Christingles** will be made in All Saints on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December after the morning service. Please come and help us make the 200 which are needed for the children of this parish.