

## Parish Notices

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

**All Saints Christmas Market** – A heartfelt thank you to everyone who was involved in the All Saints Christmas Market: for donating, helping and/or attending. We had a great day and raised £1400.53 for All Saints Restoration Fund. Well done everyone.

**Maidstone Wind Symphony** - To promote its local new community engagement programme, award-winning [Maidstone Wind Symphony](#) is pleased to offer all members of All Saints Church a **TWO-FOR-ONE** offer on the standard ticket prices (£12 on the door, £10 in advance) for its next concert, [Gaudete! A Celebration Of Christmas](#) at All Saints Church, Maidstone from 19.00hrs-21.00hrs on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Members who would like to take advantage of this offer, should reserve tickets online via the [Maidstone Wind Symphony website](#) quoting the discount code **Christmas241** (the code expires on Friday 13th December).

**Christingles** – The Christingles will be made in All Saints after morning service on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Please collect a cup of coffee and stay to help.

**A Note** – Barbara will not be sending out Christmas cards this year but will instead donate the money to St Philips church maintenance fund. She would like to wish you all A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### **All Saints Carol Service –**

We need volunteers to help with some of the special services at All Saints over Christmas, to welcome people, hand them service sheets, deal with any enquires, do the collection etc.

Carol Service 21<sup>st</sup>  
Midnight Server 24<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas Morning

If you can help please see Robert after the service, contact him on 07775 813258 or add your name to the list at the back of the church. Also, please sign the list at the back of the church if you are able to provide some seasonal refreshments for the All Saints Carol Service on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

**Big Clean** – Volunteers needed to help clean St Philips on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 10.15am. Any time you could spare would be greatly appreciated. Please let Barbara know if you are able to help.

### **Save the Date**

**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.

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

**Sunday 08<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**At All Saints**



**8.00 am Eucharist** – Readings begin on page 49 and the service starts on page 237

**Music for the 9.30am Choral Eucharist Service** – Wills in C

**NEH 15** The Lord will come and not be slow  
**NEH 14** The advent of our God  
**NEH 16** Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling

### **Introit Anthem:**

On Jordan's Bank

### **Communion Motet:**

Behold, I bring you good tidings – Goss Stanford

### **Psalm after the Dismissal:**

150

### **Organ Voluntary:**

Advent Chorale Prelude Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme ("Awake, calls the voice to us") – BWV 140 – J.S. Bach

**Please come and join us for refreshments  
after the Service**

### **Other Services/Events in the Parish for the 08<sup>th</sup> December**

11.00am Worship for All at St Philips  
11.00am Café Church with Christingle  
activities at St Stephens

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

## 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 forever.

## READING 1

Isa 11.1-10

## READING 2

Romans 15.4-13

## GOSPEL

Matthew 3.1-12

### Gospel Acclamation (All Saints Only)

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia** Prepare the way of the Lord, make his/ paths/ straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation / of God.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia**

## 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.

## Psalm 150

1. O PRAISE God in his holiness: praise him in the firmament of his power.
2. Praise him in his noble acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.
3. Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: praise him upon the lute and harp.
4. Praise him in the cymbals and dances: praise him upon the strings and pipe.
5. Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise him upon the loud cymbals.
6. Let everything that hath breath: praise the Lord.

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 09 <sup>th</sup>	
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	10am -12noon Coffee & Chat at SP
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Said Eucharist at AS 12.45pm, Maidstone Business Carols At AS 1.00pm Lite Bite Christmas Lunch at SP
Thu 12 <sup>th</sup>	2pm KS1 Southborough School Carols at SP 7.30pm Valley Park Carols at AS
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	12noon Valley Park School Carols at AS 7.30pm All Saints Choir (College Room)
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	08.00am Said BCP HC at AS 9.30am Parish Eucharist at AS 11am Parish Eucharist at SP 7.00pm Maidstone Wind Symphony at AS

### Readings for the main Eucharist next week Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Isa 35.1-10

Jas 5.7-10

Matthew 11.2-11

### 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

### The departed and all who mourn their Passing:

Patty  
Ray Martin  
David Kingman

Please take this leaflet away with you ☺

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**Readings for Sunday 08<sup>th</sup> December  
Second Sunday of Advent**

**Isa 11.1-10**

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.  
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.  
The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.  
They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

**Romans 15.4-13**

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.'

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **Matthew 3.1-12**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." '

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'